

Dallas agency established to distribute waste food

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DALLAS — In 1981, \$31 billion worth of edible food was wasted in the United States, according to statistics from the U.S. Agriculture Department.

Texas contributed to the waste, discarding 12 million tons of food worth \$2.7 billion.

But this year some of that food will be given to the hungry people of north Texas, Dub Nelson, general manager of the North Texas Food Bank, said.

The bank coordinates con-

tributions from grocery stores, manufacturers and restaurant owners, and distributes the food and staples to tax-exempt organizations, which in turn give it to the needy.

In addition to food donated directly by manufacturers, the center receives leftover items from grocery stores — food which must be removed from shelves by a specific date but is in no way tainted.

"We accept food from all sources, as long as it is nutritional, wholesome and edi-

ble," he said.

Conceived about 18 months ago, the North Texas Food Bank began distributing food Sept. 14. In the first two days, approximately 20,000 pounds of food was distributed to 16 agencies. Nelson hopes to move 750,000 pounds of food through the center in the next year.

"The food bank idea is not unique," he said. "What has made our operation unique is the level of backing from the private sector. We were not funded by a federal grant

to the extent some banks start off with."

Donated food is housed in a 20,000-square-foot warehouse in south Dallas County. Dallas area grocery stores and related businesses have supplied the warehouse with furniture, two walk-in freezers, trucks and other equipment, and sometimes personnel to assist with stocking and deliveries.

"Any tax exempt organization is eligible to receive food," Nelson said.

Store manager stops two armed assailants

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SAN ANTONIO — Edward Alamillo, manager of a 7-Eleven, was handing over money from the store and just had time to dodge a pipe swung by one of two men intent on robbing him.

Unfortunately — for the two would-be robbers — he didn't have time to call police.

Alamillo fought off the two men by flipping one to the floor and hitting the other on the head with a metal display rack to abort the attempted robbery about 2:30 a.m. Monday, police said.

Alamillo, 27, was working his second day as store manager when the two men entered the store and demanded money

while a boy kept a lookout at the door.

An off-duty security guard drove up just as the dazed man stumbled into the parking lot. The guard joined Alamillo in pursuit of the three and they caught one man. Police arrested two other suspects a short time later.

Murder of UT official 'involved homosexuality'

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AUSTIN — A prosecutor says he plea bargained a capital murder case partly because the family and friends of the victim — a University of Texas administrator — wanted to avoid testimony about homosexuality in the case.

The case ended Monday when Bryan Charles Pittman, 24, an ex-convict, was sentenced to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to voluntary manslaughter in the June 1981 death of Hyder Joseph Brown, 55.

Brown was director of professional affairs at the University of Texas School of Architecture and a prominent figure in Austin.

was being held on a theft charge. Beckcom said Filon would be prosecuted on a charge of burglarizing Brown's house.

Assistant District Attorney Curt Beckcom said he agreed to the plea bargain because Brown's family, friends and several witnesses did not want a full trial "because of the (homosexual) issues that would have been brought out."

"Everyone knows the issue of homosexuality was involved," said Beckcom.

Since Brown was well known in Austin, the homosexual overtones surrounding the slaying would have led to an "explosive" and "controversial" trial, he said.

Prior to sentencing, Pittman told District Judge Jon Wisser that he met Brown at an Austin gay bar on June 13, 1981, and later accompanied Brown to the architect's home.

He said they scuffled after Brown made sexual advances to him. An autopsy report said Brown had been beaten, bound at the wrists and ankles and strangled with a rope or cord.

James Jay Filon, 23, was also charged with capital murder in Brown's death, but Beckcom said the charges would be dropped since Filon was not present when Brown was slain.

Filon was extradited last week from Tucson, Ariz., where he

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