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Junior Bruce Thornton, left, and Manuel Recio, right, a freshman, sell stereos Tuesday afternoon to raise money for the Audio Engineering Club. The club buys tapes and stereos wholesale and sells them at a slight profit to raise money.

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## Tent city must close April 1

United Press International  
**CONROE** — Montgomery County commissioners have told the residents of the newest Houston area camp for the homeless and unemployed that they intend to shut the place down because it is unclean and unsafe.

The commissioners voted 4-0 Monday to enforce health and fire codes against the residents of the new camp 15 miles up the San Jacinto River from "Tent City USA" that was closed by Harris County officials last month.

Montgomery County's chief executive, County Judge Jimmie Edwards, sent a letter to Ray Meyer, 38, leader of 30 residents living at the site east of New Caney. The letter set an April 1 deadline for the residents to move out.

Officials have said that they believe it will be impossible for the group to comply with the county's ultimatum.

The camp of huts and tents on a flood-prone site does not have any running water and has

what health officials describe as inadequate waste management.

"It's not only in a flood plain but in a flood way, where water runs when you have a flood. They could go under water quick," Edwards said. "So they can't issue permits in this area at all."

Meyer, who is leasing the land for \$250 a month from a nightclub owner, said he was considering hiring a lawyer to fight the county.

"I guess I'll have to comply with it, but first I'm going to try to appeal it if it's at all possible — to give us an extension of time to find another place," Meyer said.

Meyer and four religious followers moved onto the land at the first of the year with intentions of organizing a shared-wealth community. The frame house he and his male and female converts live in is on 10-foot stilts.

Since Meyer moved in, four small wooden shacks have been built on the grounds and a small tent city has sprung up.

## Execution date will be reset

United Press International  
**AMARILLO** — A federal judge's ruling Monday that condemned killer Charles F. Rumbaugh is mentally competent to end the appeals of his death penalty clears the way for the setting of a new execution date.

U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robison issued a memorandum declaring Rumbaugh competent, despite the inmate's attack on a deputy during a mental competency hearing that ended with the inmate being shot.

"After considering all the evidence, the court finds that Charles Rumbaugh has a realistic understanding of his present position and of the choices available to him, and that he is mentally competent to make a rational

choice with respect to continuing or abandoning further litigation," the memorandum said.

The ruling lifts the July 20 stay of execution entered by a U.S. district court in Houston that set aside Rumbaugh's July 23 execution date for the robbery-murder of an Amarillo jeweler.

Rumbaugh, 25, was hospitalized Feb. 24 after being shot in the chest by a U.S. deputy marshal during a mental competency hearing.

The inmate attacked the deputy with a handmade knife in an apparent attempt to have himself killed during the hearing.

## School halts credit for donating blood

United Press International  
**HOUSTON** — A Houston high school science teacher has been ordered to stop offering extra academic credit to students who donate blood to a local blood bank.

"Blood for credit? Now I've heard of everything," said Barbara Gardner, mother of a student who complained to school officials. Gardner said Monday her daughter Carla, 17, reported she had to give a pint of blood in a school club's blood drive so she could earn extra credit in her international baccalaureate chemistry course.

Officials said the chemistry teacher, Edith Loeb at Westbury High School, has been reported for giving extra credit for several things which fall outside school district guidelines since she began teaching in 1967.

Associate Superintendent Marion Skains said extra credit for academic grades should be limited to student activities and be a positive reinforcement for classwork. The teacher was told to offer credit for activities related to the course's content.

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