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## Poison, pins are ruining Halloween

United Press International  
Halloween will be scarier than ever  
year because of the Tylenol kill-  
ings in Chicago and the hordes of  
poisonings. Communities  
organized alternative fun for disap-  
pointed trick-or-treaters while New  
York enacted a law to clamp down  
on people who pass out tainted  
candy.

The Supreme Court is expected  
today to consider the state's request to  
execute Ronald Clark O'Bryan, 38, of  
Deer Park by poisonous injection on  
Halloween. He was convicted of giv-  
ing his 8-year-old son poisoned Hal-  
loween candy allegedly so he could col-  
lect insurance money. A judge pur-  
posely set the execution date for Hal-  
loween, the eighth anniversary of the  
boy's death.

"I think what they're doing is kill-  
ing the holiday," said Bill Smith,  
police chief in Atmore, Ala., where a  
69-year-old woman suffered burns to  
her mouth, throat and stomach after  
eating a candy bar.

"Halloween is a horror and it  
shouldn't be a horror," said Beatrice  
Kern of Bethpage, N.Y., who found  
pins in Baby Ruth bars.

Elmer McClung of Pittsburgh's  
Kingsley Association, a community  
group that sets up candy inspection  
centers.

with cyanide. The killings set off a  
wave of copycat poisonings, especially  
among groceries' Halloween candy  
supplies. Bags of candy have been  
taken off the shelves in several cities  
where signs of tampering have been  
found.

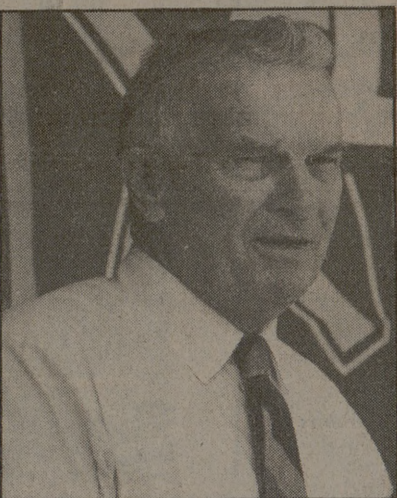
## A&M may host Nobel physicist

from staff and wire reports  
Sheldon Glashow, a Nobel Prize-  
winning physicist, may spend a year  
sabbatical from Harvard Univer-  
sity.

and with the repeated references to  
"Jackie Sherrill packages."

## Big money is being spent to solve campaign worries

by Gary Barker  
Battalion Staff  
Mark White: "Bill Clements has  
run the state's business for the good  
of big business, big utility companies  
and big oil companies."



"He wouldn't be emphasizing  
some Mr. Nice Guy kinds of adver-  
tisements and this 'I'm just plain  
Bill, I'm not a politician' unless he  
had poll data indicating that he's got  
a personality problem with a lot of  
voters," Robeck said.

## One year's come and gone SMU fans look back, commemorate with foam sabers

by Carol Smith  
Battalion Staff  
The only sabers that will be bran-  
dished when the Texas Aggie football  
team meets the Southern Methodist  
University football team this weekend  
will be foam rubber sabers — "Saggy  
Aggie Sabers" to be exact.

This year the cheerleaders can  
spell S-M-U, Southern Methodist  
University or the entire SMU fight  
song at Texas Stadium in Dallas with  
nothing to fear — except the foam  
sabers held by their own fans.

Joe Dooley, SMU student body  
president, said the sabers are meant  
to be fun and humorous. The sabers  
aren't meant to revive the hostility of  
the incident, but only to take the sting  
out of it, Wheeler added.

memorative edition complete with  
the munitions box" that was given to  
school officials, a "game edition" for  
\$3 and the "impressive droop" avail-  
able through the mail for \$5.

sabers. WFAA-TV in Dallas had a  
story about the sabers on its Tuesday  
night telecast.

game). I think it's all in the college  
spirit of fun, but there may still be  
some hostility."

## inside Houston 'throw down' suit remanded

forecast  
Today's Forecast: High around  
75, low around 45. Partly cloudy  
today with a chance of rain.

United Press International  
NEW ORLEANS — A federal  
appeals court has ordered a new trial  
to reassess damages awarded to the  
family of a 17-year-old killed in 1977  
by Houston police who then planted a  
gun in his hand.

armed on the ground.  
Police then planted a gun in the  
victim's hand and tried to cover up  
the entire incident by disregarding  
witnesses' accounts and resisting  
efforts by Webster's father to deter-  
mine the truth.

police department's policy of planting  
the gun and covering up the incident.  
But the three-judge appeals court  
panel said U.S. District Judge George  
Cire of Houston wrongly allowed the  
family to recover punitive damages in  
a suit brought against a city and did  
not compensate the family in actual  
damages for the violation of Web-  
ster's civil rights.

placing a 'throw down' gun at the vic-  
tim's side," wrote Circuit Judge John  
Brown.

had violated Webster's constitutional  
rights.  
"Randy Webster had violated the  
law, for which he could legitimately  
be punished," Judge Brown wrote.