



photo by Susan Dittman

Clayboy takes a tumble

Maama Marti, a sophomore environmental design major, concentrates on the details as she sculpts a cowboy falling off his horse. The MSC Craft Shop helps Marti, who is from New Orleans, to continue the hobby she began in high school.

Textbook hearings bring criticism from both sides

United Press International
AUSTIN — The annual textbook hearings have opened with criticism from nationally known critics who say the proposed books glorify communist nations, give too much space to feminism and fail to tout American accomplishments.

Norma and Mel Gabler have been a fixture at textbook hearings for years, which has gained them national notoriety and enough private support for a \$120,000 budget supporting a staff of eight.

This year's hearings also have drawn attendance by People of

the American Way, a national group formed in part by television writer-producer Norman Lear. A Texas chapter was formed in anticipation of the hearings in hopes of combatting the Gablers' influence on Texas officials.

Mrs. Gabler and assistants Jackie Cobb and Mrs. W. Kelley Haralson dominated the first day of hearings Monday with objections to proposed civics, homemaking, health and geography texts.

In hundreds of pages of testimony, they continually suggested a variety of textbooks be

revised to give more instruction on traditional family values, the dangerous aspects of drug use and advancement of free-enterprise economics.

They frequently criticized proposed books for failing to tout American accomplishments, "glorifying" communist countries and giving too much space to the feminist movement.

In response to a question from a committee member, Haralson denied the critics were out of touch with the feelings of most Texans.

"I think I'm not a fanatic or an extremist," Haralson said. "I

think most Texans would want that if something is presented in detail that it be patriotic in nature. We are concerned that our students have something that is uplifting."

Although they did not testify before the committee, members of People for the American Way made their opposition known through a formal news conference and several impromptu question-and-answer sessions.

Executive Director Anthony Podesta said Texas was chosen for intense scrutiny because of the Gablers' reputation and the state's influence on the purchasing practices of other states.

Unemployed Texas migrant workers deserve federal help, attorney says

United Press International
HEREFORD — Thousands of migrant and seasonal farm laborers unable to find work in west Texas weather-beaten cotton fields deserve federal disaster aid similar to that provided to area farmers, a legal aid attorney says.

William H. Beardall, a staff attorney for Texas Rural Legal Aid Inc., said Monday that thousands of migrant men, women and children were sleeping in cars, trucks and parks throughout the Panhandle because farms jobs were not available and they do not have enough money to return home.

He said a coalition of farm, labor and political groups would officially announce a call for aid Thursday in a news conference at a migrant labor camp in Dimmitt.

"Essentially, the problem is the devastating weather conditions," Beardall said. "The crops destroyed provided employment for an estimated 80,000 workers in the High Plains area. Most of them were affected in one way or another."

He said workers who usually hoe weeds in cotton fields and harvest onions during this time of year will find their \$5,000-a-

year wages cut in half or erased because so few farm jobs were available.

"We have seen a lot of trouble this summer with the migrants, who will feel the most tragic effects," Beardall said. "They spend all their money to travel to this part of the state to make enough for the leaner months in the fall and winter."

"They are broke and stranded," he said.

About 80 percent of the affected workers are from the Rio Grande Valley and southern New Mexico, 10 percent are seasonal laborers already residing in the High Plains area and 10 percent are undocumented

aliens from Mexico.

Beardall said he had located several potential sources of funds for the jobless workers but declined to specify the source of such funds.

He said migrant workers de-

served federal assistance similar to that provided last month to area producers, who lost an estimated 2.5 million acres of cotton, wheat, corn and other crops to a series of rain and hail storms.

Students file suit to halt Klan rally at high school

United Press International
LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A group of black students and civil rights leaders filed a lawsuit Tuesday to block the use of a public high school for a Ku Klux Klan rally next month.

The lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court said the use of Valley High School by the Klan on Oct. 4 would worsen racial tensions at the school, which has been a center of opposition to un-ordered busing.

The protest rally, featuring

national Klan leader Bill Wilkinson, has been arranged to mark the seventh anniversary of desegregation busing in Louisville Jefferson County.

The lawsuit asked the court to prohibit the use of the school by the Klan, saying it would violate the 13th and 14th amendment guarantees of equal protection of the law.

Jeffrey Segal, one of four Louisville attorneys who filed the lawsuit with the clerk of the court, said he expected a hear-

ing to be set in late August on the request for an injunction to block the Klan rally at the school.

The plaintiffs include three black students whose names were given only as "Tom, Sally and James Doe" to prevent possible reprisals for filing the suit.

Interviewing black students from the school was an "eye-opening" experience, declared Segal, who said the "school experience is a continuous battle" for black youngsters facing racial jokes and threats.

Uvalde deputy dies after severe beating

United Press International
UVALDE — A chief deputy of the Uvalde County Sheriff's Department died Tuesday of a beating he suffered along a roadside, authorities say.

Clyde Hobbs, 34, apparently was beaten by "a rock and probably a tire tool" late Monday while investigating a report of stolen merchandise being transported in a car 3 miles outside the city on Highway 83, Sheriff Kenneth Kelley said.

Hobbs had called the dispatcher after stopping the car to check on the background of one of the people in the car, the sheriff said.

He failed to respond to the dispatcher's answer and search-

chers found him minutes later unconscious beside his car.

Kelley said officers today were questioning a man found later driving the car involved in the incident, but it was not known if he was involved.

Officials suspect three or four people were in the car stopped by Hobbs.

The sheriff's office had received a report Monday night that items stolen from a house and a business in Uvalde were in the car.

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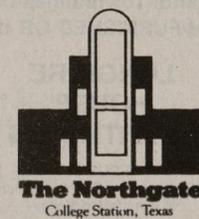
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