

### Workwife enjoy

Do husbands mind if their wives work? A new study by a Texas woman shows that they don't mind, if she contributes significantly to the family income. For more details, see page 8.

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### Unhappy doves

The mourning dove is the most popular game bird in the state, and 2 million are shot by hunters each year. A study will begin soon on campus to see if young doves can survive the season. See page 8.

## Vance believes peace accords will succeed

United Press International  
Secretary of State Cyrus Vance returned here today from his crucial Middle East mission. He was convinced the Camp David accords are a basis for "real peace" despite a cool reception to the agreements engineered by President Carter.

Vance's three-nation, five-day mission to sell the milestone accords to skeptical Arab leaders received a big boost Sunday when the Israeli Cabinet endorsed the twin accords.

The American secretary's mission ended in Syria with the diplomat gaining little success in softening Damascus' bitter opposition to the "framework of peace" that emerged last week from the 13-day Camp David summit.

The most Vance could say about his talks with Syrian President Hafez Assad before leaving Damascus was that they had been "helpful" and the two countries would keep talking.

Vance, who had to postpone his visit to Damascus by 24 hours to wait for the conclusion of the hard-line Arab conference here, earlier failed to get either a commitment from Jordan to enter the Camp David dialogue immediately or a promise of outright support from Saudi Arabia.

But U.S. officials said Vance remained convinced the accords, signed by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, were the best building blocks for peace in the volatile Middle East.

The two accords outline the framework for an Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty within three months, and then an overall settlement with Israel signing treaties with

Syria and Jordan.

Arab opposition, which Vance was sent to chart while explaining the accords, centered on the summit's lack of specific detail about Palestinian rights or Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab land, including east Jerusalem.

"Camp David gave Israel everything it wanted," Assad said in a Syrian communique. "It goes against basic Arab rights, especially the rights of the Palestinians to an independent nation, to sovereignty in their land."

An official statement in Riyadh said Saudi officials "reiterated the necessity of total withdrawal from Jerusalem and its return of Arab sovereignty."

Jordan's King Hussein said at a news conference in Amman that he turned down an invitation from President Carter to visit Washington next month. The king added, however, he "accepted in principle (Carter's) kind invitation" to visit at a later date.

In Beirut, Syrian forces mounted a massive shelling offensive against the strongholds of Israeli-armed Christian irregulars in the capital's bloodiest fighting in more than two weeks.

In Cairo, Egypt planned a diplomatic offensive with Arab, African and European ambassadors to mollify Arab opposition to the peace accords.

In Jerusalem, Begin said he would be willing to move Israeli settlers out of 20 Jewish towns and villages in the occupied Sinai if that is the last step toward peace with Egypt.



It doesn't look as though many of these Texas A&M University cadets are experiencing "the thrill of victory" in this sack race Saturday afternoon.

Arm wrestling, a jalepeno-eating contest and a tobacco-spitting contest were just a few of the other events featured at the Corps picnic.

Battalion photo by Page Beasley

## 'Corps Bash' may be a new tradition

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Texas A&M University cadets held a "Corps Bash" in a small grassy unnamed park in College Station Saturday between noon and 4 p.m.

The picnic featured beer, food and games, said Corps officer, Cadet Lt. Col. Steven Manley.

"We drank 37 kegs dry," he said, adding

that he had expected more beer than that would have been imbibed.

"Sparkey" Hardee, owner of the beer joint behind which the picnic was held, said more than beer was consumed.

In addition to the brew, 500 gallons of tea were drunk. Cadets ate 500 lbs. of potato salad, he added, and about one ton of beans.

Meanwhile, Manley said, the beer and bean-laden cadets played various games.

The ultimate "macho" contest was arm wrestling, which was won by Morgan Porter of Squadron 1. In addition to arm mus-

cle, cadets tested stomach strength and intestinal fortitude in the jalepeno contest. Manley said Steve Lerma from Squadron 6 gorged his way to the Corps championship finals and won the elimination by downing 12 of the peppers in 30 seconds.

The distance of 18 feet, 2 inches against the wind won the tobacco-spitting contest. There also were winners in the sack race and the beauty contest. Most of the contestants in the beauty contest were girlfriends, Manley said.

There was even an impromptu dance contest, he added.

Funds were raised with the help of various local merchants, Manley said. For instance, Hardee donated \$1 to the Corps for every plate of barbeque sold in his establishment.

Other local merchants donated money to total \$1,397, Manley said. The picnic cost \$1200 and the remainder was put in the Corps' general fund, he said.

The picnic may be a tradition in the making. Manley said many cadets said they enjoyed the bash.

"In fact, you might call it a tradition. I mean, it is now an annual event."

## Second try readied to cap burning well above reserve

United Press International  
HACKBERRY, La. — Oilwell firefighters were unsuccessful in using the simplest method of capping a burning well in a federal oil storage salt dome and Sunday were dousing the area to keep it cool for a second attempt. An attempt to beat back burning oil with heavier salt brine failed, and two Texas firefighters were trying again Sunday to plug gushing oil from a well above an underground salt dome storing 7 million barrels of federal oil.

The leaders of the firefighting unit, Asgar "Boots" Hansen and Eugene "Coots" Matthews, Sunday said pouring brine on top of the surging oil did not work.

The brine, which is heavier than oil, supposedly would have forced the oil back down, allowing workers to cap the well.

However, Hansen said the brine simply fell into the salt dome and oil continued to gush around it.

"It's like if you put a 30-foot pipe into the middle of the Superdome roof and started pouring water in it," Hansen said.

Workmen continued to douse the flames with chemical foam and water in an attempt to keep it cool while Hansen and Matthews prepared for a second capping attempt.

"They are going to try to knock a 5-inch pipe loose down in the hole and then go in and plug it," said Gene Campbell of the Federal Strategic Energy Storage Program.

Flames shooting 30 feet high creating smoke visible 150 miles away in Houston broke out Thursday after an explosion at the wellhead that leads underground to a

giant salt dome where federal authorities were storing crude oil.

Officials estimate more than 70,000 barrels of oil — about \$1 million worth — will have burned at the wellhead by the time the fire is extinguished. Flames were contained above ground at the wellhead and officials said the 7 million barrels stored in the salt dome were unaffected by the fire.

Campbell said the fire has diminished in intensity as the burning off of oil relieved pressure in the dome. The fire was considered safe and stable, he said.

Workers Sunday pumped oil from a nearby lake, created by earthen dams constructed to hold the spilled oil that gushed unburned from the well. Oil broke through one of the dikes Saturday night but it was unknown how much oil leaked into the marsh.

United Press International

WICHITA, Kan. — Police Chief Richard LaMunyon Sunday tentatively approved the rehiring of 107 officers previously fired for participating in a sympathy walkout in support of striking firemen two weeks ago.

About half of the police force, 164 officers, was fired during the dispute. Of those, 107 have applied to be reinstated to their former position, six others resigned and one remained unaccounted for.

Police officials said it was possible some of the 107 officers might return to work late Sunday night. LaMunyon said the other officers who had applied would be considered this week and could be rehired, depending on their involvement in the strike.

LaMunyon said none of the officers who

had reapplied had been rejected during a five-hour staff meeting Sunday. He said no disciplinary action would be taken against the officers, other than a loss of pay for days missed during the strike. A letter, indicating involvement in the strike, was also to be placed in the officers' files.

A potential controversy over a lack of positions in the department was avoided Sunday. During the strike some 26 persons were hired to replace the striking officers. LaMunyon said those new employees will remain with the department.

Joseph Vertuno of Melrose Park, Ill., a negotiator for the national Fraternal Order of Police, has promised legal action unless all officers seeking reinstatement are rehired.

LaMunyon said no action had been taken

Sunday against leaders in the week-long strike by police.

Firemen, who began walking off the job Sept. 11, have been given until 5 p.m. Monday to decide whether or not to subject themselves to punishment for their actions from the court, or discipline from the city. Firemen returned to work last Thursday. Both firefighters and police last week approved new contracts with the city.

## Wichita policemen rehired following sympathy walkout

## Regents meet today

The Texas A&M University System's Board of Regents was scheduled today to discuss the possibility of building two new dormitories on campus.

Dr. Jarvis E. Miller, president of Texas A&M, previously recommended the authorization of two separate studies on the feasibility of building the dorms.

Miller's recommendation calls for additional studies to be done for one 500-bed and one 1,000-bed dorm. Plans are well under way for the 500-bed modular construction dorm, which is projected to be complete by August 1979.

The regents are meeting in committee in the conference room of the Board of Regents' wing of the Memorial Student Center and the meeting is open to the public. They will meet as a group Tuesday at Prairie View A&M.

The regents also will consider proposed revisions to "Objectives, Rules, and Regulations for the Texas A&M University System."

Changes in rules and regulations concerning teaching workloads also will be covered, according to the meeting agenda.

## 'Aggielands' ready Tuesday

Distribution of 14,000 1977-78 Aggie-lands, Texas A&M University's yearbook, will begin Tuesday at 9 a.m.

Pat O'Malley, top staff member of the publication, says the books will be handed out at Building C, on Ireland Street next to the Reed-McDonald Building.

Only 5,000 Aggie-lands will have been shipped to the campus by Tuesday, with the rest scheduled to arrive throughout the week. O'Malley said there was no place to store all the books that were ordered.

Students must show their I.D. cards to pick up their annuals. O'Malley said everyone must pick up his own book, because the names and pictures on the cards will be checked against a master list.

Student publications employee Betty Popp says those who wish to have books for the current year mailed to them should include an extra \$2 with their payment.

## Art Market - new art from 'old' artists

Manor East Mall hosted the Annual Brazos Art League Art Market Saturday morning.

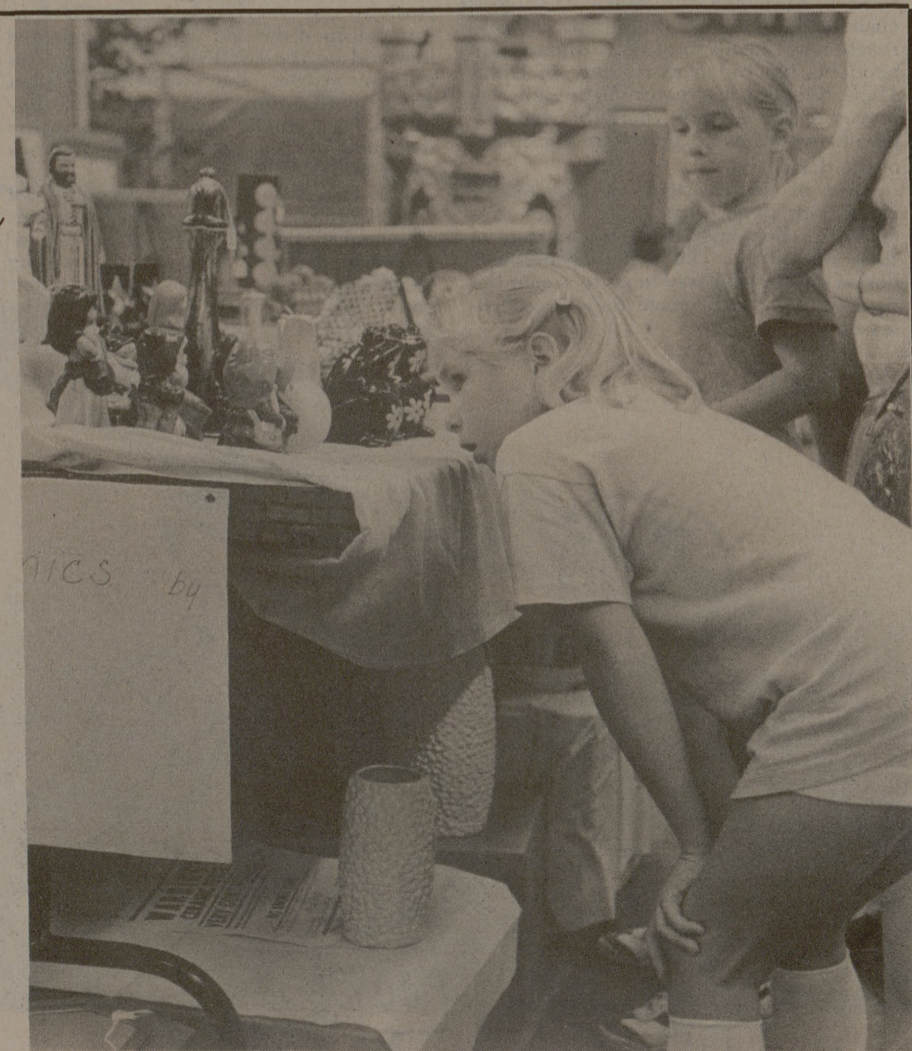
A carnival-like atmosphere prevailed throughout the mall as artists from all over Texas displayed their work to shoppers crowding the walkways.

The show was organized eight years ago to improve the community appreciation for art. Since then it has become an annual affair involving some 56 artists from Houston to the Panhandle.

According to Ruth Maynard, chairman of the market, the show is composed of artists who are retired and find this a rewarding second career. "The folks just pay their expenses with sales — they show just for the fun of it."

The art is as varied as the artists themselves — steel sculptures made by an ex-bronze rider, oil paintings by a retired navy captain from Houston, smiling ceramic mugs made by a housewife.

You could go to the Market to find bargains, to talk to the artists, or just to enjoy a leisurely afternoon looking at some of the most unusual art in Texas.



Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

This young girl seems totally fascinated as she eyes one of the seven dwarfs, part of a ceramics display. Looking on at right is the girl's sister. The youngsters were browsing with their mother through Manor East Mall Saturday morning at the Annual Brazos Art League Art Market.



Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

Metal sculptures are the specialty of 64-year-old Earl Cabaniss from Slater, Texas. Among his displays are a mule deer, a longhorn and cowboys fighting. The western sculptures were crafted from scrap iron with an arc welder. For each piece of work he sells, Cabaniss says he adds \$1 to the price for every time he burned himself.