



Battalion photo by Elizabeth Ghio

Catting around

Jeanne Smith, a member of Dr. Dobson's chordate anatomy class, works on cleaning out the skull of a cat.

Governor's conference supports farm program

United Press International AFTON, Okla. — A presidential task force should be appointed to review long-term stability and health of the food processing industry, the Midwestern Governors' Conference said in a policy statement adopted yesterday.

Pintos called 'firetraps' because of gas tanks

United Press International WASHINGTON — More than 500 persons have burned to death in pre-1977 Ford Pintos because the gas tank is located in such a place that it can explode during a head-on collision, a magazine article released today said.

The report was released by Mother Jones magazine in which the article, by Mark Dowie, appeared.

There was a measurable fuel leak in excess of the acceptable level in the one that failed, the official said, and an investigation — still under way — was opened.

It's quite a leap from that to what further Jones is talking about," he said.

Because assembly line machinery was already tooled when engineers found this defect, top Ford officials decided to manufacture the car anyway — exploding gas

Man kidnaps employe of East Texas millionaire

United Press International TYLER — A few months ago, a 40-year-old businessman went to the press with claims he had been cheated by convicted swindler Billy Sol Estes and an East Texas millionaire.

Trull took Pyron employe Billy May hostage and doused the carpeting covering the Heritage National Bank building suite with gasoline, police said.

Queen's visit causes riotings, bombings

United Press International BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Queen Elizabeth arrives in Northern Ireland today where a British soldier and Roman Catholic youth have been killed in mounting violence that threatens to mar the monarch's two-day visit.

Thousands of British troops and part-time soldiers sealed off all routes leading to Belfast Lough, where the royal yacht Britannia was scheduled to anchor for the Queen's visit.

Britain has mounted one of the biggest land, sea and air security operations in history to guard the Queen during her Silver Jubilee visit to Northern Ireland.

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Lynn Ashby

Columnist Ashby to speak Aug. 13 at commencement

Approximately 1,000 Texas A&M University students are set to receive degrees Saturday at commencement exercises which will include remarks by Houston Post columnist Lynn Ashby.

The ceremonies, open to the public, are set for 9 a.m. in C. Rolfe White Coliseum.

Texas A&M Registrar Robert A. Lacey noted this will be one of the largest summer graduating classes in the school's history.

Ashby is both a University of Texas graduate and an honorary Aggie. The latter designation was bestowed on him earlier this year by Texas A&M's Association of Former Students.

His column has been a regular feature of The Houston Post since 1971. He joined the paper in 1968 after six and a half years with The New York Times.

Charged with aggravated kidnapping were Trull, his fiancée, Gleynell Clark Logan, 42, her son Mark, 21, and her daughter Julie Anna, 19. Bonds of \$15,000 were set for the two men and \$5,000 bonds were set for the women.

Deputy Police Chief Willie Hardy said Pyron arrived at his office about 11 a.m. and was ordered to go to a telephone downstairs and call the man who had taken over the suite.

Pyron told authorities he withdrew \$10,000 cash from his personal account and had the promissory note notarized at the Heritage Bank downstairs.

Shortly after Trull's 3 p.m. surrender, authorities arrested two women in Pyron's car and recovered the \$8,000 cash.

As Trull was being placed in a police car, he turned to Logan — who had been arrested in the lobby of the building — and said, "Mark, don't worry. Don't worry

Cummen of the Provisional Irish Republican Army retaliated hours later by shooting a soldier outside the Moyard army base, only a few yards from where the teen-ager was slain.

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Mexican captain released after violating fishing zone

United Press International BROWNSVILLE — The captain of the first Mexican shrimp trawler seized for violation of the new 200-mile territorial limit has been fined \$3,000 and released along with his trawler.

The seizure of the 68-foot trawler Adriana July 28 was the first in the Gulf of Mexico under the new 200-mile territorial limit that went into effect March 1.

The maximum fine would have been confiscation of the vessel and its cargo, but U.S. District Judge Renaldo G. Garza levied the lesser punishment yesterday.

Sanchez said the \$3,000 fine, \$1,491 worth of shrimp sold at auction by U.S. marshals and \$502 in marshal fees totaled

about it. They ain't gonna treat me this way."

Hardy said the kidnapping stemmed from "confusion" over a business deal. Trull said involved himself, Pyron and Estes.

He said some people owed him money and he felt like this was the way to get it back. He named Billy Sol Estes and Billy Pyron as owing him money.

Trull several months ago went to authorities and the press, claiming Estes renegeed on several business transactions.

Long memo implicates Bell telephone officials

United Press International SAN ANTONIO — A suicide note and a nine-page memo left by a former Southwestern Bell executive implicates Bell officials were given \$1,000 raises with the express knowledge the money was to go into a political slush fund.

The information came in testimony yesterday in the \$29 million dollar libel and slander suit filed against the telephone company by the family of T.O. Gravitt, Bell vice president for Texas, and fired Bell executive James Ashley and his wife.

Mike Gravitt, son of T. O. Gravitt who killed himself in 1974, took the stand to read from his father's suicide note and the nine-page memo detailing which company

Archaeological field school near Taylor ends training

The Texas A&M Archeological Field School will end its second field project on August 12.

Fifteen students are attending the school which is training them in archeological techniques, said Dr. Harry J. Shafer, assistant professor of anthropology at Texas A&M.

These students and other excavators have been living at the site in Williamson County at the Hoxie Bridge near Taylor since July 11.

Ed Baxter, research associate in the anthropology laboratory said that the students live there five days a week, all day, and come home on weekends.

The school is sponsored by the anthropology lab, Baxter said. Students enrolled in anthropology 330 pay their expenses in their fees and also a living expense for food while on the site, he said.

Some of the students in the archeological field school at the excavation site in Williamson County. The exact location is Hoxie Bridge near Taylor.



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