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## Teachers' walkout begins fourth week

United Press International  
OKLAHOMA CITY — Teachers enter their fourth week of their walkout today, fighting to fight a permanent injunction against the school board from recognizing the teachers' union.

The AFT, elected bargaining agent for teachers, says the instructors voted to strike and were not coerced or ordered to do so.

Teachers have been on strike since Aug. 22 for higher wages. They demand a 12 percent increase but the school board has offered 9 percent.

At the start of the walkout, about half the district's teachers refused to go to work. But school officials Friday said 70 percent of the 2,300 teachers were back on the job. The AFT contested the figures, saying its counts show half the teachers still are on strike.

Saturday, the strikers kicked off a petition drive calling for a grand jury investigation into an alleged violation of the state's open meeting law by the school board.

The teachers say they want an investigation into an Aug. 17 telephone call in which school board members were briefed on the status of contract negotiations.

The AFT has turned over transcripts of the conversation to District Attorney Andrew Coats and asked him to determine if the conversation was illegal.

Both Superintendent Thomas Payzant and School Board President Paul English say the conversation was not illegal because no votes were taken on any issues.

## Personal Counseling service helps students deal with stress

By JACKIE FAIR  
Battalion Reporter  
Only the second week of school. Effort to get ahead has only put you back, and flunking that lab quiz hasn't relieved your tension.

group discussions.

Relaxation training, assertiveness training, and career workshops offer a few variations in counseling methods. Sessions have even been developed for men and women returning to school.

"One-third of my counseling is marital or pre-marital," Hope said. "The problem with counseling married couples is that

they often wait too long to seek help. They accumulate so much pain that they are beyond saving the marriage."

The Personal Counseling Service is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the basement of the YMCA building, Room 017. Call 845-4427 to set up an initial appointment. All information is confidential.

### Watermelongate?

## Scandal sprouted

United Press International  
HOPE, Ark. — Some southwest Arkansas residents think Ivan Bright was cheated out of \$10,000 for his world record 200-pound watermelon — weighed in after the official deadline — and the matter is causing an uproar in the home of the Big Melon Festival.

But the controversial issue may yet develop into a reward for the watermelon

grower.

First of all, residents complain the late August deadline — set to coincide with Hope's Big Melon Festival — was far too early in the season for prize watermelons. The last prizewinner — a 195-pounder raised in 1935 — was not picked until Sept. 20.

Then, too, there is some question about the deadline. The Hope Advertising and Tourism Commission offered the \$10,000 reward and set the deadline for 5 p.m. on Aug. 25. But when Bright inquired that day about the reward, he said he was told the deadline had been midnight Aug. 24.

At the time, his watermelon was gaining about 2 pounds a day.

Alex Washburn, longtime editor and publisher of the Hope Star, wrote that the prize money was offered to "promote Hope's good name, not to defame it." He said the money "is going to be given or we'll knock the tax prop out from under the Hope Tourism Commission."

The editorial prompted a furious reply from the commission members, who said in a letter to the editor that Bright had been aware of the rules and accepted them.

Since then, residents have opened accounts at both Hope banks to solicit contributions to an award fund. And commission members plan a special meeting to discuss the controversy.

## Wealthy Texans showing off less, magazine says

United Press International  
NEW YORK — At least 125 individuals and families in Texas qualify as super-rich, but even braggart Texans are becoming more modest about their wealth, according to Town and Country magazine.

"Super wealth in the super-American state is finally reaching a kind of maturity," writes Dan Rottenberg in the September issue of the magazine. "Texans . . . still make most of their fortunes from oil and land, but nowadays the land is as likely to breed condominiums as cattle."

"And unlike their flamboyant forebears, today's Texas super-rich are positively modest about their financial condition."

"A casual observer, noting the decline of big oil strikes and big Rolls-Royces, might conclude that hard times have come to the Lone Star State, when, in fact, the soaring price of oil and land has created more Texas super-millionaires than ever before."

In what it called "an attempt . . . to separate the super-rich in Texas from the merely rich," the magazine published its estimate of the 125 Texas individuals or families it believes have a net worth of \$30 million each or more.

The magazine listed the Hunt family of Dallas, founded by the late H.L. Hunt, as the state's wealthiest family with an estimated worth between \$600 million and \$1 billion, mostly based on oil.

The second wealthiest was estimated to be the Murchison family of Dallas, founded by the late Clint Murchison Sr., with a \$400 million to \$600 million net worth.



### Helpless

Texas A&M quarterback Mike Mosley watches in disbelief as Aggie place kicker David Hardy's 51-yard field goal attempt sails wide left with four seconds left in the game. The Aggies dominated the game until Brigham

Young scored a touchdown and two point conversion with less than a minute left. Brigham Young won, 18-17. Related stories, pages 12 and 13.

Battalion photo by Pat O'Malley

## 'Miss Lillian' shocks crowd with Kennedy comment

United Press International  
DOVER, N.H. — The president's mother, Mrs. Lillian Carter, has left partisans in all three Democratic presidential camps in a state of shock with the statement she hopes "nothing happens" to Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

Miss Lillian, California Gov. Edmund Brown, Jr. and key draft-Kennedy leaders, traveling separately, formed a Democratic campaign caravan Sunday as they cut across New Hampshire from one political picnic to another.

A hush fell over more than 1,000 Democrats attending a chicken barbecue in Nashua when the 81-year-old "Miss Lillian" spoke of Kennedy's snowballing but as-yet undeclared candidacy.

Miss Lillian, sharing the podium with Brown and draft-Kennedy leader Dudley Dudley, told the gathering she does not expect Kennedy to run.

"If he does run, I wish him all the luck in the world," she said. "I hope to goodness nothing happens to him. I really do."

Her remark was first greeted with silence, then a smattering of boos from Kennedy partisans at the gathering which attracted about 200 reporters and photographers from across the nation.

"I don't know whether you are booing me or him," Miss Lillian said. "But don't you boo either one of us."

Later at a picnic on the other side of the state in Dover, Miss Lillian said she hoped she hadn't offended anyone with her remark about Kennedy.

"I didn't mean anything by it. I certainly did not mean it the way it sounded," she said.

But key Carter supporters in New Hampshire were troubled.

"She really screwed it up," one said. "She has got to get her act together."

The Kennedy camp also was taken aback.

"I couldn't believe she said that," one said. "It blew me right away."

Earlier in the day, Miss Lillian arrived at the Nashua picnic on the arm of Gov. Hugh Gallen, Carter's campaign chairman in New Hampshire. Surrounded by Secret

Service agents, she hinted her son might not be totally committed to running for re-election.

"If Jimmy runs, he will win," she said. Later, in Washington, Carter told reporters he is "not a candidate yet."

Miss Lillian's statement overshadowed the much-publicized arrival of Brown.

The California governor was making his first presidential campaign swing through New Hampshire, home of the nation's first Democratic presidential primary.

Brown drew hearty applause from followers at both picnics by voicing his strong opposition to nuclear power.

"I'm the only candidate to stand up to the nuclear power plants and say 'no,'" Brown told the 300 or so Democrats who showed for the Dover affair.

He said Americans are ready for a change and he would wage an all-out, coast-to-coast battle against Carter — and Kennedy if he decides to jump in the race.

During her talk, Miss Lillian described Brown as "a very courageous man" for daring to challenge her son.

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## Former Disney animator passing on his art to kids

United Press International  
DALLAS — Tex Henson has had long, meaningful relationships with the likes of Bullwinkle the Moose, Casper the Friendly Ghost, the rabbit in the Trix cereal commercials and a string of characters in Walt Disney's animated works.

Those friendships occurred during what Henson considers the golden age of animation — when he was among the best in his field and working for Disney, Paramount and other companies before coming home to Dallas.

Now Henson, 55, says he has "stepped away" from big-time studio animation — although freelance offers keep him busy — and is teaching his trade at Dallas' Arts Magnet High School.

"I think there's a lot of animation work starting to stir around this

area, and I mean good animation, not this stuff you see now on Saturday mornings," Henson said.

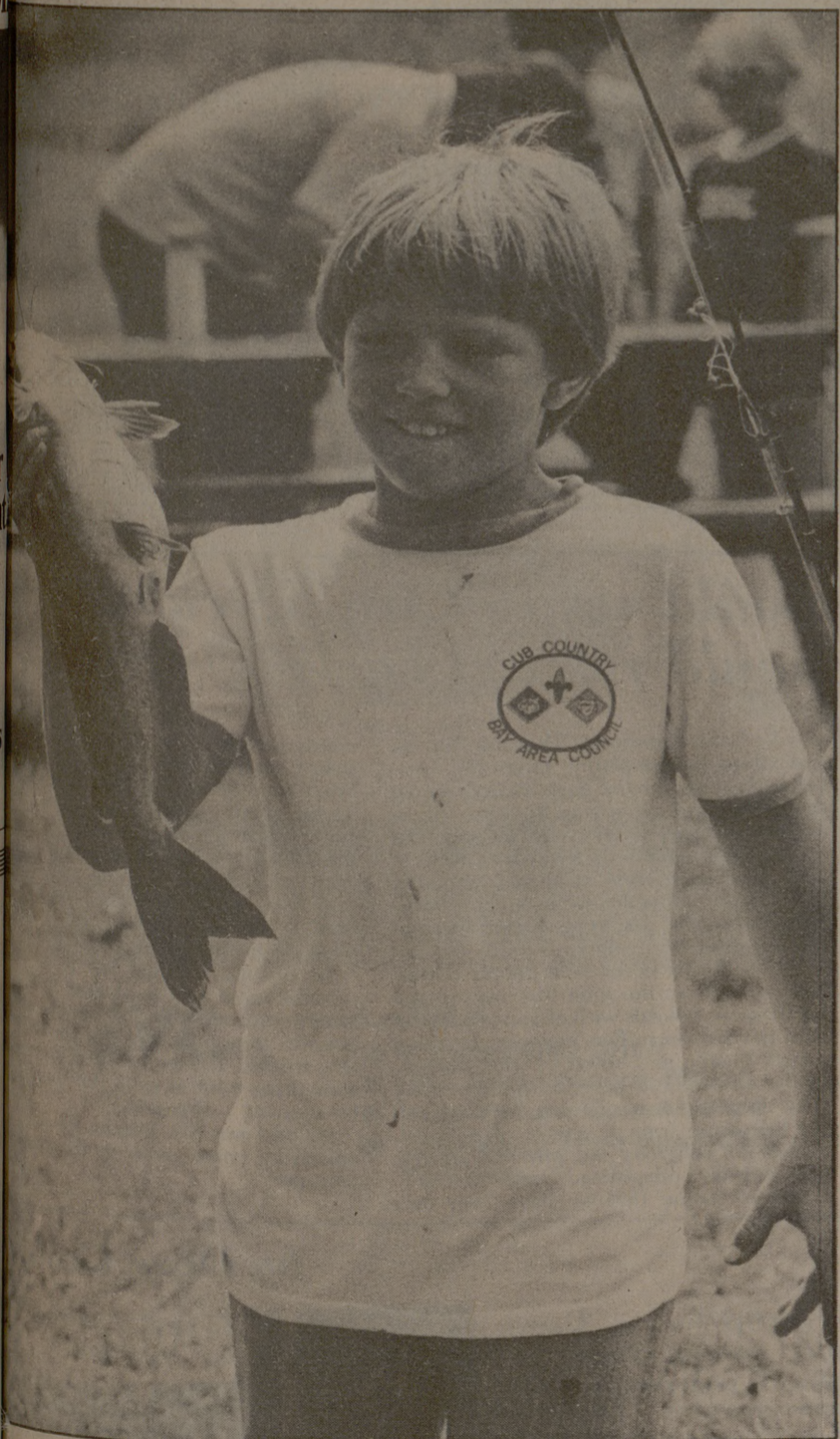
"I'm one of the old-timers in this business, one of the few left standing on my feet. And the thing is I can get the chance to be a part of this new work. I help them, show them things that can only be learned through years and years of experience."

Henson left Dallas at 19 to become an animator in Hollywood.

"I showed up on D-Day (June 6, 1944) and it became my own personal D-Day. Disney Day," he said.

In three years with Disney, Henson either helped create or worked on most of its innovative, animated films.

"I can look at a Donald Duck film now and tell you who is drawing Donald," Henson said.



### Happiness is...

Donny Dougan's 4-pound catfish may not be the first he's ever caught, but it's almost certainly the largest. Donny, 11, was one of at least 75 College Station kids to catch "keeper" catfish Saturday in a stocked pond the city's police department has opened to fishermen 12 and younger. This Thursday's Focus, The Battalion's weekly tabloid, will take a closer look at the College Station Police Department's plan to use the pond as wholesome recreation for kids.

Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.