

Chips fly.. KTAM wins BS contest

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The glory and grandeur of victory was the beck and call for the turd tossers at the first annual Bryan-College Station Cow Chip Throwing Contest Wednesday.

This special event of Barnyard Olympics was sponsored by KTAM to select the finest feces flinger in town to represent metropolitan B-CS at the state contest in Odessa on Saturday.

The rules are simple. The longest

throw wins.

The scene took place in the field adjacent to the KTAM studio on Villa Maria Road.

Anxious adventurers and curious spectators gathered to witness the new sport.

Chip after chip was hurled trying to keep pace with the initial throw by Mike Bruton of 94 feet.

Then the chips flew and the crowd fled as Mark Weaver sent a shattered projectile toward the spectators. All returned to order as

Barry Donnelly came to pitch wearing a gas mask.

Little groups were clustering discussing the best style of throwing. And all eyes were focusing on each toss to discover the winning style to copy.

The most clamor was centered around choosing a chip to pitch. Since each participant handles his own, selecting the proper chip was a private matter. The weight, aerodynamics and aroma were the criteria used.

The first round was won by Mac Black, an ex-javelin thrower, with a heave of 130 feet.

The timidness of the rookies was wearing off as the second round got underway. They settled down to business with the longest throws of the day.

Alan Killingsworth threw his chip 211 feet and 10 inches. He was surpassed by Larry Godfrey's toss of 217 feet and 4 inches.

The measurement of Godfrey's throw was contested by Killingsworth.

Each throw was measured from posts set at 50 foot intervals. The posts were centered in the field. The constants were urged to keep their throws near the center line as Killingsworth did. One throw into right field was disqualified.

Godfrey's throw went way out into left field. The officials measured from the 100 foot mark to his chip.

The laws of nature say that the shortest distance between two points is a straight line. Yet, the judges measured from the starting line to the post then to the chip. And sure enough, a long throw resulted. And that's the explanation of the Killingsworth complaint.

But, who cares about upholding the laws of nature...BS prevails. And Larry Godfrey is off and chunking to win the state title.



DETERMINED TO THROW IT FURTHEST in the cow chip throwing contest is Lane B. Stephenson, associate director of University Information and Battalion adviser.

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"Things have come to a helluva pass when a man can't cudgel his own jackass." Henry Waterson on being rebuked for criticizing a government official.

White House call delays Texas cattle slaughtering

STEPHENVILLE, Tex. (AP)—About 400 ranchers and dairymen herded cattle before a bulldozed trench Wednesday, then junked plans for a mass slaughter after an 11th-hour appeal from the White House.

The stockmen were protesting inflationary costs and low income, a squeeze they said could be best dramatized by shooting some 800 animals, mostly calves, and burying them in a mass grave carved in a pasture at the Jack Beyer Dairy north of here.

A telephone call from a White House aide and an appeal from Texas Agriculture Commissioner John C. White just before the shooting was to start interrupted the

planned slaughter. Cattlemen said they will give President Ford two weeks to meet with them and provide solutions to their problems or they will begin a mass livestock kill "that will mushroom all over this country."

However in Washington David Wheat, an assistant to presidential counselor Anne Armstrong of Texas, was asked if and when the cattlemen would meet with President Ford.

"I hope that wasn't the basis of their decision," Wheat said, "because the whole thing might come unglued again."

Wheat said he would redouble efforts to make certain Ford is aware of the cattlemen's problems and

proposed solution. He pointed out that Ford's schedule has become very tight particularly since the hospitalization of Mrs. Ford.

Wheat said the relief sought by the cattlemen generally runs counter to the government's anti-inflationary efforts but noted that Ford has promised a balanced economic program that will attempt to help groups suffering particular hardships.

The stockmen say the price of feed is so high that the cost of bring-

ing calves to maturity is greater than they receive for them. Most cattlemen say they lose \$100 to \$150 per animal.

Jim Beyer, a neighbor of Jack Beyer, predicted that slaughters will take place throughout the nation unless the government stops grain exports and meat imports.

Wheat, a spokesman for President Ford, told Jack Beyer by telephone there is every good reason to believe Ford will meet with dairymen and ranchers in Washington.

White told the emotional crowd that the slaughter would generate such a bad image that "we can't get any help."

Houston firm files oil leases

Mid-American Oil Co. of Houston filed leases Tuesday in the county clerk's office to drill for oil and gas in southern Brazos County.

The leases, which total over 5,240 acres, are located about 25 miles south of Bryan.

William J. Terrell of Navasota leased 2,233 acres; Mary S. Terrell of San Antonio, 1,652 acres; Tom J. Moore Farms of Navasota, 1,124 acres; T. T. Walton Sr. of Bryan, 558 acres; and Kathleen Blackshear of Navasota, 238 acres.

Mike Reardon, operations manager for Mid-American, said the company has no present leases in the county.

Drilling in the area will not begin until equipment is brought in later, said Reardon.

Fish litter shores as 'red tide' drifts

BROWNSVILLE, Tex. (AP)—Thousands of fish have been killed in the Gulf of Mexico by what is believed to be "red tide," a Brownsville commercial fisherman said Wednesday.

Pat Pace of Brownsville quoted Dr. Henry Hildebrand of Texas A&M University, a marine biologist, as saying some 15-20 miles of Mexican beach or perhaps more is littered with dead fish.

Pace said Dr. Hildebrand, who was en route to Corpus Christi late Wednesday and not available for comment, said the fish killed include redfish, trout, pike, flounder,

drum and crabs. "He said the beach was so loaded with dead fish you could hardly walk without stepping on them," Pace said.

Pace said Dr. Hildebrand said the "red tide" is drifting north and is not within 30 miles of the mouth of the Rio Grande. Not much is known about "red tide" except that "it's known to kill everything," Pace said.

"This is the first time its ever been near the Texas coast," Pace continued, saying the results could be "disastrous" for the fishing industry in South Texas.

Student legal adviser begins duties in old meeting room

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Robert Rutledge III, graduate, joined the Office of Student Services as a student legal adviser.

Rutledge's office is a small cubicle, sparsely furnished on the second floor of the MSC. His floor is cluttered with unhung diplomas,

lawyers' creeds and a framed copy of the Declaration of Independence.

His desk, much like the cluttered floor, is layers deep in office memos, welcoming notes and instructions to a yet unhired secretary.

Rutledge is a friendly outgoing man who at this point spends most of his time running across the hall to answer the phone. His has yet to be connected.

During the interview we were interrupted: twice by students wishing to speak with him; once by somebody stopping by to give him a message; and two or three times by his sprints to answer the phone across the hall.

In the midst of all this confusion Rutledge was able to convey his personal feelings about his job.

He said that he had applied at A&M for a job and that student adviser was the only position available. Without pausing he added that

he felt his job was a worthwhile and helpful position.

In trying to define what he, as student adviser, would council students on all matters ranging from traffic tickets to marital disputes. He then added that his position as student adviser would probably develop from student need.

Before the interview could continue any further, we were interrupted by a student who appeared to need the counseling ability of Rutledge.

As I got up to leave Rutledge added, "If I am here my door is open to anyone, however it may become necessary for students to make appointments due to such great student response."

Students wishing to confer with Rutledge can find him jogging between room 217-D in the MSC and the phone across the hall.

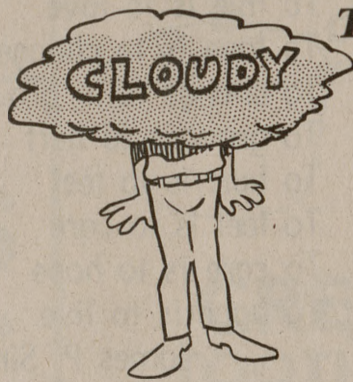
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Weather

Fair to partly cloudy Thursday and Friday. High today 86°; low tonight 63°; high Friday 88°.



HENSEL PARK APARTMENTS are being torn down as part of a renovation program passed at the last Board of Directors meeting. (Photo by Nancy Swan)

Increase to be added on GI Bill

House and Senate conferees working on the GI Education Bill Wednesday agreed to also include a 23 per cent increase in veterans' education and training benefits in the bill.

The bill is \$600 million less than the original Senate bill and \$400 million more than the House version.

The conference agreement includes a 45-month period for the veterans to seek benefits while working toward an undergraduate degree.

The present law provides for a 36-month period.

The agreement also includes a \$600 loan provision for those unable to obtain a loan from other federal agencies.

The conference report will now go to each house for adoption before it is sent to the President.

"The bill provides for \$780 million in additional benefits which I hope will be acceptable to the President," said Congressman Olin E. Teague of College Station, a former chairman of the House Veteran Affairs Committee.

The 23-per cent increase means a single veteran can receive \$270 per month as compared to \$220 a month under the present law. A married veteran with no dependents would get \$321 a month, a \$100 increase. If a couple has one child they would receive \$366 monthly rather than \$298.

Teague said he expects a vote from both houses on the bill soon.

Avoiding publicity

Milk producers claim innocence

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP)—Associated Milk Producers, Inc., submitted to a strict state antitrust injunction to avoid extended litigation and adverse publicity, said a top official of the dairy cooperative Wednesday.

S. F. "Pamp" Howe, associate general manager of the San Antonio-based co-op, indicated the reason for settlement was not because AMPI was guilty of any wrongdoing.

"We maintain that we are innocent of all charges against us by the Texas attorney general," Howe said through a spokeswoman.

"However, from experience gained from the past two and one half years with the suit by the U.S. Justice Department and the adverse publicity created by it, we felt that the best thing we could do was settle this and get it behind us so we could get about the everyday business of operating our cooperative," said Howe.

AMPI, which is the largest dairy cooperative in the state and in the nation, agreed to pay the state of Texas \$230,000 in civil penalties under terms of an injunction issued in Austin on Tuesday.

However, Atty. Gen. John Hill said the payment of penalties should not be construed as an admission of guilt of any of the charges flung at AMPI when Hill's pricefixing suit.

Hill said, "We sought penalties in this suit for violations of the law and some penalties have now been collected. I think you ought to leave it at that."

"I'm a lawyer by training and I realize that cases get settled and that other parties are entitled to state in the courtroom that this is done to buy their peace so that they will not have to go through court and that they don't admit wrongdoing. I accept their statements in that regard," Hill said.

"I'm handling my part of the lawsuit," Texas' chief law enforcement officer said. "We were insisting there were violations and that penalties would have to be assessed."

Woman murdered on street

Twenty-year-old Virginia Terry of 700 Bruce in Bryan was shot and killed while walking on 20th street about 6:50 yesterday evening.

Virginia's husband, Thomas, turned himself in at Brazos County jail at 4:10 this morning. He has been charged with murder and a \$10,000 bond has been set.

Mrs. Terry was walking down the street with her mother, Betty Stewart and her aunt, Emma Rodgers, when a car stopped beside the three.

Stewart told police she overheard her daughter argue with the driver of the car.

She said the driver then pulled a small black pistol and her daughter said, "Oh Mamma, he's got a gun."

The three began to run away when the driver began to shoot.

"I turned around and saw him shoot her in the head. I knew she was dead when she fell. Then he drove off," said Stewart.

Mrs. Terry was pronounced dead on arrival at St. Joseph Hospital at 7:06 p.m.