

# Coast Guard ends search for victim

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FREEPORT — The U.S. Coast Guard Monday halted its search for a fifth person believed drowned in a weekend boating accident in the Gulf of Mexico, an official said.

"We will not keep searching," said Martin Taylor, Coast Guard petty officer. "The Coast Guard search has been suspended."

Sunday, divers found the bodies of four of the five victims who were reported missing after their 15-foot outboard boat was found capsized 6 miles offshore on Saturday.

Coast Guard Petty Officer Matt Walter said the bodies of a man and a woman were found

early Sunday and the bodies of another man and woman were discovered Sunday afternoon.

All four bodies were floating in the Gulf within 5 miles of each other, about 8 miles off Freeport and about 40 miles south of Galveston.

The four were identified as Walter Gunther III, 20, Michelle Gonzales, 19, Gayle Gonzales, 23, and Benigno Uresti, 23, all of the Houston area.

The search for the fifth person, identified as Martin Gonzales of Houston, ended at sunset Sunday.

Walter and Taylor said there was no indication as to what

caused the boat to overturn. The vessel was found about 5 p.m. Saturday.

"Because it had recently been sold and the new owner hadn't re-registered it, we had some difficulty locating him to determine how many people had been aboard," Walter said.

Taylor said the search was carried out with the 82-foot cutter Point Monroe, aided by a jet aircraft and a helicopter.

Taylor said there were small craft advisories in effect Saturday.

"I was not a good day to be out in the Gulf in a 15-foot boat," he said.



*Up and Over*  
Laura McEvoy guides her horse over a fence in the Schooling Jumper class at the sixth annual Vet School Horse Show. The event, held Sunday at Hunter Creek Stables, featured both English and Western competition. McEvoy is a senior Science major from College Station.

# Toxic pesticide bill reviewed by legislature

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HOUSTON — They were known as the "Phosvel zombies," a group of workers at a chemical plant who suffered nerve and reflex damage that left them with glassy stares, unsteady walks and a tendency to break into silly laughter for no reason.

Most said they never knew the dangers of the organic pesticide — known as leptophos and marketed overseas under the name Phosvel — that they worked to make during the mid-1970s at the Velsicol Chemical Co. pesticide plant near Houston.

Sponsors of a bill before the legislature this session say it would be a step toward ensuring the danger to people never happens again; but its opponents, primarily a chemical companies' lobbying group, say the law is unnecessary and could damage

the industry.

John Orville Wright, 39, worked for nine months at Velsicol in the mid-1970s and was fired after his bosses decided his stumbling endangered him and his fellow workers. He later settled for \$17,000 in workers' compensation from Velsicol's insurance company and now lives in Alabama on his Social Security disability payments.

Some years later the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health determined that Wright and 62 fellow workers showed abnormalities connected to chemical exposure.

He and 10 other men, dubbed the "zombies," had major nerve and reflex problems that made them prone to wild, glassy-eyed stares; jerky, stiff-legged gaits; and giddy, inappropriate laughter.

The "right to know" bill, simi-

lar to laws in several other states, would force companies to tell workers who deal with any of 450 toxic chemicals the nature of the substances and what to do to protect themselves.

It also would require employers to keep records for 40 years on which employees were exposed to which chemicals. This would eliminate the legal difficulties workers often have proving exposure when their symptoms do not appear for many years.

Most of the opposition to the bill has come from the Texas Chemical Council, a lobbying group that represents 85 chemical firms. They contend the bill would simply lead to outrageous and unnecessary expense, confuse workers, expose trade secrets and disrupt voluntary informational programs now in operation.

# Snow job wins prom date for beau

**United Press International**  
MESA, Ariz. — Steve Moore's high school prom invitation was a chilly proposition, but he didn't get the cold shoulder

from his prospective date.

Bobbi Self awoke in 90-degree temperatures Sunday to find a 3-foot snowman in her front yard with an invitation to

the prom attached.

Moore had driven four hours to get the snow in the Arizona mountains and another four to get back.

# Project first of its kind

## P.E. students after silver

**by Karen Schrimsher**  
Battalion Staff  
Students and faculty of Texas A&M will have the chance to show their support for U.S. Olympic hopefuls — including 22 Aggies — on Olympic Silver Day.

The fund raising event will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, and will begin with a ceremony at Rudder fountain.

Olympic Silver Day is believed to be the first event of its kind to be held on a college campus. It is sponsored by the Department of Health and Physical Education and Phi Epsilon Kap-

pa, the service fraternity for physical education students.

The sponsors are asking students and faculty to donate silver, half-dollars, quarters, dimes and nickels, at donation booths around the Texas A&M campus. Larger donations will be accepted, and donors of \$5, \$10, \$50, \$100 and \$250 will receive U.S. Olympic Committee gifts.

Approximately 22 Texas A&M students are hoping for a chance to compete in the Olympic Games in 1984. They represent a variety of sports: diving, swimming, volleyball, kayaking,

sailing and weightlifting.

Project coordinator Warren "Spider" Simpson says if every Texas A&M student and employee would donate a dime, the project would be worth the time and effort.

"That would be about \$5,500," Simpson says. "Any amount we come up with will set a precedent."

The sponsors hope student and faculty groups will hold competitions to raise money. Simpson says residence halls, sororities, fraternities and Corps outfits may compete for trophies donated by the U.S.

Olympic Committee.

If the event is successful, U.S. Olympic Committee officials have more "silver day" events throughout the country.

Donation booths will be located at the entrance of White Coliseum, the Rudder fountain, the Student Center, the Agency Building, the Commons, the Quadrangle, C. Evans Library, and the Hall and the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Group donations will be taken to the East Col-

# Shared criminal facilities a mistake, officials say

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TEXARKANA, Ark. — Officials on both sides of Texarkana say they are wondering if they made a mistake by agreeing to build and share a modern Criminal Justice Center that is now two years and \$7 million behind schedule.

Construction has stalled with the building 75 percent complete because there is no more money. Efforts to salvage the project so far have failed.

"Had we known in the beginning that the CJC would turn from an \$8 million project into a \$20 million project, we can see it probably would have been less expensive to renovate the court-

house and jail," Judge Lee Overstreet of Miller County, Ark. said. "Now, when the project is partially completed and a large part of the money is already spent, which is the better route? We really don't know."

The building was intended to house the police and sheriff's departments of both cities along with their courts and jails. But construction was delayed by strikes, and construction cost soared with inflation. Then the federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, which was to fund the project, was abolished.

Miller County especially needs the new jail because its ex-

isting jail cannot meet constitutional standards. But the Miller Quorum Court fears it cannot meet its share of the \$2 million yearly operating costs for CJC, even if the project is eventually completed, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Rodney McDaniel said.

City Manager Russ Crider of Texarkana, Texas, said Miller County is legally bound to continue the project. Overstreet agreed the county has a "moral obligation" to participate.

Texas and Arkansas officials recently worked out a plan for Texarkana, Texas, to assume ownership of the building and lease it to the others. But a cir-

cuit judge in Texarkana ruled in February that it would be illegal for Miller County to participate in the plan.

Building or renovating county jail requires a wide vote of approval, and Miller County officials do not think they can get it. They have voiced objections to the project because they would be charged a 4 percent franchise tax to help pay for payments on CJC.

The county already has off a \$335,000 bond approved for the project in 1981, but officials are considering dropping the project and renovating the jail, Overstreet said.

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**School vandalized information sought**

A&M Consolidated High School was broken into and vandalized during the weekend of Jan. 14. Approximately \$900 worth of property was destroyed.

The vandals have not been identified.

The library and snack bar areas were ransacked and the fire extinguishers in the building were set off.

This was the third burglary at the school this year.

If you have any information on the person or persons involved in these crimes, call Crime Stoppers at 775-TIPS. If you give your information this week and it leads to the arrest

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ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Being neurotic has its advantages.

A study of 434 white males by Washington University, St. Louis, showed the neurotics among them earned about 23 percent higher salaries than those diagnosed as well.

The results of the survey were reported in a report of American Family Therapy.

Researchers also found neurotics had significantly higher ratings for health, mental, IQs and test scores than non-neurotics.

The group was surveyed over a period of about 30