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## Weather

THURSDAY — Flash flood warnings have been issued for the northwest portions of south central Texas. Considerable cloudiness with showers and thundershowers expected tonight. The high today will be about 82° with tonight's low around 70°.

Keep Clear Of The Man Who Does Not Value His Own Character.

## Shakedown, Bribes Tied to Agnew

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government prosecutors portray Spiro T. Agnew as a politician cooperating with and encouraging a tradition of illegal shakedowns and bribes from Maryland contractors.

In an extraordinary document, the prosecutors say there is no question that Agnew and the contractors knew the payoffs were made in exchange for lucrative state of Maryland business.

The 40-page outline of evidence was made public by the Justice Department Wednesday at the time Agnew resigned as vice president and pleaded no contest to one count of income tax evasion.

At the hearing in Baltimore, Agnew asserted he is innocent of the other allegations of bribery and extortion.

Atty. Gen. Elliot L. Richardson told the court that the Justice Department had agreed to a single count plea in an arrangement that included the vice president's resignation.

Richardson said the agreement encompassing the resignation and plea must be perceived as just and honorable by the American people. The government therefore insisted, he said, that there be full disclosure of the evidence against Agnew.

U.S. Atty. George Beall and his staff reported evidence of a shakedown scheme involving Agnew for a decade, including the time he was vice president. At least one facet ceased only when the federal investigation began, they said.

The government said its case centered on Agnew's dealings with four key figures:

— I. H. "Bud" Hammerman, a Baltimore business tycoon and manager of Agnew's gubernatorial campaign.

— Jerome B. Wolff, now the president of Greiner Environmental Systems, an engineering firm, who was state Road Commission chairman while Agnew was governor.

— Allen Green, president of the engineering firm bearing his name.

— Lester Matz, president of two engineering companies, Matz, Childs and Associates, and a sister firm.

Agnew, said the prosecutors, made no secret of his feelings that he was suffering a financial burden by serving as governor and then as vice president, where his salary was \$62,500 plus other increments.

With Wolff's assistance, Hammerman organized a kickback scheme which netted them and Agnew thousands of dollars in illegal payoffs during the time Agnew was governor, the prose-

cutors said.

Green and Matz made regular payments to Agnew at various points in his career, including his years as vice president, the prosecutors said.

The Justice Department's compilation of the evidence gathered by the investigation said that in the spring of 1967, soon after Agnew became governor, Agnew told Hammerman "that it was

customary for engineers to make substantial cash payments in return for engineering contracts with the state of Maryland."

Agnew agreed to give Hammerman and Wolff each a fourth of the cash payments, keeping half for himself the report said.

The report also said, Hammerman also successfully solicited cash from a financial institution and the state in return

granted that firm a major role in financing a large state bond issue. That, too, was done at Agnew's instructions, it said.

Soon after election as governor, Green began the practice of delivering to Agnew six to nine times a year an envelope containing \$2,000 to \$3,000, the account said. The prosecutor said both Green and Agnew clearly understood the payments were to buy state works for Green's engineering firm.

After Agnew was elected vice president, Agnew told Green that Green had benefitted a great deal from Agnew's administration and "then went on to complain about the continuing financial burden" he would experience as vice president and to suggest that Green continue his payments, the account continued.

"To Green's surprise," the report said, "Mr. Agnew went on to state expressly that he hoped to be able to be helpful to Mr. Green with respect to the awarding of federal engineering contracts to Green's company." Green continued payments to Agnew through December 1972, usually in quarterly sums of about \$2,000 and did not discontinue the practice until the government investigation began, the report said.

"As for Matz, the prosecutor said he began kicking back five

percent of his fees from Baltimore County contracts to Agnew during Agnew's days as Baltimore County executive in the early 1960s.

When Agnew became governor, Matz interrupted the payoffs until the summer of 1968, when Matz and his partner figured they owed Agnew \$20,000 for state

work their company had received during Agnew's term and delivered the sum to the governor, the account said.

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CUTTING GRASS or smoking it? Air pollution is clearly evident as this maintenance worker cuts the lawn in the Hughes-Keathley-Moses courtyard. The clouds of smoke and noxious fumes caused windows to be closed and the outdoors to be vacated. (Photo by Kathy Curtis)

## Dope Prisoners Receive Setback

AUSTIN (AP)—It was Blue Wednesday for 800 Texans, including 14 lifers, who are locked in prison for marijuana offenses.

The Court of Criminal Appeals ruled unconstitutional the legislature's attempt to give them an early out through resentencing under new, more lenient penalties for possession and sale of the drug.

While the legislature "acted with worthy motives," it usurped the governor's clemency powers under the Texas Constitution when it authorized judges to lighten sentences, the unanimous court said.

Charles Purnell, Gov. Dolph Briscoe's executive assistant, said the governor would issue a statement Thursday on what actions he would take.

The governor said earlier this year that he opposed resentencing but would consider clemency for marijuana offenders on an individual case basis.

The decision was a victory for Dist. Atty. Bob Smith of Austin, who filed suit to block a resentencing hearing by District Court Judge Tom Blackwell for Frank Demolli, now serving a 25-year sentence for possession of 21 pounds of marijuana.

Smith had contended the legislature approved resentencing, despite Atty. Gen. John Hill's warning of unconstitutionality, to satisfy "a vociferous minority."

Numerous other prosecutors opposed resentencing because it would tie up their staffs in court fighting attempts by convicts to get lighter sentences.

Until Aug. 27, the punishment range for possession was two years to life. Dealers could get up to life, also. But the new law provides only misdemeanor penalties — fines and county jail sentences up to one year — for possession of four ounces or less.

Possession of more than four ounces and pushing would remain felonies, but with a maximum 10-year penalty.

The high court said the constitution gave only the governor, subject to recommendations by the Board of Pardons and Paroles, the power to commute prison sentences.

It also said the resentencing provision gave a judge no choice but to shorten a prison sentence or release a convict who petitioned for a new sentence. Probationers — estimated as high as 40,000 — also could petition for resentencing.

"From the very wording of the statute it is clear that it extends commutation to those previously convicted of certain offenses as a mere gift or a matter of clemency upon a filing of a resentencing petition. This is clearly violative of the constitutional provision placing the power of clemency in the hands of the governor, acting upon the recommendation of the Board of Pardons and Paroles," the court said.

Sam Houston Clinton Jr., lawyer for Demolli, said a motion for rehearing might be filed, asking the court to change its mind.

## Awaits Senate Vote Liquor Resolution Presented

The possibility of liberalizing Texas A&M with the legalization of liquor on-campus highlighted the Student Senate meeting Wednesday night.

Rules and Regulations Committee Chairman Curt Marsh presented to the senate a resolution allowing for the possession and private consumption of alcohol on-campus.

If approved, the resolution will be sent to the Board of Directors. Specifically, the resolution would allow alcoholic beverages permitted in all campus housing facilities as long as the person is 18 years old. Consumption would only be allowed within the rooms and beverages would have to be carried in some form of covering or wrapper outside the rooms.

On-campus liquor sales would be prohibited and all on-campus living facilities would be subject to alcoholic beverage possession limits as defined by civil law.

The resolution also stated that individuals responsible for the disruption of hall life stemming from the use of alcohol would be subject to discipline and possibly civil charges.

"If the administration does not want to enforce the rules as they exist, we should not have them," said Clint Hackney, non-senator member of the Rules and Regulations Committee.

Marsh said that since Senate Bill 123 has declared all persons 18 years and over to be full adults in Texas the proposal is reasonable since "virtually all A&M students are over this limit."

"Students' dormitory rooms and apartments are considered the private and personal domain of those students living in them,"

continued Marsh.

"The bag around the bottle outside of the rooms is to keep you from drinking it in the hall," said Hackney. "The rationale in just keeping the liquor in the rooms is basically to keep the proposal as conservative as possible."

Other universities such as North Texas State, University of Texas and Stephen F. Austin have already legalized alcohol on their campuses with similar restrictions, according to Marsh.

In other action, Senators approved a Writ of Mandamus resolution which allows the student body to take some action against their senator or member of the Executive Committee if necessary.

Basically, this by-law addition defines the responsibilities of a senator. As defined, a senator must become informed on all leg-

islative issues and make his or her views available to his constituents and to participate actively on a senate committee or project.

Failure of any senator to fulfill his duties is a cause for action against him, said Marsh.

"This would have to be issued by the judicial committee after hearing all sides of a case against a senator. I'm sure the judicial committee would take into account the past efforts of any senator to reach his constituency."

External Affairs Committee Chairman Barb Sears brought an organizational proposal for the student handbook before the senate for discussion.

Presently the handbook has no structure and the resolution, if passed Oct. 24, would put the book under the jurisdiction of the Student Publications Board, Sears

said. "This would allow the Student Publications Board to select the editor of the handbook," continued Sears.

Sears' proposal also asked that the two-year-old handbook be set for release at the beginning of the summer to allow use of the handbook for summer orientation sessions.

Student senators approved a budget allocation of \$130 for the Texas A&M Scholastic Service.

Co-sponsored by Phi Eta Sigma and Student Government, TAMSS asked for a \$12 increase over last year because expenses the service incurred during the year totaled \$183.74.

The difference in the budget allocated TAMSS by SG is absorbed by Phi Eta Sigma and the Dean of Engineering's Office.

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## Tickets Remain Available For Sonny and Cher Concert

Sonny and Cher will perform at G. Rolfe White Coliseum Sunday at 8 p.m.

The box office opens Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. until showtime. Seats are still available in each different section.

The singing duo's appearance is arranged for Town Hall by Southwest Concerts of Houston. Town Hall season tickets do not apply to this show.

Their records sell in the millions with films such as "Good Times" and "Chastity," which Sonny wrote and produced, to their credits.

The couple is also known for their variety show which has been returned to the air and is shown on Wednesdays on KBTX-TV, CBS.

Sonny and Cher cut their first record, "Baby Don't Go," in 1965, and "Just You" followed. Both records were hits only in Los Angeles and Dallas. Still determined, the duo came back with the well known "I Got You Babe" and sold over three million copies of it.

Cher recorded as a single, "All I Really Want to Do" and it went right to the top of the charts. Sonny then released "Laugh At Me" and they had five records in the top 100, a feat achieved by only one other record artist, Elvis

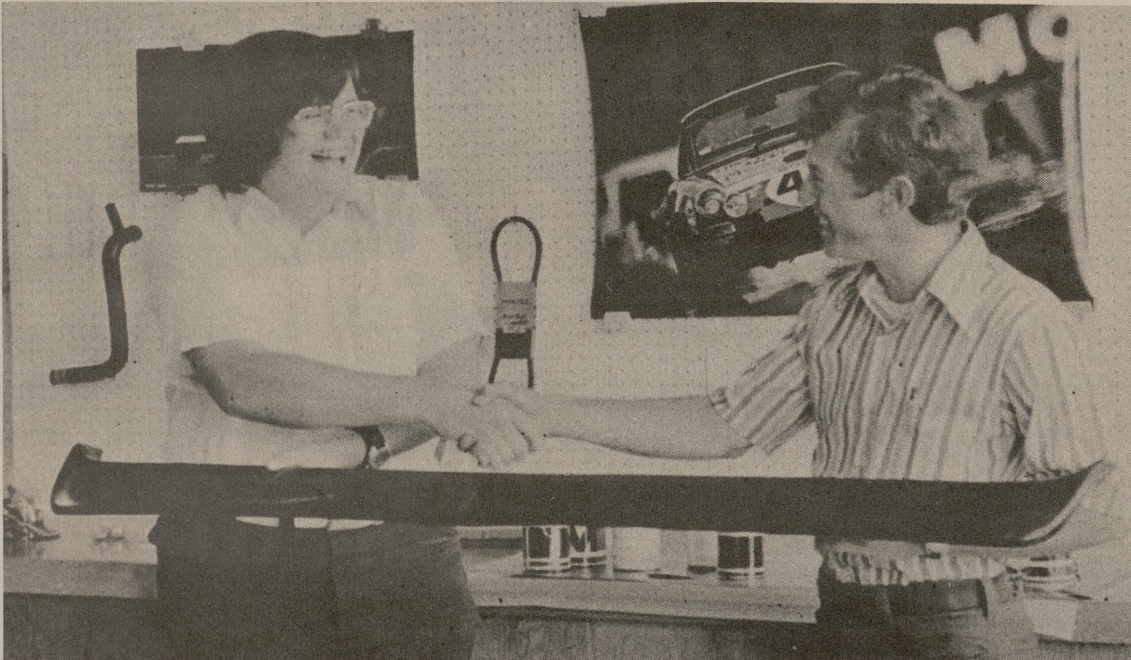
Presley.

Sonny and Cher made their night club debut at the Elmwood Casino in Canada to gain experience before hitting the Las Vegas circuit and the Flamingo Hotel. Their nightclub tour was climaxed in 1971 in the Famed Grove of Los Angeles' Ambassador Hotel. Since then they have played

to standing room only to break many house records.

The duo have received rave reviews and top ratings on their weekly TV variety show.

Reserved seats on the coliseum main floor and west side are \$7 each, student tickets are \$4 each and public general admission are \$6 each.



LLOYD COULSON (left) is congratulated for winning a Spoiler, the door prize given by the newly-opened Pit Stop Enterprises, 215 University Dr. The Spoiler gives a car greater stability.

## Traffic Panel Has Answers To Krueger-Dunn Parking

The Krueger-Dunn parking problem may be solved if the decision reached by the University Traffic Panel Wednesday afternoon is adhered to by the administration and students.

The panel's proposal gives priority to Krueger residents, regardless of classification, in the K-D lot. The remaining rows in the lot would be for Dunn residents with maroon stickers, leaving the overflow and students with green stickers parking in lots 50 and 48.

Resident advisors Barb Cowen and Bob Lockhart, representing Krueger and Dunn residents, came before the committee to explain the problem in the lot.

According to Lockhart, the parking lot fills up about 9 p.m. which leaves those students arriving after that time no place to park.

"Girls say they'd rather risk a ticket and park in the Corps lot rather than have to walk from Zachry late at night," said Cowen.

"The K-D lot allows 407 parking places for over 600 cars," said Lockhart. "If students risk parking in the Corps lot, they also risk vandalism to their cars."

Lockhart's proposal to the advisory panel asked for day student parking spaces along Bizzell Street and a row of Corps parking to be given to K-D. He added that spaces along the front of the K-D Complex on Lubbock Street would give more spaces for residents.

"The problem is one of secur-

ity," said Roger Miller, assistant to TAMU president. "We have to insure the girls a safe place to park and the guys will have to park according to the seniority system."

Miller suggested that vandalism would be alleviated if students would park where they were supposed to until another solution was reached.

Ron Miori, another panel member, said many students will be unhappy with the new system which would possibly give three-fourths of the lot to the Krueger residents.

"These students must realize that they are paying the same price for a parking sticker as Hart Hall residents who don't have parking spaces near them."

Traffic Panel members also discussed the possibility of making Lewis Street one-way with additional parking spaces along one side to alleviate the K-D problem. The plan was defeated because long-range planning for the university has Lewis Street set as a two direction road.

Panel chairman Dr. W. G. Stover, also project chairman for Texas Transportation Inc., said parking lanes on Lewis Street would make the street too narrow for two-way traffic, especially since large trucks use it to get to Duncan Dining Hall.

Krueger-Dunn Dorm Councils have put up a \$50 reward for anyone with information leading to the arrest and conviction of car vandals in hopes of solving the problem, said Lockhart.

The panel recommended the re-

moval of the one-way signs on Roberts and Hubbard streets as both streets dead end in both directions.

Traffic Panel members also recommended that yield signs be put on these streets to slow down exiting traffic. This would also remove the stop signs on the corner of Spence and Roberts streets.

In the Oct. 3 meeting of the panel, members recommended that Henderson Street be opened to one-way traffic going south temporarily until the new athletic dorm is completed. The recommendation allows for short term parking (30 minutes) in lot 32 after 5 p.m. on weekdays and all-day on weekends.

The panel also recommended that 15 parallel parking spaces be available on the south side of Henderson Street. Henderson Street will be closed after the new athletic dorm has been completed and lot 20 made available for short term parking after 5 p.m. weekdays and on weekends.

The panel suggested that lot 27 be used for short-term parking for visitors to the women's dorms upon opening of the University Health Center.

The panel's recommendations will be forwarded to Dr. John J. Koldus, TAMU Vice President for Student Services. The Traffic Panel is an advisory group and recommends changes in policy. Contrary to the Wednesday Battalion, Traffic Appeals Panel handles only tickets, and the Traffic Panel meets for recommendation purposes.