

News briefs

State

SAN DIEGO, Tex. (AP) — Special prosecutor Jim Bates denied Wednesday that South Texas millionaire rancher-banker Clinton Manges controls his activities with the Duval County grand jury.

Bates, an Edinburg lawyer and former state senator, was selected by Dist. Atty. Arnulfo Guerra to work with the grand jury investigation of Duval County government.

Duval County political boss George B. Parr said in an interview Tuesday Manges is behind the grand jury investigation and had selected Bates as special prosecutor because he is Manges' lawyer.

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — A presidential primary bill, revised from the form in which it passed the House, was approved Wednesday by the Senate State Affairs Committee by a 9-3 vote.

Sen. Don Adams, D-Jasper, sponsor, said he would try to bring the measure up for Senate debate next week.

National

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger said Wednesday the Middle East is in a moment of potentially grave danger and that a Geneva peace conference is the only apparent alternative to war.

Kissinger has always opposed a Geneva conference on grounds it was too large and cumbersome and likely to break down in bitterness.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate approved an emergency farm aid bill Wednesday, voting to raise the level of government support for the dairy industry despite the threat of a presidential veto.

It also decided to ban the import of foreign-bred beef temporarily in an attempt to improve prices in the domestic livestock market, and to raise support levels for the tobacco industry.

The measure, as passed by the House last week, also raises the levels of support for wheat, cotton, corn and other feed grains producers.

International

SAIGON, South Vietnam (AP) — South Vietnam's Interior Ministry said Thursday that several persons have been arrested in what it described as a plot to overthrow the government of President Nguyen Van Thieu.

Political sources said at least four persons were arrested by police early Thursday — three of them affiliated with former Premier Nguyen Cao Ky, a long-time political foe of the president.

Rogers moves to key positions

Assoc. Prof. Bob C. Rogers was named during spring break as new head of the journalism department and chairman of the Student Publications Board.

He will become department head Sept. 1 and board chairman April 1. The Student Publications Board is a seven-member policy-making body for the student newspaper and yearbook.

As department head Rogers succeeds C. J. "Skip" Leabo who plans to devote full time to teaching and research within the department.

Rogers succeeds Jim Lindsey as

chairman of the publications board.

From 1968 to 1970 Rogers taught at A&M while studying for a master's degree in political science. He then taught at the University of Wyoming for four years and was department head his last three years.

He returned to A&M last fall. A 47-year-old native of Waco, Rogers has compiled 22 years as a working journalist, the last four as managing editor of the Austin American-Statesman.

He received his undergraduate degree at the University of Texas at Austin.

Candidates to speak on campus Monday

Political Forum will present six College Station City Council candidates in a debate Monday.

Scheduled to participate are Jim Jett and Dr. Gary Halter, opponents for Place 1 on the council in the Tuesday election; Don Dale and Bob Bell, Place 3, and Dr. Larry Bravenec and Greg Magruder, Place 5.

Political Forum Chairman John Nelson said the free program will start at 7:30 p.m. in Room 701 of the Rudder Tower.

Each candidate will have 15 minutes to speak on whatever issues he feels is important. An audience question-answer session will follow.

Legion to establish College Station post

The American Legion will hold an organizational meeting Wednesday to establish a post in College Station to serve local veterans.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in room 422 at the Aggeland Inn. Robert Long, commander of the American Legion's 6th District, said he feels there is a need to serve the Vietnam veterans attending A&M and support the university's military program with ROTC medals and awards.

Long said there has been a post in Bryan since 1925 that presently serves College Station, A&M and

A&M Consolidated High School. There are about 1,000 veterans attending the university now, he said.

Veterans interested in forming the new post may sign up from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday at the veterans' representative office on the third floor of the YMCA building. Dues in the new post will be \$10 per year.

Those eligible to join include veterans who served from April 6, 1917 to Nov. 11, 1918 in World War I; Dec. 7, 1941 to Dec. 31, 1946 in World War II; June 25, 1950 to Jan. 31, 1955 in the Korean War; and Aug. 5, 1964 to Aug. 15, 1973 in the Vietnam War.

Campus briefs

Canoe deposit due

Students who are participating in the April 5 canoe trip are reminded that the \$15 deposit for the canoes is due March 31. A \$10 rental fee will also be charged. Students are asked to turn in their deposit to the secretaries in the Student Programs Office.

License plate sales

License plates for cars and motorcycles are still on sale in the MSC near the Aggeland Station post office. The plates will be sold there through Monday from 8:30 till 11:30 a.m. and from 12:30 till 4 p.m. A renewal notice from the Texas Highway Department, the vehicle registration or 1974 receipt will be needed to buy plates.

Sci-fi gathering

Friday marks the start of Aggie-Con VI, a three-day science fiction convention being held in the University Center. Included in the program will be first-season episodes of "Star Trek," SF authors featured speakers and a dealers room for sales of books, magazines, paperbacks and SF movie materials. In the Rudder Theater, near continuous showings will include the movies "West World," "Andromeda Strain," and "Forbidden Planet." Tickets to all three days can be purchased at the door for \$2 per person.

Computer shortcourse

The Data Processing Center is sponsoring an APL shortcourse beginning March 31. The classes will meet from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays in the DPC Conference Rom. All interested persons are invited to attend the course being taught by Stan Marett. Call him at 845-4211, ext. 273, to enroll.

Panel asks for upkeep

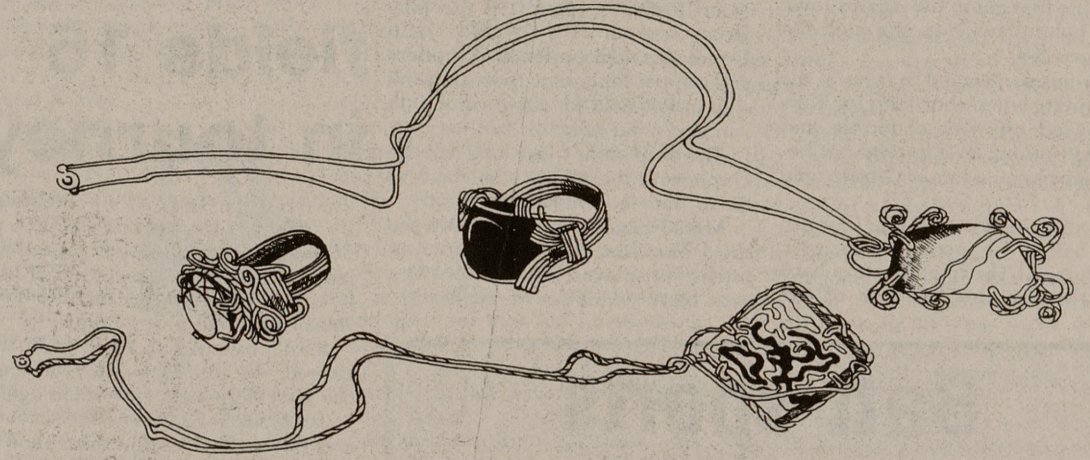
Two recommendations involving campus parking were passed by the traffic panel Wednesday.

The first calls for more maintenance on existing campus lots. Dr. Vergil Stover, chairman of the group, explained that the maintenance should include some overlay work and some seal coat treatment on various lots.

The second recommendations calls for improved facilities for motorcycles and bicycles. The stress is on motorcycles, said

Stover. In other action, the panel made editorial changes in existing motor vehicle regulations. Stover said this included changing paragraph order, rewording obsolete phrases and making meaning clear.

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