

## Brazos business



## Local businessmen receive recognition

by Cheryl Burke  
Battalion Reporter

Ben Love, chairman and chief executive of Texas Commerce Bancshares, has been named the 1983 Texas Business Executive of the Year by the College of Business Administration at Texas A&M.

Love will be presented with the award and will present a speech on the future of banking in an awards ceremony Friday. The presentations will begin at 10 a.m. in 102 Academic and Agency Building.

The award is presented each year in recognition of

outstanding achievement and service by a business executive.

Love graduated from the University of Texas in 1947 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He was a director and president of Houston's River Oaks Bank and Trust and then joined Texas Commerce in 1967.

He was named chairman and chief executive of Texas Commerce Bancshares in 1972. He presently serves on the board of directors of Cox Communications Inc., the El Paso Co., Hughes Tool Co.,

Pan American World Airways Inc., Proler International Corp. and Texas Commerce Bank in Austin.

Previous recipients of the Texas Business Executive of the Year award have included John Blocker, former Texas A&M regent and chairman and chief executive of Blocker Energy Corp.; T.J. Barlow, chairman and chief executive of Anderson, Clayton and Co.; and Durwood Chalker, chairman and chief executive of Central and Southwest Corp.

## Preservation of liberty topic of author Faulk's talk today

As part of National Library of Texas author John Henry Faulk will speak on "How to Preserve the Blessings of Liberty" today in 204C Sterling Evans Library.

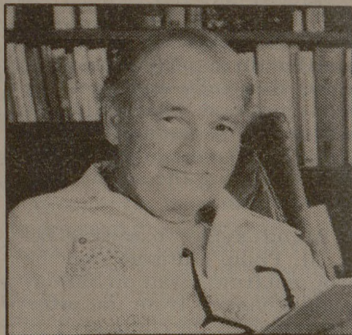
The radio and television personality will discuss how to preserve liberty. A reception will follow the speech in 204B Evans Library. Admission is free.

Faulk, born and raised in Australia, graduated from the University of Texas. After teaching for a few years, he signed on to a radio show for CBS — which tagged him as being the "Will Rogers" of Australia.

Faulk entered a bleak period in his life when an organization called Aware, Inc. blacklisted him as "pink" — having sentiment for the Communist Party.

Soon after the blacklisting, his professional contracts became scarce.

Faulk sued the organization for libel, won the case and was awarded \$3.5 million. His battles and trials inspired him to write "Fear on Trial," which later became a CBS television movie.



John Henry Faulk

### SPECIAL NOTICE 1st SUMMER SESSION OPTIONAL BOARD PLAN

Students, on campus, off campus, and graduate, may dine on a meal plan during the 1st Summer Session at TAMU. Students selecting the 7-day plan may dine three meals each day, except Sunday evening; those selecting the 5-day plan may dine three meals each day, Monday through Friday. Meals will be served in Commons. Fees are payable to the Controller of Accounts, Fiscal Office, Coke Building.

Notice dates: Commons will be open for cash business on Registration day, May 30. Meal plans will begin on the first day of class, May 31.

Fees for each plan are as follows:

7 Day	\$195.00	May 31 through July 1
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## Parents win \$119 million in childbirth malpractice

United Press International  
HOUSTON — The parents of a brain-damaged girl, 2, Monday won a \$119 million out-of-court settlement from the hospital where the child, who may never walk or talk, was injured at birth.

Their lawyer called it the largest individual malpractice award in history.

Pasadena Bayshore Hospital, one of Hospital Corp. of America's 357 facilities nationwide, agreed to pay auto parts store manager Ronnie D. Ferris, 32, and wife Linda, 28, of suburban Pasadena \$4.25 million in 30 days, monthly payments the first year of \$7,000 escalating each year that Andrea Ferris lives.

If Andrea lives a full life expectancy of 77 years, as doctors have predicted she will, the award will total \$119.2 million.

The case was to have gone to trial Monday.

Plaintiffs' lawyer Richard Mitthof said Monday doctors determined Andrea suffered severe brain damage before and during delivery because of oxygen deprivation. The lawsuit alleged gross negligence on the part of a doctor, nurses and hospital administrators.

Mitthof said Andrea was delivered by Caesarian section but, because of a doctor's mishand-

ling of the case, doctors waited too long to surgically rescue the child from distress inside the mother's womb.

"In all probability she will never talk, never walk, never have normal control over her bowel and bladder, never feed herself, (never) provide any care for herself," the lawsuit said.

State District Judge Charles L. Price's court approved the settlement.

Pasadena Bayshore nurses said in sworn depositions that attending obstetrician Dr. Michael T. Brody, a former staff doctor, failed to respond to their repeated summons for help during Ferris' difficult labor early on July 7, 1980.

Hospital administrators said they were informed months prior to Andrea's birth that Brody often failed to respond to the nurses, often acted erratically, failed to scrub before births, fell asleep during post-delivery surgery, and generally endangered patients lives.

Hospital Administrator Dr. Donald L. Francis said in depositions taken by Mitthof and on file at the Harris County courthouse that he had received information prior to Andrea's birth that Brody was taking De-

xedrine and Valium regularly. Brody is no longer on Pasadena Bayshore Hospital's staff. He maintains a private practice in Houston.

Defendants in the case were Pasadena Bayshore Hospital Inc., staff obstetric-pediatric director Dr. Saul Soffar, 58, of Houston, and nurses Coleen Truly, 44, of Seabrook, Ellen Coon, 27, of Hull, and Dianne Shriver, 36, of Houston. Plaintiffs alleged the nurses

failed to call another physician when Brody did not respond. Truly said Brody failed to attend women in labor "too many times to count" and often was "screwed to the ceiling" when he did come.

Plaintiffs' petition said Soffar, hospital administrator Dr. Donald L. Francis and hospital board member Dr. H.L. Brannan "engaged in several acts and omissions constituting negligence and gross negligence."

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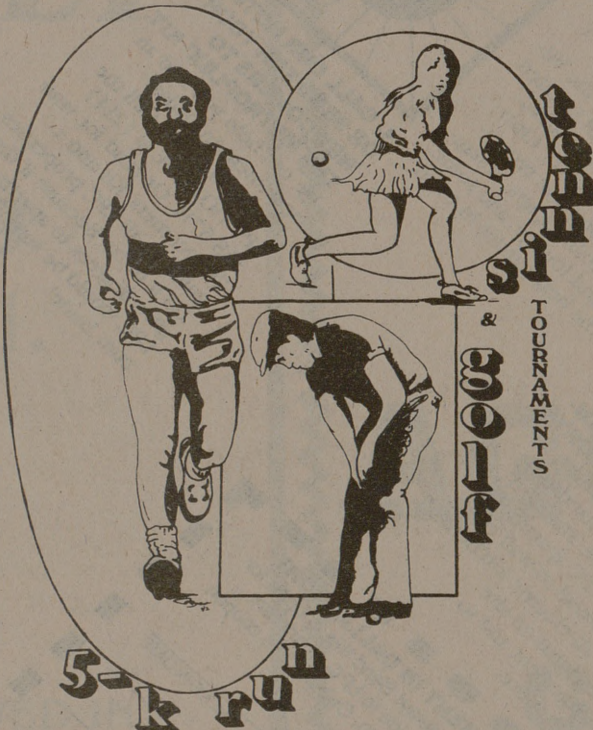
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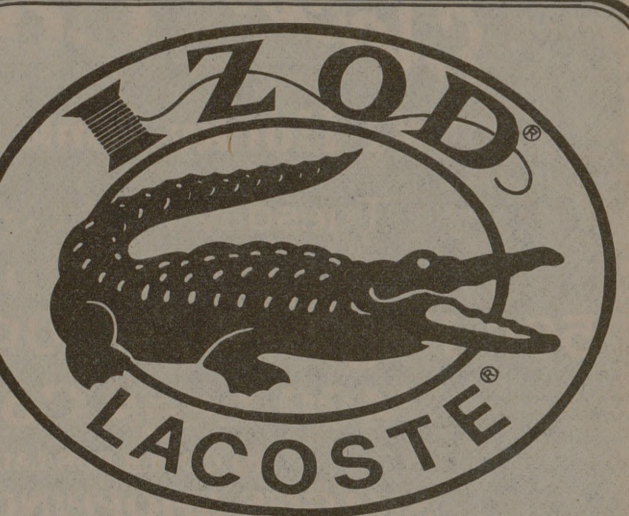
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