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DRUG CONFERENCE - Virginia Gov. Gerald L. Baliles met with Lynchburg area high school students, faculty, administrators and parents Friday to discuss problems of drug abuse.

Baliles wants uniform policy on drug use

LYNCHBURG (AP) - Gov. Gerald L. Baliles, saying narcotics has become Virginia's top law enforcement problem, called Friday for a uniform policy on drug use in taxpayer-supported state colleges. "I am today asking the State Council of Higher Education to help develop a policy statement on drug use that can and should be adopted by Virginia's colleges and universities," Baliles said at a security and substance abuse forum at Central Virginia Community College. The governor's announcement came on the final day of his three-day visit here, the third regional trip that Baliles has taken since he was sworn in Jan. 11. This trip, like those to northern Virginia and Roanoke earlier this year, was designed to bring the governor's office closer to the people. "The fight against drugs is more important than any football game," Baliles said. "And we cannot win unless we have a uniform policy." "Waiting means losing - and that loss is not just of money on the streets but of lives and the respectability of our state," he said. "It means the loss of our future." Earlier in the day, the governor met with students at E.C. Glass High School on drug abuse. "The threat of drugs comes as much from within as it does from without," he said. "Our struggle is as much with ourselves as with the forces of the drug industry."

From police records

Driver charged
Raymond Fischer, 22, of 218 First St. was charged with following too closely after a three-car pile-up on N. Coakley Street near its intersection with Kable Street Friday at 1:18 p.m. According to Staunton police, the vehicle driven by Fischer was traveling north on N. Coakley Street, struck the rear of a car driven by a 16-year-old girl which crashed into the back of a car driven by Robert Gredler, 46, of 120 N. Coakley St. Police estimated damage to Fischer's car at \$800 and damage to the 16-year-old's car at \$100. Gredler's car was not damaged.

Faces charge
A Staunton resident was charged with driving under the influence when the car he was driving struck a parked car on Madison Street just south of Baldwin Street at 12:15 a.m. Friday. A Staunton police official said Alvin Hart, 33, of 114 Strath Street, was traveling south on N. Madison when his vehicle struck a car owned by Cardiana W. Woodson of 205 N. Madison. Police estimated damage to Hart's car at \$700 and damage to Woodson's car at \$300.

Police car wrecks
A police car driven by Staunton Police Cmdr. Paul D. Haxaride struck a car on N. Coakley Street Friday.

Wants regional truce

BILOLO CITY, Philippines (AP) - President Corason Aquino met for the first time Friday with communist rebel leaders and is ready to negotiate a regional ceasefire on the island of Panay, a government spokesman said. "The prospects are that we might have started a mechanism for a cease-fire and eventual peace on the island," said Pineda. Presidential aide Teodoro Lora said he did not know whether the meeting had any link to stalled negotiations between the government and the guerrilla National Democratic Front, a communist rebel umbrella group. The two sides said in a joint statement they were "open to the idea of a ceasefire."

House Democrat blasts Republican tax petition

RICHMOND (AP) - House Majority Leader Tom Moss said Friday that a petition drive by Virginia Republicans to prevent federal income tax reform from raising state taxes amounts to a political gimmick. "It is purely a Republican gimmick," said Moss, a Norfolk Democrat. "And I can tell you now that the consensus of opinion among the Democratic caucus will be to prevent any further increases in taxation." On Wednesday, five GOP members of the General Assembly announced the petition campaign they said was designed to head off a back-door tax increase. The petition call on Gov. Gerald L. Baliles and the 1987 General Assembly to prevent any increase in state income taxes as a result of federal tax reform. Unless the state tax law is changed, Virginia will face a surcharge of \$200 million in higher taxes because of the elimination of certain popular deductions in the federal law. That would come on top of \$22 million in higher taxes for made passed during a special legislative session last month. "I can tell you that we will not be responsible, and if it becomes necessary to amend the tax law, we will do so," Moss said in a telephone interview. "All this is a political grandstanding - to try to make it appear they are the ones who are going to do this."

Since that, the legislature has had a committee monitoring federal tax law revisions and according to an Arlington. The commission also recommended that the state be kept out of the parking garage and that the state be kept out of the parking garage. "Failure to keep this area clear may result in a loss of revenue, especially during morning rush hours," said Lattawa in a written request submitted to the commission. "It's a pretty good suggestion that we should keep this area clear more than it is now," said Staunton Mayor Tom King. He added, however, he said the box would make the traffic problem worse. The commission recommended that the state be kept out of the parking garage and that the state be kept out of the parking garage. Traffic conditions on Station Street in Staunton were also discussed by the board labeled any action until King Co. has built its new airport. In other business, the commission appointed Tom King as its chairman, replacing Arngrenth, beginning at the next meeting, and

Commission urges removing truck prohibition traffic signs

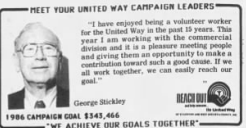
BY LEIFWAND KROGER Staff Writer
The Staunton Transportation Safety Commission recommended that the signs prohibiting trucks from certain thoroughfares be removed from Coakley and Agate streets. The recommendation came in the report to Staunton City Council on that road, but the commission urged that the signs be removed from other roads rather than from Coakley and Agate. "Let the trucks use any road they want to," said Dr. Malcolm McKeown, Staunton's police chief. "I don't know any other way to solve this problem."

Air Force One has to change course

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Reagan's plane had to change its course over western Pennsylvania on Friday after a military jet came closer than five miles and did not turn away as instructed, an official said. At one time was Air Force One maneuvered in the incident, which occurred about 10 a.m. as the plane was flying to North Dakota for a political appearance, said Stephen Hayes, a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman. According to Hayes, Air Force One was flying at about 21,000 feet, headed west, near Pittsburgh. A U.S. F-4 jet was north of the president's plane and flying at about the same altitude, headed west. FAA regulations require aircraft to both altitudes maintain a distance of five miles or more from each other. Hayes said an air traffic controller based in Cleveland, Ohio, observed the path of both planes would take them closer than regulations allow. Hayes said the controller directed the pilot of the F-4 to turn to his left, or in a westerly direction, but the pilot "did not acknowledge that transmission and did not make the turn."

Reagan to campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Reagan will make campaign appearances on behalf of Republican candidates in Wisconsin, Missouri, Oklahoma and Florida next week. The White House announced Friday. The announcement said Reagan would travel Thursday to Milwaukee, Wis., to speak for Sen. Robert Kasten, who is seeking re-election. From Milwaukee, the president will go to Springfield, Mo., for an appearance in support of former Missouri Gov. Christopher Bond, the GOP candidate to succeed retiring Democratic Sen. Thomas P. Eagleton.



Education re-evaluation stressed by Wilder

RICHMOND (AP) - Lt. Gov. Douglas Wilder, citing concern about people whose actions appear to diminish the value of learning, said Friday a re-evaluation is needed of how the public views education. "We should not assume that anyone knows the value of an education," Wilder said at a Department of Education conference on school dropout prevention. "We should not assume that they know the difference between the laces and hand-downs in our society," he said. "Sports and entertainment - instant success stories of people making it big - have become the focus of our society," he said. "We must not let our children be lulled into a false sense of security."

Report says two were strangled before slashed

NORFOLK (AP) - Two women found dead Sunday on the Colonial Parkway near Yorktown were strangled before their throats were slashed, a newspaper reported Friday. Part of the state medical examiner's report on the slayings occurred, sources close to the investigation on the slayings. The women were last seen Thursday night and their bodies were discovered about 5:30 p.m. Sunday. The FBI, which is investigating the slayings, has made public details about the double slaying and has declined to comment on the strangulation report. The victims were Catherine Marie Thomas, 27, of Virginia Beach, a Naval Academy graduate working as a stockbroker; and Rebecca Collier, 21, of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., a senior at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg. They were found in the back seat of a 1978 Ford. The car had been run over a ravine from the parkway and was discovered by a hiker. The women's throats had been cut with a sharp instrument, making it difficult for the medical examiner to determine whether they were strangled or whether the slayings were a murder-suicide, the newspaper reported. Ms. Thomas, who spent five years in the Navy, had been working for Brokers Securities Inc. in Norfolk. Ms. Dowell transferred to William and Mary in January from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa., where she was an all-star softball player.

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