

# state

## Study of pot plants in forests nears end

United Press International  
DALLAS — U.S. Forest Service officials are awaiting receipt of a national survey that may prevent the day they can't see the forests for the marijuana.

Results of the survey launched more than a year ago and prompted by increasing discoveries of marijuana being grown in 151 national forests are scheduled to be compiled Wednesday, said Ernie Anderson, director of law enforcement for the federal agency.

He said the information will be used to combat what officials believe has blossomed into a clandestine multi-million dollar business on the government's 191 million acres of forest.

The forest service is trying to analyze its policies pertaining to authorized occupancy of the national forests so that they can be shared with the Justice Department, Anderson said.

He said isolated sections of national forests offer ideal sites for marijuana cultivation and officials also are worried about the safety of tourists stumbling

across the illegal crops.

"When you get that much investment and that kind of value, you know people get shot at bank robberies every day for less than what one of those plants is worth," Anderson said. "The average value of the plants grown in certain areas of California at harvest is \$5,000."

Authorities report marijuana patches are discovered each spring in the 13 million acres of national forest land in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas and New Mexico.

Gordon Steele, land management chief for national forests in Texas, agreed with Anderson that few growers are apprehended.

Law enforcement agencies "don't have enough manpower to sit on a patch until someone shows up," Steele said.

Anderson said rangers discover a small percentage of the illegal crops. Only about \$50,000 in marijuana plants are discovered each year at Sabine, Davy Crockett, Sam Houston and Angelina national forests in,

east Texas.

Forest supervisor John Orr said one of the "biggest offender" areas in the Southwest is a 44,000-acre portion of the Ouachita National Forest in southeast Oklahoma.

In their report to the forest service, McCurtain County authorities estimated they have destroyed \$694,700 worth of marijuana plants since 1978.

Most of Ouachita National is located in adjacent Arkansas, but Orr said the southeast Oklahoma terrain drew growers because the area is flat and the land is better than that in the mountains of Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Jack Boren, special agent in charge of law enforcement for the Kisatchie National Forests in Louisiana describes its marijuana problems as "a local-production, local-consumption type of thing."

He said the remoteness of Louisiana's 597,672 acres of national forests made the secret harvest "almost like planting tomatoes."

## Six found dead Saturday in mountain airplane crash

United Press International  
SOCORRO, N.M. — Civil Air Patrol searchers confirmed none of the six people aboard survived the crash of a twin-engine airplane whose wreckage was found Saturday in the rug-

ged San Mateo Mountains southwest of Magdalena.

CAP representative Pat Norvell said those on the ill-fated plane were believed to be Mr. and Mrs. Jack L. Kerbs, of Draper, Utah; a couple named Anderson; and another unidentified couple. Official identifications were being withheld.

A state policeman who asked not to be identified said the wreckage was found near midday, about 1.5 miles north of Mount Whittington, on a 10,115 foot peak some 20 miles southwest of Magdalena.

CAP aircraft and ground crews began looking for the plane, a Beachcraft Baron, late Friday after being notified that it had disappeared from air con-

trollers' radar screens.

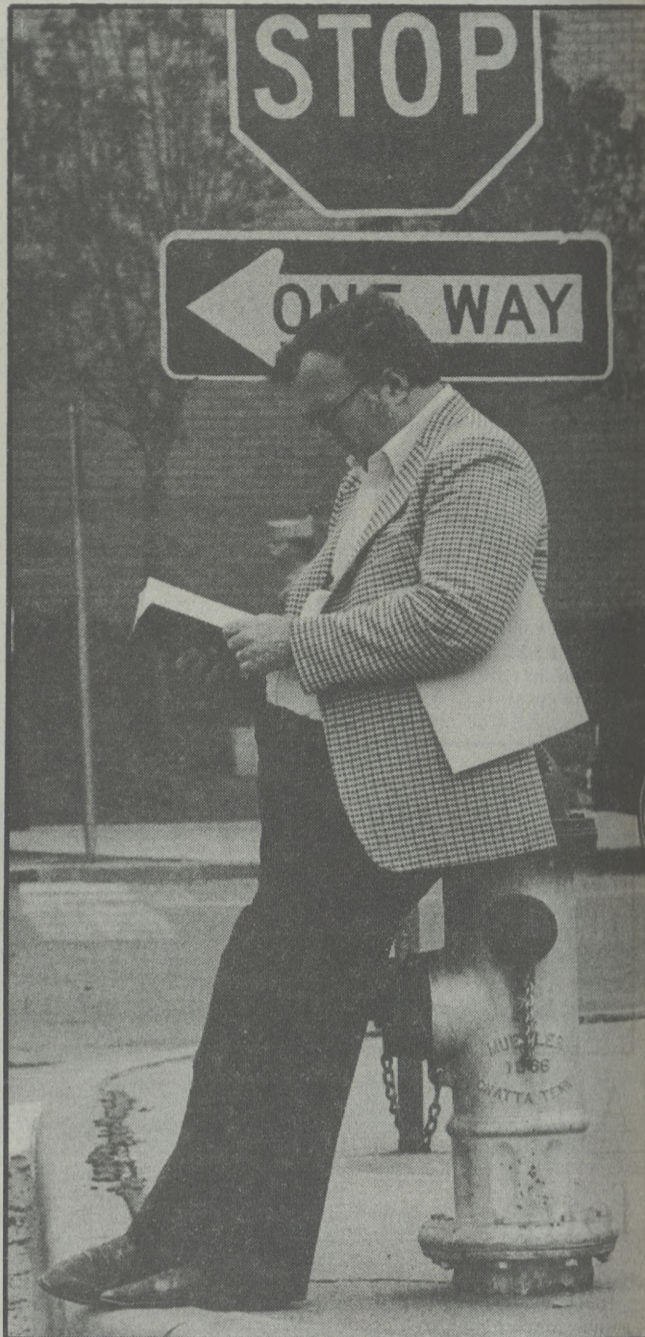
Officials at the Federal Aviation Administration Control Center in Fort Worth said it was on a flight from El Paso to Salt Lake City.

FAA officials said they did not have the names of those aboard the craft, but a family spokesman told UPI that Kerbs was flying a plane matching the description of the missing one, and had not arrived in Salt Lake City as planned.

The spokesman said Kerbs had been in Sonora, Mexico, on business, and planned to refuel in El Paso before flying nonstop to Salt Lake City.

Norvell said the plane disappeared from controllers' radar screens at the Albuquerque FAA Center about 4 p.m., CST, Friday.

State police said skies were overcast and scattered light snow showers had been reported in the Mount Whittington area about the time the plane disappeared.



staff photo by Sumanesh Agrawal

### Waiting

Professor Clifford Sherry, who teaches in the biology department, leans against the fire hydrant in front of the Plant Sciences Building reading a book about telephones. Sherry was waiting for his wife to come by and pick him up.

## Minister rejects television boycott

United Press International  
DALLAS — A Methodist minister said he rejects a television boycott being led by a Mississippi pastor, but admitted he believes the clergyman is on

the right track. "People today sense there is something wrong with TV, and they are frustrated because they seemingly can't do anything about it," Dr. William F. Fore wrote in the latest issue of Christian Century, a non-denominational news magazine.

However, Fore, assistant general secretary for communications of the national Council of Churches, said he rejects the boycott being organized by Rev. Donald Wildmon of Tupelo, Miss., leader of the Coalition for Better Television.

Fore said the average citizen's misgivings about television were focused on surface symptoms such as sex, nudity and violence, but the flow of demeaning and distorting messages coming from these programs were more destructive.

### OFFICIAL NOTICE General Studies Program

Students who plan to Pre-Register for the Fall semester in the General Studies Program are URGED to pick up a Pre-registration Form in Room 100 of Harrington Tower from Mar. 29 thru Apr. 16.

**COUPON**

The Best Pizza In Town! Honest.

INTRODUCES OUR  
**BUY ONE, GET ONE JUST LIKE IT AT 1/2 PRICE PIZZA SPECIAL!**

AT THE PIZZA MAT ONLY

Please Present Coupon **846-3412**

**COUPON**

**Tower**  
Dining Room

Serving Luncheon Buffet Sunday through Friday 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. \$4.50 plus tax

Top Floor of Tower Dining Room Sandwich & Soup Mon. through Fri. \$2.19 plus drink and tax

**Open to the Public**  
"Quality First"

Find out how you can improve your life at an

## OUTWARD BOUND PARTY

Hot dogs & Beer  
Arbor Square Party Room

Friday, April 2 6-8 p.m.  
Outward Bound Alumni please come!

This party is for anyone interested in a trip to the Colorado Rockies that can teach you leadership and mountaineering. A newly released film on Colorado Outward Bound courses will be there. You be there too! For more info call: Charlie Walter 5-1515 Morris Salge 779-9095.

**JEFF'S PERFORMANCE CENTER**

- ★ Tune-Ups
- ★ Starters
- ★ Clutches
- ★ General Auto Repairs
- ★ Performance & Efficiency Mods
- ★ Stock & Custom Engines
- ★ Corvette Repairs Of All Types
- ★ Hi-Performance Parts & Accessories
- ★ All Work Fully Guaranteed

**822-4934**  
1801 Cavitt — Bryan

**VALENTINE SPECIAL SAVE 50% ON ANY NEW PROGRAM WITH THIS COUPON**

**LOSE 1/2 Pound PER DAY GUARANTEED**

**LOSING WEIGHT WILL NEVER COST LESS!!**

IN BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION  
**CALL NOW 846-1727**  
4348 CARTER CREEK PARKWAY

- 1 NO TASTELESS, PRE-PACKAGED FOOD
- 2 LOSS IS TO 100 POUNDS
- 3 NUTRITIONALLY SOUND
- 4 NO HUNGER, STRENGUOUS EXERCISE OR SHOTS
- 5 EXCLUSIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM
- 6 PROGRAMS FOR MEN

**BRYAN WEIGHT LOSS CLINIC**  
CALL MON - FRI, 9 AM TO 9 PM & SAT, 9 AM TO 3 PM

One Phone Call Can Change Your Life!!

**PURYEAR PLAYBOYS**  
presents

April 2, 1982 National Guard Armory  
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.  
Beer, Band, Door Prizes  
\$4<sup>00</sup> donation  
Tickets available at Sbis & Puryear Hall