



Another ice cream picture

staff photo by David Fisher

In a scene that isn't exactly unusual these days, Martha Copp, left, shares some ice cream with her friend, Lynn Soukup. College Station in the summer isn't exactly Paris in the spring but it does have its compensations,

most of them courtesy of the Creamery. Copp is a junior majoring in sociology and Soukup is a senior in agriculture.

Jobless endure long lines

Texas unemployment up

United Press International DALLAS — The recession has hit Sunbelt Texas with a vengeance and employment officials caution that the jobless in Dallas, Houston and the "Golden Triangle" cities will just have to stand it. Stand in long lines, that is. The jobless are waiting much longer for welfare and job help than they did a few months back when the state's jobless rate barely nudged 5 percent. In June, the state's unemployment rate hit a record high — 7.7 percent. Meanwhile the state, responding to the federal cut-

backs, is trimming its job placement agency staffs. "The only thing I need now is a major hurricane to make it a total disaster," said Steve Childress, beleaguered regional official for the Department of Human Resources in Beaumont, part of the so-called "Golden Triangle" cluster of petrochemical plants in southeast Texas. "We've got standing room only in our offices," he said. "Our caseworkers are trying to interview eight or nine people a day, working through lunch and late at night. I don't know how long we can keep it up." Childress estimated that the

Golden Triangle has lost 5,000 petrochemical-related jobs in the past three weeks. "We're seeing people who have had jobs all their lives, the kind of people who aren't accustomed to walking into a welfare office," he said. "They've spent months looking for work, used up their savings and now they're hungry and hunting anyone who can help them." Welfare officials in Houston, Dallas and Austin report the same pattern. "In Houston, people are waiting in line three to nine hours to file claims, and I suspect some of them are waiting as much as a

day and a half," said Human Service Department spokesman Charles Terne. "Our offices are congested and that dilutes our effectiveness. All we can do is herd people through and process claims." The flood of jobless — 572,000 in June — has badly stretched the staffs designed to process them, he said. "It takes two or three weeks to get unemployment compensation," said John Cardwell, director of the Texas Association of Community Action Agencies. "And if you're in bad trouble, in three weeks you can get real hungry."

Accused smuggler pleads poverty

United Press International ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Government investigators Monday disputed claims of indigence by the man immigration officials said is the kingpin of the biggest alien smuggling ring in U.S. history. Salvador Pineda-Vergara, 53, of Ciudad Juarez, was among 38 people indicted in connection with the alien smuggling ring that investigators say may have channeled 100,000 illegals into the United States in

a 4½-year period. When Pineda was arrested in El Paso in early summer, authorities in Washington estimated he might have been making \$15 million a year in alien smuggling fees. The government has alleged that Pineda helped aliens into this country, funneling them through his Hotel Villasana at Ciudad Juarez, a sprawling Mexican border city across the Rio Grande from El Paso. Pineda has claimed he is indi-

gent and has asked for a court-appointed attorney to represent him. A hearing began Monday before U.S. Magistrate Robert W. McCoy to determine Pineda's financial status. Robert Q. Torres, an investigator for the Immigration and Naturalization Service in El Paso, said he saw "a lot of expensive jewelry, diamonds and rubies, very nice looking jewelry" when Pineda's residence was raided earlier this year. A second investigator, Napo-

leon Acosta of Chicago, said that at different times during his undercover work in the case he had sent Pineda money and had had conversations in which Pineda said he received \$100 for each alien smuggled into one of eleven states. Acosta said Pineda once cashed a \$300 check for him. Pineda is scheduled to stand before a U.S. district court later this year on a variety of alien smuggling charges.

Workers work too well; state must lay off 30

United Press International AUSTIN — Thirty employees of the State Board of Insurance have performed their jobs so well in the past year that the agency doesn't need them anymore. The 59 employees in the liquidation division did such a good job in cutting their case loads, the Insurance Board will lay off 30 of them on Sept. 17. A special board committee was scheduled to meet Friday to

decide which of the 54 full-time and five part-time workers to dismiss. When a consulting firm was hired to reorganize the liquidation division last year, the employees were handling about 50 cases dealing with insurance firms that had been placed in receivership. The caseload has now been cut to 25. The division also is being computerized and its budget is being cut in half, further necessitating the layoffs.

MSC Dinner Theater presents 'Odd Couple'

The MSC Summer Dinner Theater's production of Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple" will begin Wednesday night at 7 and continue through Saturday night. Plenty of tickets for all shows are still available. The Summer Dinner Theater, in its ninth season, is an MSC Council project coordinated by volunteer students. Earlier this summer, the group presented "A Shot in the Dark."

and was later made into a movie starring Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau. The three-act play tells a story of two divorced men who become roommates. One is meticulously neat, the other is a slob. Wednesday night's show is the non-dinner show. Tickets are \$2.75 for students and \$3.75 for others. Thursday's show features a dinner including stuffed chicken. Tickets are \$7.75 for students and \$8.75 for non-students.

Friday's show includes a barbeque dinner; tickets are \$5.95 and \$6.95. The final performance Saturday night includes a buffet dinner for \$8.95 (students) or \$9.95. Dinner is served at 6:30 for dinner shows and curtain time is 7:45 each night. Tickets for dinner shows must be purchased one day in advance. Each show also includes a pre-show magic act, performed by Shawn Patrick, an animal science major.

MSC art exhibit includes work by local, area artists

The works of 21 local and area artists and craftsmen are being exhibited in the Memorial Student Center Gallery through August 14 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. "Creative Encounters III" is an annual exhibition which began in 1980. The show, sponsored by the MSC Arts Committee, is a collective display of pottery, paintings, drawings, fiber weavings, wood-workings, stained glass

and jewelry. Raul Del Cueto, assistant gallery coordinator, said the main purpose of the exhibition is to introduce the artists to the community. The pieces to be exhibited are chosen by the staff of the MSC Craft Shop and will be for sale, he said. Del Cueto said he hopes the exhibit will encourage people to get involved with the craft shop.

He said the craft shop provides tools and offers classes to people who are interested in the art media. A reception open to the public will be held August 9 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the MSC Gallery. Persons interested in exhibiting their work in next year's show should contact the MSC Craft Shop at 845-1631.

DFW airport seeks renters for Braniff's huge complex

United Press International GRAPEVINE — Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Airport officials are taking up Braniff International's search for a tenant to rent the bankrupt carrier's sprawling world headquarters complex at the huge airport. But while Braniff has met little success in finding a single tenant for the 4-year-old, 427,058-square-foot complex, airport officials say they plan to

carve the property into separate segments and rent to several tenants. Airport facilities director Jim Alderson says the airport authority is taking the step as a last resort. "It would be easier for us to find one operator to take the whole complex," Alderson says. Like the expanded route structure blamed for bringing Braniff down, the complex —

which includes a nine-hole golf course, a swimming pool and tennis courts — proved too costly for Braniff to maintain. Braniff's bankruptcy allows the company to stop paying most of the center's \$500,000 monthly rent, and when an airport reserve fund runs out in late 1983, the airport would have no income to pay off bonds on the \$75 million complex, officials say.

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