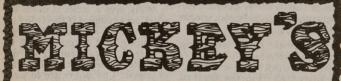
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Gas leak causes University power loss Wednesday

by Cyndy Davis

Battalion Staff
The Texas A&M Physical
Plant cut electrical power to
parts of the campus Wednesday

because of a gas line break, Director Joe J. Estill said. Half the campus was without electricity from 2:11 p.m. to

Lone Star Gas Co. experienced a gas leak in one of its main transmission lines at a construction site near the east Bypass when a large earth-moving machine broke the line, decreasing pressure, a company

power in the line to try to repair

representative said. The com-

pany had to further decrease

tricity to the campus. When the gas was turned off, the physical plant workers had to compen-

"The gas pressure dropped drastically," Estill said. "Our boilers and gas turbines require high pressure gas to operate, so we had to cut off some of the circuits so we wouldn't lose all

Power was shut off by the physical plant while they converted their equipment from gas power to oil power

Affected areas included the Memorial Student Center, Rudder Tower, G. Rollie White Coliseum and East Kyle. Also Lone Star provides gas for the generators that provide electric dweller Corps dorms and a majority of the classroom buildings on the central campus. affected were the Commons, the

Prison inmates testify that warden was violent

United Press International
GALVESTON — Although the state's top
prison official denies Warden Wallace Pack had a violent reputation, inmates testifying in the trial of a prisoner accused of killing Pack paint a much different picture.

One former inmate testified Thursday that Pack ordered the death of an inmate, ordered inmates to be injected with Thorazine as a disciplinary measure and once attacked him with

During the past week several other inmates called to testify in defense of inmate Eroy Brown, 31, of Waco also have portrayed Mack a man violent to inmates.

Defense attorneys are trying to prove Brown feared for his life and acted in selfdefense April 4, when he killed the 54-year-old Texas Department of Corrections Ellis Unit warden and Ellis Unit farm manager Billy Max

No trial has been set in the death of Moore. Prosecutors contend the prison officials were killed in a rage over a denied furlough.

TDC Prison Director W.J. Estelle testified Thursday he never received a complaint about

"He was not absolutely a go-by-the-book-man," Estelle said. "He had the reputation for being an enforcer of rules and regulations. He would fairly enforce the rules and was consis-

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tent, but had no reputation for violence Tommy Carlisle, 39, now a San Antonio, salesman, testified Thursday he knew h when the warden was a major at the Wi Unit in Huntsville. Carlisle said he served at the Wynne Unit between 1960 and 1974 burglary and murder.

Carlisle said Pack threatened "to blow brains out" if he told federal authorities had ordered him and other inmate-guard kill inmate Melvin Austin. Carlisle said Au died of a heart attack following a beatingb

inmate-guards.
Carlisle also said that when he was ap nurse Pack ordered him to inject Thorinto inmates "as a form of punishment.lto make an inmate immobile for two or

He said that in 1971 or 1972 he severed "heel strings" in desperation. He said whe was returned to the prison immediately surgery, he was put in solitary confinen-"I was handcuffed to the bar," Carlisle

"My hands were above my head, my toes barely touching the ground and I had clothes on. Major Pack took a pair of plies started to pull hair out from my under my pubic hairs. He tore the septum of my and crushed my penis."

Carlisle then showed handcuff scarso

wrists to jurors, who noticeably reacted.

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Parents call "Huck" racist

United Press International HOUSTON — A group of black parents has demanded a The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" from the reading list because it has a character named

"Nigger Jim."
The parents' Thursday night demanded that the book be removed from a Spring Indepen-

and made 11 additional demands. The Spring school board promised to investigate.

Jerry Smith, director of school system communications, said all demands except that concerning Mark Twain's famous book were presented for the first time Thursday night. Dora Durden, mother of a

student at Westfield School, said she believest trict is insensitive to then

"The word 'nigger' hundreds of times (book)," she said.

Smith said eight students asked not to have to rea

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Glories of lunar flag fading on office shelf

United Press International GARLAND — The only flag in Texas that has been to the moon is now a faded shelf item n a city office, and it will take \$1,500 to restore its glory.

The lunar souvenir was pre-

ented to the city of Garland, a Dallas suburb, by astronaut James Irwin during the bicen-tennial. The flag faded almost

4-inch-by-6- inch flag he keeps in his office restored, but ex-perts at the Kimball Art Museum in Fort Worth and other museums estimate restoration will cost about \$1,500.

"We're willing to spend some money to refurbish it, but not that much," City Manager Fred Greene said.

Irwin took two flags from each state with him on his 1971

land Bicentennial CommPrie arranged for the rem Texas flag to be donated Garland Mayor Charles 10 C

said he didn't know how

the city would be will spend on the flag. "Most of these hist things you can't put a print on them," he said, "but it

historical flag - the only Texas that has been to the

Victim's parents take spitwad battle to court

his left eye in a classroom spit- paper clip. wad fight and are suing the school district and his teacher now 13, with a scarred retina

youth claim he lost the sight in what may have been a spitwad or

and no forward or peripheral

The suit by Elmer and Dar-lene Diggs claims the teacher and school district were negli-another teacher in an adjoining

thing was done to stop the suit also charges. Plano School Attorney Akin Jr. said he does not the school district and

school two or three days

the youth was injured, but

can be held liable.

gent in failing to prevent the open classroom when the fight **Brazilian Carnival** COSTUME PARTY



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