

Crime up, down

The first half of 1978 saw a 2 percent decrease in overall crime in the U.S. In the South, overall crime dropped 1 percent. However, violent crimes increased. See page 3.

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Female science

The now-famous Furbish Louisewort was discovered by a woman. She and other female scientists are in a new exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution. For details, see page 4.



Battalion photo by Beth Calhoun

Ummm, ummm, . . . good?

Jan Boyett tries coaxing her 1-year-old daughter Bree into trying some strawberry ice cream outside the Texas A&M creamery Tuesday. From the look

on her face, it seems Bree might prefer chocolate or vanilla. Mr. & Mrs. Guy Boyett live at 1809 Medina in College Station.

Schools must provide illegal aliens with free education, court rules

United Press International

TYLER, Texas — A federal judge ruled Thursday, in what may be a landmark decision, Texas school districts must provide free education to the children of Mexicans who are in the United States illegally.

Judge William Wayne Justice issued a permanent order against the Tyler independent School District saying it could not charge tuition to the children of illegal aliens in an effort to offset the rising cost of education.

The district's policy was based on Texas law calling for the fees.

Justice said illegal aliens were entitled to equal protection of the law under the U.S. Constitution and therefore were eligible for the same free education provided to the children of legal Texas residents.

The suit was brought by the Mexican-American Legal Defense Fund on behalf of a group of children of Mexican families who are in Texas illegally.

The school district had contended the sharp increase of illegal alien children in the state had placed a financial burden on Texas schools. Tyler officials argued the

parents should be forced to pay tuition if their children were to attend classes.

Justice, however, held that the state's tuition law conflicted with federal laws in policies governing funding and nondiscrimination in education.

"Bent on cutting educational cost and unable constitutionally to exclude all such 'problem children' the state has attempted to shave off a little around the edges, barring the undocumented alien children despite the fact that they are no different for educational purposes from a large proportion of legally resident alien children," Justice said in his ruling.

"Apart from the arbitrary nature of the state policy, such a marginal approach to a major social problem is strikingly ineffectual."

Justice also said educating the children of illegal aliens could be a benefit to the state.

"The undisputed testimony at trial indicated that if these already disadvantaged children are denied an education when they are young, they will be forever relegated to the lowest level of employment."

he said. "If the state refuses to educate them now, even a future grant of amnesty by Congress will not prevent many of these children from having been permanently stigmatized and crippled by their former illegal status."

The director of the Mexican-American Legal Defense Fund hailed the ruling as a landmark decision.

"We're delighted with the decision," said Peter Roos. "While we haven't yet studied the full opinion, we believe it will set a precedent in Texas and throughout the nation that you can't exclude undocumented children from access from public education."

Vilma Martinez, president and general counsel for the group, also praised the decision.

"We're hopeful the Tyler decision will have a favorable impact on future cases concerning the constitutional rights of undocumented workers," she said. "Today's decision affirms our belief that it is unconscionable to deny education to any of our nation's children."

Israel may withdraw from lands as part of settlement

United Press International

CAMP DAVID, Md. — Israel apparently has agreed in principle to eventually withdraw from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip as part of a comprehensive Middle East settlement being worked out Thursday at the Camp David

summit neared its conclusion.

Sources close to the conference said the three-way summit, which began nine days ago, would not end Thursday, but appeared likely to wind up by today.

The session followed Carter's 25-minute chat Wednesday night with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin that occurred as ministerial delegations from Israel and the United States met in Washington for nearly an hour.

A spokesman for the Israeli Embassy denied that Israel has agreed to the principle of withdrawal from the West Bank. But sources close to the conference confirmed that agreement apparently had been reached.

The source added the word "apparently" to the original flat statement because of the possibility of the comprehensive agreement unraveling as the conference moved into its final hours.

Sources confirmed that agreement on the principle of withdrawal from the lands Israel has controlled since the 1967 Middle East war is coming into clearer focus,

but stipulations and reservations on both sides still must be worked out.

The sources said two key obstacles are the future of the Palestinians and the Israeli settlements in occupied Arab lands.

Israeli agreement to the principle of withdrawal, as explained by these sources, would be a giant leap forward as well as a major accomplishment for President Carter.

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin has been adamant in the past in refusing to relinquish the West Bank of the Jordan River because he views it as the Biblical homeland of the Jews.

Jordan had previously governed the West Bank territory. Egypt had loose control over the Gaza Strip in southern Israel.

Estimates that the conference would end Thursday appeared premature and a better guess seemed to be Friday.

And Carter will deliver a nationally televised report to the American people some time following the conclusion of the summit, sources said.

Program allows earlier graduation

By MARK BEATTY
Battalion Reporter

Graduation may come sooner than expected for 52 juniors in the Corps of Cadets. The cadets are in the ROTC Academic Substitution Program, which allows them to substitute two courses in their major field of study for Military Science 321 and 422. M.S. 321 covers military history, and M.S. 422 deals with military laws, duties and obligations. A student in the program, for instance, might take Speech 403 or a political science course instead of M.S. 321. Executive officer Lt. Col. John Maloney says he reviews the course the student wants to substitute for military science. If Maloney decides it will benefit him as an officer, he allows the course substitution. "We try to adapt the program to fit the

needs of the individual," he said. "It is a compromise. We meet the student halfway."

Col. Thomas Parsons, director of security and traffic for the University, initiated the program two years ago when he was still commandant of the Corps of Cadets. Col. James Woodall, present commandant, has kept the program active. Parsons said he started the program to let students who do not have much time in their degree plans take electives.

"The courses they substitute would benefit themselves as well as the Army," he said.

In addition to taking regular classes, the students in the substitution program must attend a one-hour seminar each week. Capt. Garry Cooper, assistant professor of military science, teaches the course. He

describes it as a condensed military history seminar. There are no books, no tests and no grades given for the course.

"They learn about military personalities and various terms and definitions relating to the profession of arms. It is interesting and an enrichment," he said.

The ROTC Academic Substitution Program does not guarantee a cadet will graduate on time, but it helps.

"It's up to the individual," Maloney said. "He has to pass all of his other

courses, too."

Maloney said the program has been successful because it solves problems in a student's degree plan and is one way of getting commissioned into the Army.

Students in the program must sign a contract and will be commissioned if they meet minimum University academic standards and successfully complete all ROTC course work. The new commissioned officers can choose to go on active duty or into the reserves as a part-time soldier.

A&M Consolidated school district may get full-time police officer

The possibility of a full-time police officer for the A&M Consolidated school district was discussed by College Station city council members Thursday night.

The annual cost of the project is estimated at \$14,964. The money would be appropriated from the city's revenue-sharing funds.

City Manager North Bardell said the officer was needed for training school children in the new Safety City program, lecturing at various schools, offering counseling, and aiding in the control of drug and alcohol abuse.

Councilman Anne Hazen spoke in favor of the proposal, saying that "there's so much traffic in town, but no officers that

are trained to teach safety to children."

In other business, the council approved an ordinance establishing a structural standards code. This code requires windows in all dwellings to be covered by a screen. According to the ordinance, all existing buildings must comply with the new standards code by Sept. 1, 1979.

The council also discussed purchasing a "bubble" for Adamson Pool and the planned pool at Thomas Park. The plastic air-supported cover would cost approximately \$14,000 and allow the pools to be heated during cold weather. The council took no action on the proposal, which also would be financed by the revenue-sharing fund.

Oswald's widow says late husband 'sick', acted alone

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Calling her late husband a "sick" man, Marina Oswald Porter testified under oath Thursday she believes Lee Harvey Oswald shot and killed President John F. Kennedy and that he acted alone.

In her second day of dramatic testimony before the House Assassinations Committee, the Russian-born witness, who has remarried and currently lives in Texas, said Oswald was probably mentally ill at the time of Kennedy's murder.

But, she said, she did not recognize his illness for what it was.

On Wednesday, her first day before the panel, she resisted stating flatly that she believed Oswald had killed the president. She said, initially, she was not qualified to make such a judgment.

Her public answers Thursday were similar to testimony she gave in closed interrogations to the Warren Commission in 1964. Her testimony Thursday was more qualified, however.

By JAMIE AITKEN
Battalion City Editor

Jeanne Tower, the 22-year-old daughter of Sen. John Tower, dispensed with the established political handshake and traded it for Aggie football calendars to draw support for her father's re-election campaign.

The articulate blonde spent most of the morning Thursday at the Memorial Student Center distributing calendars and voter registration cards for her father, who is in Washington.

She claims to be a novice on the campaign trail, but spoke strongly on such legislative measures as the compromise natural gas bill (which her father opposes) and the military procurement bill (which her father supports).

"My father proves his commitment to our nation's national defense by supporting acts to appropriate money for the B-1 bomber and overrides Carter's veto of the military procurement bill, which included a desperately needed new air carrier for the Navy."

Tower, the youngest of the senator's three daughters, added, "many students are concerned about national defense as it relates to my father's campaign for re-election, especially since my father's opponent was absent in the House during the votes on the B-1 bomber, the military procurement bill and the military construction appropriation bill, the last of which affected millions of dollars worth of improvement for Texas bases."

The reference to Sen. Tower's opponent, Rep. Bob Krueger of New Braunfels, is indicative of a campaign that has grown hotter on the issue of attendance on Capitol Hill than any political issue.

Both candidates have reportedly spent millions of dollars on media campaigns, which often speak to the other's absenteeism in Congress over the last few years.

Nevertheless, Jeanne Tower says her father's is a straightforward campaign and

describes Krueger's media blitz as the tactic of a man running scared.

"My father is trying to run a high-level campaign and stick to the issue, which I think is important for any candidate. That's how you elect someone -- on the basis of their beliefs, not on a bunch of mudslinging."

"Krueger has spent a lot of time trying to get away from the issues and put Tower down. He's been down in the state a lot and he's missed a lot of votes. He's campaigning hard because I think he's scared."

"Tower," she continued, "is up in Washington doing his job five days a week, he's got two days down in the state to travel around, and he's working hard, sticking to the issues."

"He's not going to waste a lot of time trying to answer back to Krueger's childish remarks."

Tower elaborated on some of her father's stands, which include opposition to the recently enacted minimum wage increase.

"My father's against it because he feels it fuels inflation," she said. "He feels that the minimum wage increase will make it harder for an employer to hire more people, and especially the small businessman won't be able to hire as many people because he won't be able to pay the higher wages. So he'll maybe even have to lay off some people and not hire students."

One of Sen. Tower's latest drives for students has been in support of a tuition tax credit bill that would provide up to \$250 tax credit for those who pay tuition.

Tower, who is touring 31 campuses in the state in a "Young Texans for Tower" campaign, said she was not familiar with the specifics of the bill.

The measure has passed the Senate and awaits consideration by the House.

The Texas A&M stop was the fourth on her three-week campus drive. It winds up Sept. 11 at Baylor University.

Tower's daughter disregards Krueger's 'childish' remarks



Sen. John Tower received a helping hand Thursday from 22-year-old daughter Jeanne, who encouraged student support on the Texas A&M campus for her father's re-election campaign. The 1977 graduate of Southern Methodist University will cover 31 campuses in three weeks as part of a "Young Texans for Tower" campaign. Photo by Sally Bland