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## There she is...

New Miss Texas A&M Theresa Jones has her crown secured to her head by former Miss Texas Sherri Ryman, left, and former Miss Texas A&M Gina Geiger. Jones competed with 19 other contestants in the annual scholarship pageant sponsored by the MSC Hospitality committee.

## Final M-A-S-H episode to air; record audience anticipated

**United Press International**  
Not since the shooting of J.R. Ewing caught the world's attention has the television screen commanded a bigger bandwagon than the one that will roll tonight when "M-A-S-H" ends its 11-year Korean War and goes home for keeps.

With the final CBS episode, to be aired from 8:30-11 p.m., EST, a new species of party called the "M-A-S-H-bash" will be born from coast to coast. Even charity was climbing aboard.

In San Diego, a KSDO radio bash promised 60 percent of its proceeds

to the March of Dimes and in Little Rock, Ark., CBS affiliate KTHV-TV urged viewers to join its "M-A-S-H-bash" at \$12.50 per celebrant on behalf of the Arkansas Children's Hospital.

Not that profit for profit's sake was being ignored.

CBS, anticipating an audience more closely resembling a horde, was charging sponsors \$300,000 per 30-second spot for the wrap-up, and in Nashville, MCA records prepared a rush-release for a Sam Neely single titled "The Party's Over (Everybody's

Gone)" in honor of the departing Nielsen champion.

Most of the bashes springing up around the country, however, were for pure fun and nostalgia.

In Fairfield, Ohio, a Cincinnati suburb, the City Council voted 5-2 to postpone its regular Monday meeting so Mayor Donald Leroy and council members could stay home and watch competing channels prepared to do little more for the 2½-hour finale than throw in the towel.

Towns connected in any way with the stars of the show were first among

equals where "M-A-S-H-bashes" were concerned.

Monday will be "Loretta Swit Day" in Passaic, N.J., — hometown of the lady who created Maj. Margaret "Hot Lips" Houlihan.

At Fordham University, Alan Alda's old dorm room will be turned into a facsimile of "the swamp" — the tent in which he lived for 11 years on the show as Hawkeye Pierce — and in Toledo, Ohio, Jamie Farr's home town, partygoers at Tony Packo's cafe will have their pictures taken with a life-sized statue of Farr.

## Playwright choked to death; formal ruling still incomplete

**United Press International**  
NEW YORK — Pulitzer-prize winning playwright Tennessee Williams choked to death on a plastic medicine bottle cap, an autopsy disclosed Saturday.

Chief Medical Examiner Elliot Gross said the cap was the sort used on a nasal spray or eye drop dispenser. He said a formal ruling on whether the death was an accident would not be made for two or three weeks after tests were completed to determine if there were traces of alcohol or drugs in Williams' body.

"Why it (the cap) was there, I cannot say," Gross said. "It was a very rapid death. The autopsy did not reveal anything unusual in regards to a man of this age."

Williams, 71, was found dead Friday morning in his suite at the Elysee Hotel off Park Ave. Officials said at the time death apparently was due to natural causes.

"The cause of death is asphyxia due to obstruction of the glottis, the opening to the larynx or upper airway, by a plastic overcap of the type used to cover the opening of a nasal

spray or ophthalmic solution dispenser," Gross said. He said Williams died Thursday night.

Gross refused to say if the bottle from which the orange-colored cap came from was recovered.

Luminaries of the American theater world mourned the death of the man considered to be the foremost playwright of his generation. In New Orleans, residents of the famed French Quarter draped a streetcar named "Desire" in black.

It was Williams' plays "A Streetcar Named Desire" and "Cat On a Hot

Tin Roof," compelling dramas set in the playwright's beloved South, that won his Pulitzers.

Williams was acclaimed as the most successful American playwright of his generation, but it appeared for many years he would be a failure.

After a series of heartbreaking setbacks, Williams found fame and fortune on Broadway. In addition to his two Pulitzer Prizes, he won four Drama Critics Circle Awards and a Kennedy Center Honor.

## A&M seeking Nobel laureate

by Kim Schmidt

**Battalion Staff**  
Yale University has three, Harvard University boasts eight, Massachusetts Institute of Technology has five, the University of Texas has two, Stanford University claims 16, the University of California in Los Angeles boasts 14 and Tulane University has one.

No, they're not football coaches, campuses or National Merit scholars — they're Nobel Prize winners.

Each of those schools, with a reputation as a prestigious, world-class university, has one or more Nobel laureates on its teaching staff. Texas A&M, however, is not among them. But administrators hope to change this.

Since last fall, Texas A&M officials have been talking to Dr. Sheldon L. Glashow, a Nobel prize-winning physicist, about joining the University's staff. The Harvard professor, along with former Harvard professor Steven Weinberg and Abdus Salam of Pakistan, won the prize for physics in 1979 for the explanation of the forces

that bind elementary particles of matter.

Glashow, however, has not accepted a position with the University.

Officials of other universities say that Glashow's position is not surprising because hiring a Nobel Prize winner is usually difficult.

"It is not very easy to go out and hire a Nobel laureate," said Francis Lawrence, academic vice president and provost of Tulane. "You are competing with a relatively large number of universities for a very small number of people."

Most universities' Nobel laureates were on the staff at the time they won their award.

Nobel Prizes are given out each year for physiology or medicine, physics, chemistry, literature, peace and economics. The monetary prizes, which now amount to about \$100,000 for the winner of each category, are awarded "to those who have, during the preceding year, conferred the greatest benefit on mankind." No more than three people can divide the money in each field.

Despite the odds, Texas A&M administrators still are trying to recruit Glashow.

Texas A&M administrators say their main concern in recruiting a Nobel laureate is to raise the quality of education provided here.

Dr. Clinton Phillips, Texas A&M's dean of faculties said: "We're not looking for Nobel Prize winners just to win some sort of race. We are interested in people who will help move the frontiers of knowledge forward. They may or may not be Nobel laureates."

Like Texas A&M, most universities agree that their policies are not directed at hiring Nobel laureates specifically, but at hiring qualified personnel in general.

Most universities also agree that while having Nobel laureates on the staff cannot guarantee a quality education, they can be a good indication of the quality of education offered at the school.

"Having Nobel prize winners reflects in general the high level of research and teaching going on at the

University," Phillips said.

Having a Nobel laureate would have other benefits for the University, he said.

Attracting outstanding scholars would help the University attract first-rate students and could attract more people to the graduate school, Phillips said.

"For example, when a student is advised on which graduate school to attend an adviser might say, 'Why don't you go to University X because so and so is there and you could really learn a lot from him.'"

Lawrence agrees that having a Nobel laureate is a benefit because of the prestige, publicity and academic notoriety it brings to the university.

Phillips said that having a Nobel prize winner on the staff would not represent a drastic change for the University, but rather a natural progression in Texas A&M's advancement over the years.

"Getting a Nobel laureate would just be an extension of where we've (Texas A&M) been coming from in the last few decades," he said.

## Queen visits U.S.

**United Press International**  
SAN DIEGO — The royal yacht carrying Queen Elizabeth II on her visit to the western United States sailed north from Mexico Saturday and a harbor greeting but the festivities awaiting her arrival did not carry well-wishers.

Four U.S. Navy ships — two missile cruisers, a frigate and a destroyer — were detailed to escort the royal yacht and fire the traditional gun salute.

The Congress of Irish Organizations planned to launch at least five balloons to join the welcoming flotilla

with a banner reading: "Get Out of Northern Ireland."

Opponents of Britain's policy in Northern Ireland and other political groups, including Argentines unhappy about their nation's defeat in the Falklands War, have announced demonstrations throughout the state as the royal tour progresses.

The queen was to come into view of San Diego, second largest city in California, from the same point at which Spanish explorer Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo in 1542 became the first European to sight the coastline.

## Struthers to visit Corps of Cadets

by Scott Griffin

**Battalion Reporter**  
Actress Sally Struthers, national chairman for Christian Children's Fund, will visit Texas A&M April 24 through April 26 to recognize efforts of the Corps of Cadets to sponsor CCF children.

Struthers' visit is in response to a personal invitation from University President Frank E. Vandiver and Dr. Robert Scott Kellner, English professor and local CCF sponsor organizer. CCF is a non-profit organization that helps support starving children throughout the world.

A film crew will film Struthers' visit here for an upcoming television special on her work with CCF in the United States and Africa.

The purpose of Struthers' trip, Kellner said, is to recognize the Corps' efforts to sponsor children and alert college students to the problems of world-wide starvation.

In her role as national chairman,

Struthers has been personally responsible for the sponsorship of 100,000 children, Kellner said.

The Corps sponsored five children last year and is holding a drive this week to raise money to sponsor four more children, one each from the United States, Guatemala, India and Africa.

Donation tables will be set up at all dining halls and at the Memorial Student Center during lunch and dinner hours.

The fund-raising drive is being sponsored by Squadrons 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Fundraiser coordinator Steve Logan said the purpose of the drive is to raise as much money as possible for CCF. Logan said that while the Corps' goal is to sponsor four children, he hopes this year's drive will net enough money to sponsor more children.

The amount needed to sponsor a child for a year is \$218, which goes for clothing, food and basic educational needs.

## Cause of Moses Hall fire unknown, A&M police say

A fire that caused extensive damage to a room in Moses Hall Sunday night was probably electrical in nature, University police say.

Officer Donald Pauler, who responded to the alarm, said that the exact cause of the fire is unknown, but that it is being investigated.

The fire, which started shortly after 6:15 p.m. in 233 Moses, blackened walls and destroyed a mattress and a stereo, which possibly was the cause of the fire. There were no injuries reported.

Both Bill McSpadden and James Seiler, residents of the room, were

gone when the fire started.

Eyewitnesses to the fire complained that it took almost 10 minutes for the alarm to sound after the fire was discovered and the alarm was pulled.

Safety Officer Harry Stiteler said that probably wasn't the case.

"It may seem to be five to eight minutes, but it probably wasn't," Stiteler said.

He said that there is a two- to three-minute delay on the alarm for a good reason.

"We don't like it (the delay)," Stiteler said. "But our trouble is that with

the number of false alarms you have, you have to put in a delay or it would drive us crazy."

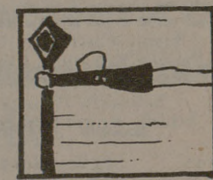
If an alarm is pulled under the present system, a buzzer and a light go off in the rooms of the head resident and the resident adviser. They then have two to three minutes to determine whether there is a fire. If there is, they can sound an alarm from their rooms. If not, they can keep the alarm from activating.

"It's a good system, an excellent system," Stiteler said. "It's doing what it's supposed to do."

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## forecast



Mainly clear skies today with the high near 69. Light southwesterly winds at about 5 mph. Clear skies tonight and a low near 45. Sunny skies and warmer on Tuesday with the high reaching 72.

## Governors unsure of gas decontrol plan

**United Press International**  
WASHINGTON — Although governors in the major Southwest gas-producing states agree relief is needed from high natural gas prices, they are unsure whether President Reagan's decontrol plan is the answer.

Most are still reviewing the plan, announced during the weekend and expected to be sent to Congress today, before if their states would benefit.

Reagan wants Congress to remove controls from all natural gas prices to let them react to market conditions

while providing three years of protection against higher consumer costs.

"Generally I support the president's efforts," said New Mexico Gov. Toney Anaya, in Washington Sunday to attend the National Governors Association meeting. "But in reviewing the fine print, I may disagree with some of the specifics."

Anaya's state is suffering a \$185 million deficit — its first in history — because of the depression in the oil and gas industry some blame on the current decontrol plan.

Gas prices are controlled by a 1978

law placing diminishing price ceilings on wells tapped after April 1977 with the ceilings scheduled for elimination in 1985.

Gas discovered before April 1977 remained under price controls under the 1978 law, but Reagan's plan would also free the so-called "old gas" from price controls.

"New Mexico is one of the producing states that have had to subsidize the consuming states. Basically it's turned into an energy colony for the rest of the country," Anaya said. "Residents of New Mexico have to pay more for natural gas produced in our

state than Californians pay for our gas."

Louisiana Gov. David Treen, a Republican, termed Reagan's plan "innovative" but said he would reserve final judgment until he had time to review it. He told UPI he was considering introducing a resolution urging the NGA to support the plan.

"Louisiana is the No. 1 gas-producing state in the country and one of the major consumers of natural gas," he said. "This plan recognizes the consumer problem."

Oklahoma Gov. George Nigh, a

Democrat, said he would withhold reaction until he could fully review the plan.

"We have been favoring phased-in decontrol," he noted, however.

Texas Gov. Mark White, also a Democrat, said it was "a little early to realize the full impact" of Reagan's plan but he believed "there's a little something in there for everybody."

White said his state, not Louisiana, was the nation's top producer of natural gas as well as the largest consumer so any legislation would have to strike a balance between the two to satisfy Texans.