

Folklore, singing will highlight meeting

Folk music and folklore papers will be presented at the 60th annual meeting of the Texas Folklore Society this weekend in Arlington.

The convention will be punctuated with informal sessions of music and singing, done on a voluntary basis by the folk enthusiasts.

The Texas A&M delegation will be headed by Sid Cox of the English Dept. Last year 58 A&M students attended the three-day convention. Three of the papers presented last year were written by former A&M students.

The society is mostly composed of university professors and students. Anyone may attend the convention beginning Thursday evening. There is no registration fee for the participants. Interested students and faculty members should contact Sid Cox at 845-3451.

First Lady guest at San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — First Lady Betty Ford, named an honorary grand marshal of the Fiesta San Antonio parade, will ride in a specially constructed barge.

Some 250,000 are expected to line the San Antonio River for the first procession of the week-long Fiesta San Antonio celebration from Monday to Saturday. The parade opens the Fiesta.

The barge will have a clear shield for the First Lady's protection, said Tim Word, commander of the Texas Cavaliers who will sponsor the parade.

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Illness preceded Hughes' death, doctor reports

Associated Press
ACAPULCO, Mexico — On the day he died, Howard Hughes weighed only about 80 pounds, his hair and beard were long and stringy, and his body was pitted with bedsores, a Mexican doctor who attended him reports.

Hughes was unconscious, dehydrated, had a head infection and was suffering from kidney failure, Dr. Victor Manuel Montemayor Martinez said in a signed declaration given to the Mexican attorney general's office.

The doctor said after examining Hughes he did not expect the billionaire to live more than a few hours.

Hughes was taken from his penthouse at the Acapulco Princess Hotel and flown by private plane to Houston, Tex., on April 5. He was dead when the plane landed.

Federal Judge Antonio Uribe Garcia made Montemayor's statement available to newsmen Tuesday along with those from others questioned during a police investigation into Hughes' death.

Montemayor's declaration said: He was called to the 20th-floor penthouse about 5 a.m. April 5 and found Hughes "half naked with only bedsheet covering his body, very pale, with his right eye open, the left not so much but about half open, breathing in pants, slowly, in a state of complete unconsciousness."

His eyes showed little reaction to light, and his neck and face twitched. Hughes' hair was long, thin and gray, his beard stringy and dark chestnut in color. There were numerous bedsores on the body.

Aides said an open sore on the left side of Hughes' head was the result of a benign tumor that had been aggravated by a blow received in a fall. One of Hughes' aides told the court he suffered the fall in the Bahamas before he came to Acapulco Feb. 10.

Montemayor said Eric Iverson Bundy of Hughes' staff appeared to be in charge, and there were also two American doctors and a bodyguard in the room. When the Mexican expressed surprise that Hughes had been kept in the hotel in such condition, they told him Hughes was hard to deal with and did not want to go to a hospital.

An ambulance arrived about 8:15 a.m., the doctor said, and the driver reported they left for the airport at 10:30 a.m. The driver, C. Jaime Quevedo, said he saw his passenger's head as he was lifted into the plane, and he was "unconscious, not moving." He said he could not tell if the transferred person was alive or dead.

Another private secretary who was present, C. A. Waldron of Sun Valley, Calif., said the decision to take Hughes to Houston was made by Dr. Wilbur Thain, 50, of Logan, Utah, one of the two American doctors present.

Waldron was cleared Tuesday of a charge he forged Hughes' signature on the recluse's tourist card when he arrived from the Bahamas. Judge Uribe Garcia ruled there was no evidence to sustain the charge.

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Chicken, fish alliance developed

In the continuing research at Texas A&M, to stave off world starvation, the latest advance is teaching chickens to raise fish.

The University scientists are refining a plan for chicken coops to be built atop fish tanks stocked with tilapia, a tasty African food fish. The chicken droppings, rich in protein, will become the major source of food for the fish below.

The droppings will also fertilize the pond and stimulate algae growth, which the fish also eat.

This is a part of the research being done at the Texas A&M Aquaculture Center on fish farming. The unfishy-tasting tilapia is under cost-production study.

Until three weeks of age the fish is unspecified in sex characteristics. However the researchers have solved this problem.

The young fish are fed a male hormone which promotes male development. This serves to keep the

young fish from spawning at too early an age.

At the fish farm, located on the Texas A&M Farm, study is also conducted on channel catfish and fresh water shrimp. Catfish study is concentrated on improving weight gain through diet.

The fresh water shrimp, may grow as large as a man's fist. It is being studied as a commercial crop under the direction of Dr. R. W. Brick at the Texas A&M Research Annex. The Annex is at the old Air Force Base on the Caldwell Rd.

Living with the tilapia and the channel catfish at the farm is a big, red rooster named "Big Red". He was an experimental rooster kept at the farm, but escaped his cage one day and has become a sort of mascot. He comes and goes of his own free will and eats fish food. He doesn't eat chicken feed anymore.

The Aquaculture farm was established to develop farming techniques for production of fin

fishes and invertebrates for food and to develop management techniques for artificial bodies of water for sport fishing.

The farm is under the direction of Dr. R. R. Stickney.

There are 24 experimental ponds, each about the size of the University Center fountain. A reservoir feeds Brazos River water into the ponds.

A wet lab allows the researchers to raise certain kinds of fish under controlled water conditions. A dry lab serves for experiments.

The ponds at the fish farm also serve as demonstration models.

Woman gets license

For Indianapolis 500

Associated Press
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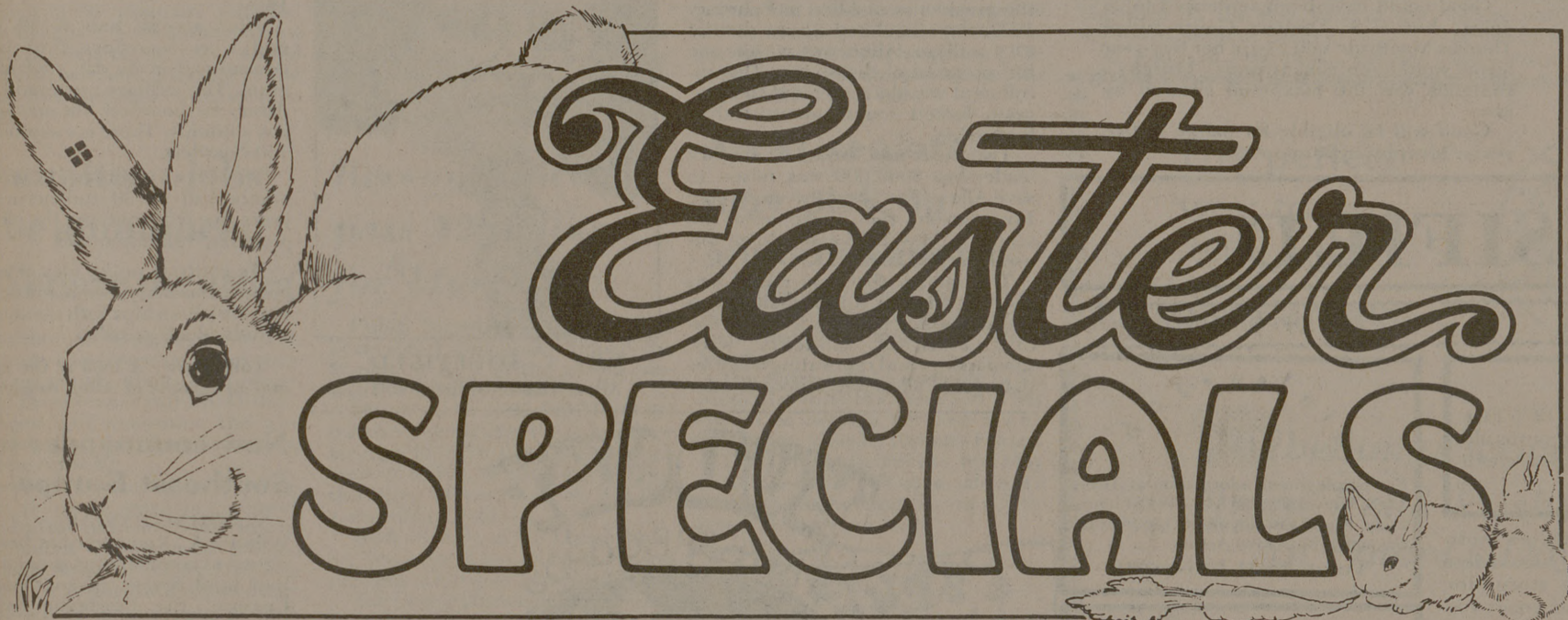


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