

photo courtesy East Texas Airdevils

Air show coming to town

The East Texas Airdevils (shown here at an air show in Nebraska) will be in Bryan Saturday and Sunday for an air show. A stunt flyer with the group will attempt to cut a ribbon 10 feet off the ground with the tail of his plane while flying upside down. The show will feature several war planes, military demonstrations and a glider show. Admission for the show is \$5 for adults and free for children under 10. Gates will open at 10 a.m. and the shows will start at 2 p.m.

Peso devaluation causes increase in alien influx

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With the value of the Mexican peso decreasing, the number of illegal aliens caught crossing into Texas border cities has significantly increased to as many as 180 per day in some areas, Border Patrol officials say.

The percentage increase in arrests for the El Paso and Brownsville Border Patrol areas — at opposite ends of the border — was about 25 percent since the devaluation. The highest was 80 percent in the middle, at Laredo.

"During the first three weeks of August, we have seen a rather significant increase in the number of illegal aliens we are

apprehending in the El Paso sector," said Alan Eliason, chief patrol agent for the El Paso sector. "As of the 22nd, we were up 26 percent over the same period last year."

The Mexican government, faced with higher debts and diminishing income, devalued the peso on Aug. 5 for the second time this year. In one day, the value of the Mexican currency tumbled from 49 pesos to \$1, to 74 and landed at 90 to \$1 by the third day.

At banks along the border on the Texas side, however, the rate varied from 110 to 130 pesos per U.S. dollar, making them worth less than a penny

each. Though devaluation is a significant factor in the increase in illegal aliens, U.S. Border Patrol officers say other factors have some impact.

"The harvest is in progress in the valleys around El Paso at this time of the year," Eliason said Monday. "Of course, the harvest was in progress last year at this time, too. We do have a few more officers actually working right now than last year, which makes us more effective."

"The bottom line, though, is there does seem to be more aliens coming, probably as a result of the economic conditions in Mexico."

Hansen's secretary promoted to assistant

Texas A&M Chancellor Arthur G. Hansen has announced the promotion of Shirley Lightfoot to the position of assistant to the chancellor.

Lightfoot had been serving as executive secretary to the chancellor.

"This new designation for Mrs. Lightfoot is made primarily in recognition of the varied responsibilities that she has been carrying out so effectively and new duties in the near future," Hansen said.

Lightfoot's association with the office of the chief executive officer for the Texas A&M University System dates back to 1966, when she was secretary to Robert G. Cherry,

then assistant to the president and secretary to the Board of Regents. Cherry is the new vice chancellor for public affairs and secretary to the board.

Lightfoot and her family moved from the community in 1972. Before returning from Wisconsin in 1979, she served as a director of the Wisconsin Home Builders Association.

Lightfoot returned to the campus as executive secretary in the office of the chancellor during the period when then Board of Regents Chairman Clyde H. Wells was carrying out the functions of the chancellor prior to the appointment of Dr. Frank W.R. Hubert.

New band leader appointed

Bill Jay Dean, former director of the award-winning Odessa High School Band, has been named associate director of the Texas Aggie Band and director of the University Symphonic Band effective Sept. 1.

Dean will replace Joe McMullen, who is retiring after holding the position for nine years.

"I've known Mr. Dean for about 20 years and he is one of the most successful high school band directors in Texas," said Lt. Col Joe T. Haney, director of the Aggie Band. "He is a dedicated music educator and was our first choice for the position."

Dean, a graduate of Baylor University, led the Odessa Band to 22 consecutive University Interscholastic League first-division marching honors; a first-division rating is the high-

est rating awarded in UIL band competition.

His band also won the UIL sweepstakes award 20 years while Dean was director. To win a sweepstakes award, a band

must receive first division ratings in marching, sightreading — performing music which the band has never seen before — and concert contests for that year.



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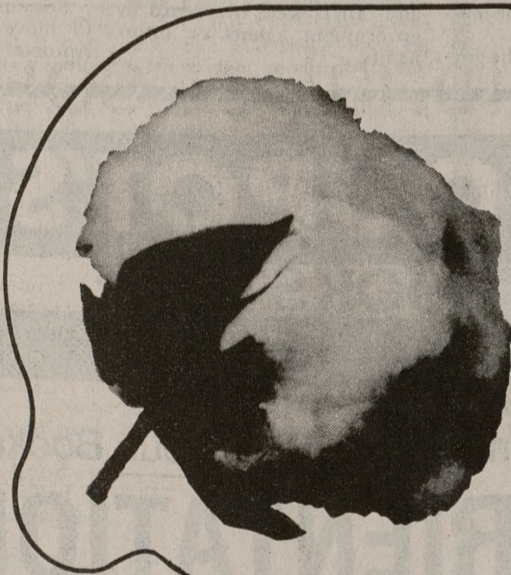


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