da GTE to begin forward 'Crime Watch' program in B-CS

by Cyndy Davis

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Battalion Staff
In addition to installing lephones and fixing en appear rue and downed telephone poles, 145 t can moverea General Telephone ection of Company employees will now an achieve on the lookout" for crime, a "world Bill Erwin, GTE division man-

ager, says.

GTE will launch a pilot
"Crime Watch" program in
the Bryan—College Station
area on Monday. If the progalways 1 Texas A& ous cloud we talk a m is successful here, it may elieve we be expanded to other areas viced by GTE and to other another, mility companies. Several oil panies have expressed inrest in the program, Janet erkins, public affairs reprentative of the company, s of toda

ng and a Employees will be watching suspicious activities in ghborhoods while work-, she said. Participants will no Roog n report any such activities

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A system will be implemented to insure first priority on emergency calls. Priority I calls include rapes which are in progress or have just occurred, robberies, burglaries in progress, colli-sions with injuries, shootings

The B-CS area was chosen for the pilot program because of its rising crime rate, she

Perkins stressed that GTE employees will act only in a reporting capacity and are encouraged not to get involved in the police department's

Knowing that telephone company employees are look-ing out for crime might deter prospective criminals, Perkins

In addition, employees calling in from the field will shorten the response time of the police department because of the phone handsets all GTE employees carry with them, The handsets can be plugged directly into any line, she said.

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Gas prices up nationwide; expected to rise even more

United Press International er, the AAA said prices have HOUSTON — The Amergone up more than 10 cents a ican Automobile Association reports that gasoline prices nationwide have increased an average of 8.1 cents a gallon since Memo-

rial Day, making it the biggest jump since President Reagan removed price controls.

gallon this month and could rise higher before the

Gasoline prices across the nation have gone to \$1.35 a gallon for regular, leaded gasoline and oved price controls. unleaded regular gasoline is selling for about \$1.42 a gallon. Self-service prices are about \$1.19 for regular, leaded and \$1.26 a gallon for unleaded gasoline.

About 75 percent of service stations in Texas will be closed for the July 4 holiday. Almost all stations located on major highways will be open.

What's Up

Thursday

TEXAS A&M ICE HOCKEY: An organizational meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on the sixth floor of Evans Library.

Friday

EPISCOPAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION: The group will meet for Holy Eucharist and breakfast at 6:30 a.m. in the Canterbury House, 902 Jersey St.

State high court to hear wrongful death case

United Press International AUSTIN — The Texas Supreme Court agreed Wednesday to determine if parents are enti-tled to collect monetary damages for the wrongful death of a minor child.

Eugene and Angelica Sanchez, parents of Johnny Sanchez, 14, filed the suit against Charles J. and Jean Schindler and their minor son, Charles J. Schindler II, contending the Schindler youth caused the death of Johnny Sanchez in a

ing a pickup and a motorcycle in Key Allegro in Aransas County.

The Sanchez family also contended in the suit that the Schindlers were negligent in entrusting their son with the pick-

A jury in the case ruled the Schindlers were negligent, and recommended the parents of the Sanchez boy be awarded \$50,000 for the youth's pain and suffering before his death, \$7,187 for his medical treat-

March 25, 1979, accident involv-ment, \$4,000 for funeral expenses and \$450 for damage to his motorcycle. In addition, the recommended awarding \$102,500 to the boy's mother for her mental suffering, but de-clined to recommend damages

to the parents concerning any

pecuniary loss they sustained as a result of his death.

The trial judge rejected the jury recommendations for damages for Mrs. Sanchez' mental

suffering, however. and Mrs. Sanchez feasor.

appealed that decision, saying in their appeal to the Supreme Court that the lower court decisions mean "that Texas law requires no recovery for the parents of a child who is negligently killed by an admitted tort-



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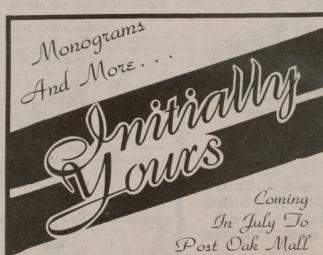
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