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Environment — the newest arena for government-business-citizen conflict. How can you affect an impact study? Is DDT safe and do environmentalists really help? For answers see page 6.



County sheriffs say drug abuse in towns equals that in big cities

United Press International
Rural sheriffs say drug abuse by teenagers is just as prevalent in small towns and country farms and ranches as it is in the big cities.

Brazos Valley law enforcement officials said alcohol generally is the most abused drug, followed by marijuana and amphetamines. Hard drugs like heroin, however, have not filtered into rural areas in great quantities.

Washington County Sheriff Elwood Goldberg agreed the use of amphetamines by young people has increased. "I'd say there're more amphetamines evident, but it's kind of hard to tell exactly," he said.

Goldberg said alcohol is the most popular drug because it is accepted by many parents and that marijuana is "far behind." "You see the drinking at parties and gatherings," he said. "I've heard from school administrators that there are some small problems at school, but they usually handle those themselves."

Sadat vows to set peace without Arab 'murderers'

United Press International
CAIRO — President Anwar Sadat said today he is washing his hands of any negotiations with Israel on details of Palestinian and Syrian issues and will move forward with the forging of peace between the Jewish state and Egypt alone.

Judiciary Council.
"As for the details, they will have to go and negotiate them for themselves. I would have like to do it on their behalf, but their ingratitude and obscenities have gone beyond all limits."

"What is happening in Lebanon goes beyond any imagination. It's murder for murder's sake. It's bloodshed for bloodshed's sake. The fate of nations is being played with just as children play with toys on the streets."

More dangerous drugs are not as prevalent, Goldberg said. "I see very, very little evidence of hard drugs like heroin," he said. "There've been a couple of isolated cases, but it's mostly marijuana and amphetamines."

The sheriffs' analysis of rural drug use is borne out by a recently completed survey conducted by two sociologists at Texas A&M University. The survey showed alcohol was the most popular drug among junior high school students, with marijuana a close second.

The study also showed rural children begin experimenting with drugs such as chemical solvents and glue at an earlier age than urban children and that rural youngsters are more likely to sell drugs for a profit.



Battalion photo by Beth Calhoun

'Clowning around'

At the Texas Prison Rodeo in Huntsville there are two types of clowns, free-world and the convict type. Ralph Fisher has been in the clowning business outside prison walls for 15 years. He assists fellow rodeo performers by luring irate bulls away from men downed in the arena. For a better look at the Texas Prison Rodeo which is held every Sunday in October, see Thursday's Focus. Other features, music and book reviews and schedules of coming events will also be included in Focus.

Tax-cutting bills to be merged by congressional committee

United Press International
WASHINGTON — It will be up to a House-Senate conference committee to meld the Senate's \$29.3 billion tax-cut bill with the \$16.3 House version into a compromise President Carter can sign.

ter's views at the White House Thursday morning.
The Senate bill would cut income taxes across the board; provide a one-time \$100,000 tax break for some home sellers; reduce the corporate tax rate from 48 percent to 44 percent by 1981; increase from 50 percent to 70 percent the amount of capital gains excluded from regular federal taxes; provide college tuition tax credits up from \$100 to \$250 between 1978 and 1981, and eliminate state and local gas tax deductions.

in 1980, \$72 billion in 1981, \$93 billion in 1982 and \$125 billion in 1983.
A family of four earning \$17,000 would get a \$285 cut under the Senate bill, \$115 under the House plan. The same family earning \$10,000 would get a \$220 cut under the Senate bill, \$62 from the House bill.

Court to decide if veteran preference law denies job equality to women

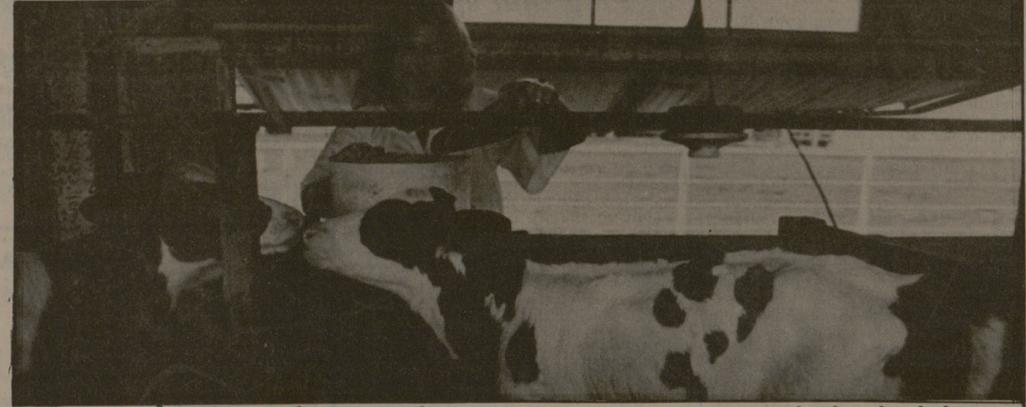
United Press International
WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court Tuesday agreed to hear arguments on the Massachusetts veterans' preference law, under attack on grounds it denies women an equal chance for state jobs.

which was struck down by a three-judge U.S. district court as being unconstitutionally discriminatory.
Most states provide some sort of preference for veterans in their civil service. But the Massachusetts law, unlike any of the others, puts veterans ahead of all other applicants for state jobs, provided they pass the civil service exam.

charged for food in company-operated cafeterias and vending machines should be subject to collective bargaining.
—Rejected challenges to the federal regulation requiring that ingredients be listed on the label of all packaged cosmetics.
—Agreed to hear arguments on a challenge by utility companies to a New Mexico tax on power generated in the state.

Independent calves agree: Cinnamon milk tastes better than mother's best

By LIZ BAILEY
Battalion Staff
Some calves at the Texas A&M University Dairy think cinnamon-flavored milk tastes pretty good.
Kathy Mussina, an animal science graduate student, is using dairy calves in a research project to determine whether animals can be weaned faster and with a lower mortality rate when started on solid food that has the same flavor as their milk.



Kathy Mussina, graduate student in animal science, being used in nutrition research. The calves look more interested in each other.

starter ration, the piglets should recognize the cinnamon flavor and adapt from their mother's milk to the new feed.
Numerous successful experiments done with rats have proved that taste preferences of young rats can be altered by feeding their nursing mother a specific flavor, Friend said.

merely mean the cattle don't like the taste of the chemical that gives SMI-24 its characteristic flavor and odor.
If at least one group that has eaten flavored food during the trial weighs considerably more than the others, Mussina said this will prove that taste preference of cattle can be manipulated.

On other actions today, the high court:
—Agreed to hear arguments on an Arizona law aimed at regulating labor relations between growers and farm workers. It was struck down by a lower court on grounds it restricted laborers' rights.
—Agreed to consider whether prices

Woman creates unique college from Houston 'class factory'

United Press International
HOUSTON — Donna Gerdin decided to start her own "college" last January. It was especially difficult because:
—She was a newcomer to the city;
—She had no campus;
—She had no faculty;
—She had no students.

ments, Gerdin attracted more students and more teachers so that this fall 500 students are taking 53 classes.
The classes listed in the fifth Class Factory catalog range from ikebana, a type of Japanese flower arranging, to automotive repair, taught by a professional mechanic.
The prices range from \$5 to \$45. The lengths and time of meetings vary, although Gerdin said the most common is two hours once a week for four weeks.
The Class Factory does not fit the standard concept of a college. Gerdin works out of a two-room office and her only full-time help is an answering service. There is no payroll, although she eventually expects to make a profit.