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Weekend rap-up

KWTV attorney denies Koresh tip

HOUSTON - A television cameraman has confirmed he had a chance conversation with a Branch Davidian shortly before four federal agents and six cult members were killed in a February gun battle with followers of David Koresh.

But an attorney representing the television station said Saturday the discussion was not the decisive warning to Koresh that Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents were about to raid his compound.

"I think people have got to get off this idea that there was this so-called tip or one single warning," said attorney Rick Bostwick, who represents KWTV-TV in Waco. "Everybody is looking for the holy grail, but it ain't there."

S. African teens kill American student

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa - Police arrested two black teen-agers Thursday in the killing of an American student, whose friends spoke of her devotion to the black majority and lauded her as a freedom fighter.

A mob of young blacks dragged the pleading Amy Biehl, 26, from her car in Guguletu township Wednesday and stabbed her to death.

The Fulbright scholar from Newport Beach, Calif. was taking black friends home to the township when they were ambushed.

The two arrested youths, who are 17 and 18, were not identified, but the student wing of the militant Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) said they were members. Police said more arrests were expected.

Publicity harmful to Jackson's career

LOS ANGELES - The usually well-oiled publicity machine that serves Michael Jackson has developed a deafening squeak. The King of Pop, said Hollywood spin doctors, needs some serious damage control.

In the past week, Jackson's face and descriptions of child molestation allegations have appeared in newspaper and television broadcasts on several continents.

The publicity, said experts in star handling, is enough to sink any career, even one of Jackson's magnitude.

Lee Solters, Jackson's normally talkative publicist, is strangely quiet these days. Instead of returning to Hollywood, Solters chose to remain on tour with his client, who turns 35 on Sunday.

Euleless teen to face murder charges

FORT WORTH - Prosecutors say they may seek to have a 16-year-old Euleless youth tried as an adult in the shooting of a classmate who was among a pack of students gathered at his home.

Ernest Tosh, chief of the Tarrant County juvenile prosecution unit, said he had wanted to make a decision by Friday, but not enough information was available about Tuesday's incident.

"There's just so many witnesses involved. It's a very unusual case," Tosh said.

If prosecutors decide to try to certify the Grapevine High School sophomore as an adult, a hearing could take place within a few weeks. If not, a juvenile trial could be held in two to three months.

-The Associated Press

Regents confirm school name changes

By Lisa Elliott

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The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents voted unanimously Friday morning to change the names of three System schools, despite the wishes of many Texas A&I University alumni.

The Board scheduled a revote for Friday's meeting after five Texas A&I alumni and one current student filed a lawsuit alleging the Board violated the Open Meetings Act by failing to post notice at least 72 hours in advance of its March 5 meeting, at which the vote to change the names was originally made.

The Board felt that, rather than challenge the lawsuit, they would schedule a re-vote, System Spokesperson Terri Parker said.

James Bond, A&M System general counsel, said last month the lawsuit was based on an inadvertent clerical error in the secretary of state's office.

The vote will officially change Texas A&I University to Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Corpus Christi State University to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and Laredo State University to Texas A&M International University. The changes will go into effect Sept. 1.

Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, has been in favor of the name change since the beginning.

He said the name change will enable A&I and the other System schools with new names to receive more financial assistance from the System.

Another supporter of the name change, Rep. Irma Rangel, D-Kingsville, said the members of the alumni group should be pleased that the school is getting prestige with the new name.

She said the alumni are too attached to their memories and are afraid the new name will take those away.

Dick Watson, an A&I graduate of 1961 and one of the filers of the lawsuit, said

the decision made by the Board was "devastating" and "surprising."

He said over 80,000 former students of A&M and A&I have contacted him and the Board to express their disapproval of the name change.

But the argument is far from over, Watson said. He said his plans for the next few months are to watch the Board very closely, looking for any reason to jump on them.

"Every board and committee makes mistakes," he said. "I'm going to be there to catch theirs. The open records requests I will make will choke a horse."

Watson said he and other A&I alumni are planning to attack the Board and A&M for illegal activities ranging from salary discrepancies to NCAA violations.

He said he also plans to advertise and offer money to anyone with information about these violations.

"I know we will win eventually," he said. "We will take this thing all the way

to the Texas Supreme Court."

Watson said many of the alumni feel bitter.

"We no longer want to be a part of the university," he said. "We want to get our name back or 'get a divorce'."

In other business, the Board unanimously voted to officially name Texas A&M University President William Mobley as chancellor of the System effective Sept. 1. The Board also voted to name Dr. E. Dean Gage, currently A&M's senior vice president and provost, to act as interim president, and A. Benton Coanougher, dean of business at A&M, to take Gage's place on an interim basis.

The Board also approved the budget for the 1994 fiscal year by allocating \$1.2 billion dollars to its system schools with A&M getting half of the overall budget.

Laredo State University, West Texas A&M University and Texas A&M at Galveston all had considerable increases in their budget from last year.

TCA Cable changes basic service rates

Changes in compliance with FCC

By Geneen Pipher

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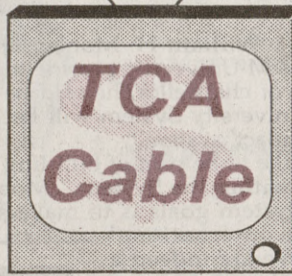
TCA Cable-TV will adjust their rates Sept. 1 to comply with the Cable Consumer Protection Act of 1992.

Randy Rogers, general manager of TCA Cable, said some Texas A&M University students' bills will increase, while others will decrease.

The law governs three major areas of cable television, including channel offerings, basic rates and customer service. Cable operators must comply with the new rulings mandated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) by Sept. 1.

Compliance with these regulations will require changes in the amount customers pay, which will vary depending on each customer's level of service.

"The act was passed because there had been pressure for at least two to three years for many different reasons," Rogers said. "The main reason for this bill is that there was a perceived and often real problem that some cable operators were gouging prices. The same service you would get in one town would cost \$4 or \$5 more in the next town. The intention of the act is to



protect and benefit the consumer."

The price for the main outlet of standard cable service before the new rates was \$19.70 plus \$3.25 for the first additional outlet with no charge for outlets thereafter. The new price for the main outlet of standard cable service is \$20.70 with no charge for additional outlets.

"The basic simplified form of it is those customers that have only one outlet of standard service will see an increase in their rates," he said. "Those that have more than one cable outlet of standard service will see a decrease. That comes to about 65 percent of our customers seeing a decrease in rates on Sept. 1 and the other 35 percent will have an increase."

The rates for Texas A&M students living in residence halls will probably go up, but the rates for students living in apartments and duplexes will most likely go down, Rogers said.

"For dormitory students it will most likely amount to an increase in rates because they only have one outlet," Rogers said.

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Corps of Cadets enrollment up by 30 percent over last year

By Jennifer Smith

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The Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets began the fall semester with 742 new cadets, the biggest freshmen class since 1990.

Lt. Col. Mike Duke, tactical training officer for the Corps, said the size of the freshman class had been decreasing until this year.

"When the Class of '93 got here, we had an increase," Duke said. "But then we had decreases for a few years."

Duke said 540 students joined the Corps last year.

"Our freshman class is 30 percent larger this year than last year," Duke said. "Our goal for this year was around 650. We're well above where we thought we would be."

Satterwhite said he is encouraged not only by the numbers, but also by the quality of this freshman class.

"They have the highest average of SAT scores that we have ever recorded among cadets," Duke said. "We have one cadet with 1,520 on his SAT."

Duke said the Corps has a representative sample this year.

"We also have 50 percent more females at this time than last year," Duke said.

He said the membership goal is 2,800 cadets.

"We want to fill the Quadrangle and Duncan Dining Hall," he said. "We would like the Corps to grow to a size that is proportionate to the University."

Lt. Col. Mark Satterwhite, recruiting coordinator for the commandant's office, said the Corps probably will not meet its membership goal until the late '90s.

"We needed to have a large number of freshmen this year, and we want to keep building up," Satterwhite said. "It's very encouraging to start off the year with this many cadets."

He said the success of recruiting programs and an increase in the number of scholarships were both responsible for the large freshman class.

The Corps Leadership Outreach (CLO) Program has been very successful in attracting new cadets, Satterwhite said.

The CLO program consists of almost 160 former Corps members and Corps supporters recruiting new

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Fall sorority rush concludes



Kyle Burnett/THE BATTALION

Alison Bosch, a senior English major from San Antonio, discusses a rush party hosted by Alpha Chi Omega with

Jennifer Chapman, an elementary education major from Ennis. See related story on Page 3.

Cultural diversity classes face scrutiny

By Jason Cox

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After two years of debate, the Texas A&M University Liberal Arts Council passed a resolution in June requiring incoming liberal arts students to complete coursework in classes emphasizing cultural diversity.

The decision, which will affect all incoming freshmen liberal arts majors, sparked heated debate for and against the new policy which mandates six hours of study in international and domestic areas, three of which must be concerned with race, ethnicity or gender issues in the United States.

Not long after the change, the Republican Party of Texas came out against the requirement, passing a resolution condemning it as "a series of courses in victimology and a clear liberal political agenda."

In addition, the resolution called upon state legislators to restrict funding that would be used to "promote required politically correct indoctrination at state schools."

The Texas A&M chapter of College Republicans followed suit by adopting a similar resolution, but one which also asks former students to withhold financial contributions until the requirement is rescinded.

Not all reaction to the decision was negative, however. Houston Post Columnist Robert C. Newberry wrote, "A&M is on the verge of taking a bold and necessary step to help its students get to know each other."

"To me, it is A&M's societal contribution to help end some of the hate, the fear and the separateness of the races in America," he said.

One of those opposing the policy was Dr.

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WEATHER

• Monday: partly cloudy with scattered rain
• Forecast for Tuesday: some rain, highs in 90s

TEXAS LOTTO

• Saturday's Texas Lotto winning numbers: 15, 16, 35, 39, 47, 50