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# What's up at Texas A&M

**Monday**

**ANNUAL ANTHROPOLOGY LECTURE SERIES:** Together with Dept. of Biology and the Graduate College Presents Topics in Pleistocene Extinctions "Human Predator/Prey Relationships" By Dr. D. Gentry Steele (Texas A&M Univ.) at 2 p.m. in 204C Sterling C. Evans Library.

**INTERNATIONAL MEDITATION SOCIETY:** TM checking at 6:30 p.m. in 321 of the library.

**UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL:** Old testament study at 8 p.m. at the University Lutheran Chapel, 315 N. College Main.

**SCIE ALLEMANDERS:** Square dancing from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in 212 MSC.

**COLLEGIATE 4-H CLUB:** Foods and nutrition program by Marilyn Haggard, an extension food and nutritionist specialist at 7:30 p.m. at 4102 Green Valley Dr. She will be doing food demonstrations. Audience will taste results.

**CARIBBEAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION:** Meeting at 7 p.m. in 137A MSC.

**OFF-CAMPUS AGGIES:** Discussion of semi-formal and end of the semester wrap-up at 6:30 p.m. in 701 Rudder.

**CATHOLIC STUDENTS ASSOCIATION:** Bible study at 7:30 p.m. in the student center and night prayer at 10 p.m. in the church.

**Tuesday**

**MSC POLITICAL FORUM:** Members to camp overnight, simulating Texas prison system Tuesday at 2 p.m. to Wednesday at 1 p.m. by Rudder Fountain.

**STUDENT "Y":** Thanksgiving service with Dean C. H. Ransdell and the Century Singers at 8 p.m. in the All-Faiths Chapel.

**MEGA PHI ALPHA NATIONAL SERVICE:** Weekly meeting at 6:30 p.m. in 302 Rudder. Pledge meeting following at 7:30 p.m.

**CONA:** General committee meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder.

**ORSEMENTS ASSOCIATION:** General business meeting at 7 p.m. in 115 Klegerg.

**PHALPHA:** Former Buddhist Chattru Tamang will be teaching at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder.

**SOCIETY OF AUTOMATIVE ENGINEERS:** Going to TIT's emissions dyno at 7 p.m. in 203 Zachry.

**SOCIETY OF MANUFACTURING ENGINEERS:** Pictures for Aggeland and discussion of Houston Tool Show and next semester's activities at 7:30 p.m. in 102 A&A.

## Squirrel causes blackout

**United Press International**

**DICKINSON** — More than 5,000 customers of the Texas-New Mexico Power Company lost power for several hours when a squirrel jumped on top of a power substation breaker in this small city 15 miles north of Galveston, officials said.

Power company spokesman David Ballew said a squirrel caused an outage early Sunday that left thousands without power, crippled traffic and forced two or three families to evacuate until the problem could be repaired.

He said the squirrel somehow shorted the system, causing all traffic lights to blink out and a small substation fire.

The squirrel apparently died immediately.

## Firm recommends easing noise restrictions

**United Press International**

**DALLAS** — A consulting firm's initial noise recommendations might have moved Southwest Airlines' headquarters from controversial Love Field, the city close-in airport, issued a final report softening the proposals.

The firm's proposals still contain a 95 decibel noise limitation for aircraft operations at the field in 1985, but the method used to measure the noise levels would be more stringent.

Howard, Needles, Tammen & Bergendoff, a firm hired by the city to study noise levels of aircraft operations at Love Field, previously rejected a citizens' plan for a night curfew on all flights at Love Field.

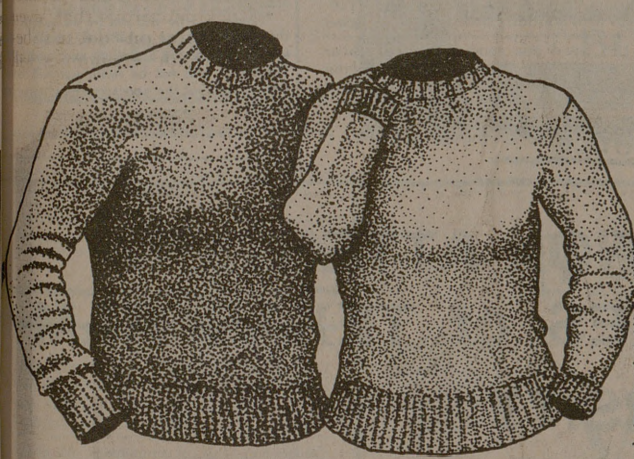
Any limitation on noise levels for aircraft operations would be a first in North Texas history.

The new recommendations suggest runway noise levels be measured only at their peak — not constantly and for the duration of the operations.

One of the firm's recommendations, submitted Friday, called for a noise monitoring system that Love Field airport director Danny Bruce said would cost \$250,000 to purchase and \$10,000 annually to maintain.

Half of the firm's 10 recommendations would require approval of the Federal Aviation Administration, Bruce said, before they could be implemented.

Bruce said the new report was a slight relaxation and said he believes Southwest would be able to continue to operate its maintenance facility, which usually lands planes at the field during night hours. But the recommendations may prevent some Southwest jets from taking off at night, he said.



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## Appeals expected on decision

# Blue laws deemed unconstitutional

**United Press International**

**DALLAS** — Texas blue laws prohibiting the sale of 42 designated items on consecutive Saturdays and Sundays have been declared unconstitutional by a district judge, but appeals of the ruling are expected to take years.

In issuing his ruling Friday, Judge Dee Brown Walker made it clear people would not be able to walk into stores Sunday and make purchases of prohibited items.

He said the Texas Supreme Court would ultimately have to decide the issue, and he directed that his ruling be appealed to the high court.

An attorney present at Friday's hearing said he believed it would be years before Texans see shopping malls and department stores open on Sundays.

Walker declared the blue laws unconstitutional as a result of a suit filed earlier this year by Herbert R. Gibson Jr. of the Gibson Discount Centers against a host of Dallas area drug and grocery stores.

Gibson filed the suit seeking injunctions against the stores because his stores were under court order to follow the blue laws.

"We felt that the law should be

enforced equally against everybody or thrown out," Gibson said Friday.

At Friday's hearing, attorneys for Revco, Eckerd Drugs and Skaggs Co. filed a motion for a summary judgment based on the unconstitutionality of the law. The stores had been issued injunctions to halt the sale of the prohibited items as a result of Gibson's suit.

The lawyers said that while the purpose of the law supposedly was to provide individuals with a day of rest, a study by Dr. Leland M. Wooton of Southern Methodist University showed only 3.9 percent of the Texas labor force would be involved in the sale of the prohibited items.

They also said the 42 items were arbitrary and capricious, noting one can buy disposable diapers, but not cloth diapers on consecutive days; plastic ashtrays, but not glass ashtrays; and a hammer, but not nails.

The decision marked the fourth time the state's blue law has been successfully challenged in the lower courts. On appeal to the Texas Supreme Court, however, the law consistently has been upheld.

## Space center attempts to fill possible shuttle void

**United Press International**

**HOUSTON** — A study suggesting Cape Canaveral take launch-to-landing control of operational space shuttle missions has Johnson Space Center officials looking for a new project, possibly a space station venture.

The study, conducted at the request of a top space agency official, concluded that Reagan administration budget cuts have made it imperative that one of the nation's four major NASA centers be closed.

Officials said there are no plans to close any of the major space centers, but NASA Deputy Administrator Hans Mark said the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral might assume launch-to-landing control of the space shuttle once it becomes operational.

"What do you do when the shuttle becomes operational?" Mack asked. "One thing we want to do is make it possible to operate out of other places. Kennedy, with the equipment it has — the firing room and all the computers — may be one of them."

Presently, the Kennedy Space Center controls shuttle launches and turns flight control over to JSC.

Mark said JSC has no missions planned when the shuttle becomes operational after its fourth orbital test mission. The third test flight is set for mid-March.

The study that prompted disclosure of the space station proposal was conducted by a former NASA planner, Gene McCoy, at Mark's request. It identified JSC, Kennedy, the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., and the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., as the agency's big spenders.

"I believe one of them has to be closed, and NASA has not publicly faced up to this yet," McCoy said.



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