

# Tent City rejects free rent

**United Press International**  
HOUSTON — A woman who offered free rent on part of her property to 200 unemployed people living in tents at a highway rest stop got a quick rejection and some neighborly knocks for her attempt at charity.

Tent City dwellers who for the last five months have lived on the banks of the San Jacinto River 30 miles east of Houston.

The community started as a temporary shelter for transient job-seekers, but has evolved into a place for freeloaders.

"I really thought it was an opportunity for them to prove to the community they were not

what people say they are. But it appears they are what people say they are," said Adcox, 44, an Exxon Co. USA employee in Baytown.

Tent dweller Darlene Collins, whose husband is a spokesman for the group, said the group had refused the offer of 15 acres to grow vegetables, raise chickens and keep a milk cow because there was no assurance they wouldn't be evicted after moving.

Adcox drew up a contract for use of her land and had writer and Tent City dweller Tom Stevens present it to residents Monday. It contained the same camp rules which the squatters abide by now, but gave her the right to evict them at any time.

"Tom said 30 people had signed the agreement when this other fellow came into the camp and began to tell them not to go with the contract as it reads," Adcox said.

"They wanted a year's lease even though they weren't going to have to pay anything. I'm not asking for any money. I just demanded they keep the premises in order and continue to look for jobs," she said.

She said there was no way she would sign away her right to evict them if their settlement got unsanitary or rowdy.

Adcox persisted with the offer despite complaints from neighbors and from renters who live in a house on her property.

Across Scralia Road from Adcox, Ruth Owen was angry. "It would just ruin our property," Owen said. "My husband has worked long and hard all these years. We've paid off our house and this land. We don't want everything ripped off."

Hilda Eilers, 71, whose 80 acres border Adcox's land on the north, said the news shocked her.

"I don't like it because this is

such a quiet neighborhood," Mrs. Eilers said.


The neighbors found out about the offer Sunday when renters Elton Miller, 27, and his wife Yvette, 21, were told the tent people might move onto land several acres behind their house.

"It's like a bad dream," Mrs. Miller said. "How could they move these people in my back yard? These people have been helped so much they won't do anything for themselves now. All they want is a handout."

The offer was rejected even as state legislators in Austin prepared a bill that would remove the homeless people from a roadside park they have occupied for five months.

Some people have said Tent City has turned into an unsanitary eyesore despite organization of residents and imposition of strict living standards.


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## Shell credit up by two million

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HOUSTON — Shell Oil Co. said its recent campaign to increase the number of Shell credit card holders has resulted in 2 million new accounts, twice as many as expected.

"Consumers like the safety and convenience of credit cards," W.J. Bittles Jr., Shell's vice president for retail sales, said Tuesday. "Prices for credit sales at Shell stations have generally been the same as competitive discount-for-cash prices."

Bittles said consumer response was so great at one point the company had to hire 400 temporary employees in the 580-person Tulsa, Okla., credit card center. Shell now has approximately 8 million credit accounts.

He said 4.6 million inquiries were received and 2 million new accounts were created as a result of the campaign.

Shell said it was the first to introduce a program to encourage holders of other oil company's credit cards to use them at Shell stations.

At the same time, Shell invited holders of other credit cards to apply for Shell credit.

The credit card campaign began Sept. 15 and ended Dec. 31 in selected areas east of the Rocky Mountains. It will end Feb. 28 in selected areas west of the Rockies.

"We expect that most Shell stations will continue to offer the same price for cash and credit card purchases, even though we are no longer accepting other oil company credit cards east of the Rockies," Bittles said.

Shell now plans to hold its first large-scale product advertising campaign since 1972-73. It will feature television ads with customer testimonials of satisfaction with Shell products.



## Suspect wanted for questioning

The Texas A&M Police Department released this composite drawing of a suspect in the Jan. 20 stabbing of a Texas A&M student. The incident, which occurred on Mosher Lane behind the Commons, was reported to police at 12:20 a.m.

The suspect is described by police as a black male, 23 to 25 years old, 6 feet tall, medium

build and a light complexion. Police said he was wearing a light green fatigue jacket, a torn black wool sweater, a blue T-shirt, faded jeans with numerous holes in the top Converse basketball shoes.

Anyone with information on the suspect should contact university police at 845-2100.

## Home withdrawal plea bargain

**United Press International**  
GALVESTON — A nursing home once accused of withdrawing patients by neglect withdrew their plea bargain Wednesday, and the new Galveston County prosecutor said he plans to take the case back to a grand jury.

Autumn Hills Convalescent Centers Inc. withdrew from the plea bargain approved by visiting state District Judge Larry Gist after District Attorney Mike Guarino questioned the legality of the deal worked out by his predecessor James Hury.

At a hearing today, Guarino asked Gist to cancel the deferred adjudication granted Autumn Hills as part of the Dec. 27 plea bargain and go ahead and find the firm guilty in the 1978 death of a patient at its Texas City home.

Guarino indicated before the hearing that Texas law appeared to prohibit probation for corporations, and that the deferred adjudication — in which Gist told Autumn Hills he would give them a clean slate if they had no violations for 10 years — appeared to be a form of probation.

However, Gist did not have to act on Guarino's request. Autumn Hills lawyer Roy Minton of Austin asked the judge to let Autumn Hills withdraw its non-contest plea to involuntary manslaughter and to get back the

\$100,000 penalty it paid of the plea bargain.

Minton called to the stand corporation, Robert Gay, who testified because he did not want the company was guilty wrongdoing.

Guarino did not oppose Minton's request and Gist placed in effect cancelling the plea bargain worked out by Minton over a period of months.

Guarino indicated how u hearing that he planned to evaluate evidence gathered in 1977-1979 period at night in Hills' Texas City home. The decision would be made by the grand jury in Galveston County.

An earlier grand jury returned murder charges against Autumn Hills employees in the death of a patient during the period. Gist dismissed the indictments on a technicality because the case was still pending the plea bargain was out.

Attorney General Nader has indicated his office is looking into the Autumn Hills case, which the 1981 grand jury described as a "horrible

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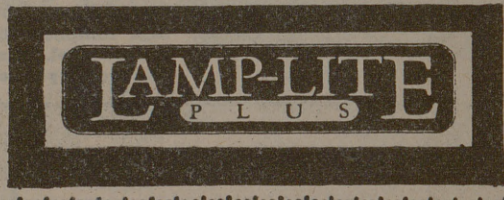


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## LULAC protests courts in Dallas

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DALLAS — The League of United Latin American Citizens asked two state legislative committees to investigate sentencing in Dallas County criminal cases. The league's protest this

week was in response to an article in the Dallas Herald, which reported that animals who attack and receive harsher punishment than those who attack blacks and Hispanics.

Those who attacked animals generally were treated least severely by the criminal justice system, the league said.

Attorney Ruben Bonilla wrote letters of protest to state Rep. Frank Tejeda and state Sen. Oscar Mauzy. Tejeda is chairman of the House Judicial Affairs committee.

"LULAC finds it repugnant and fundamental notions of justice that Hispanics be treated with impunity when they turn to the judicial system for relief," Bonilla said.

Bonilla also wrote Dallas County District Attorney Henry Wade calling the term "wetback" in the newspaper a professional, insulting meaning to our citizens.



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