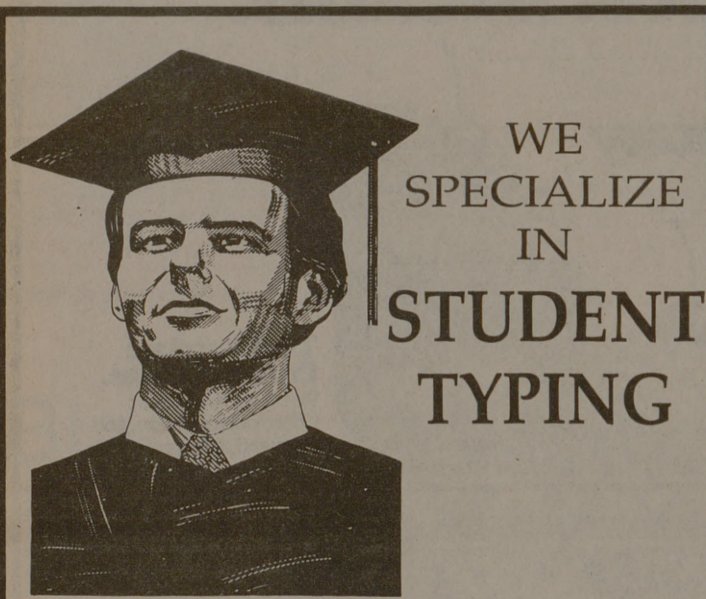


Udder amazement

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Stephanie Palmer, 2, of Bryan, pets a Jersey cow at the Post Oak Mall's 2nd Annual Milking Contest. All of the cows used were from Texas A&M. The funds from the milk-a-thon were donated to Brazos

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Man stabbed to death in parking place fight

DALLAS — A man was stabbed to death Sunday night in an argument over a parking space, police said Monday.

Officers said Allan Ray Robinson, 22, was stabbed in the heart during a front-yard argument. Authorities were looking

for a suspect, 25, who escaped on foot.

Witnesses told police that Robinson and the suspect argued over a parking space at Juanita Craft Park, where a Jamaican folk music concert was held.

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Mentally disturbed man shot officer, police say

DALLAS — A mentally disturbed man smashed dishes in a violent demand for breakfast, then shot a policeman who responded to his mother's call for help before being arrested, police said Monday.

The suspect, Israel Morales, 33, was arrested after a four-hour standoff with scores of policemen. After an unsuccessful attempt at negotiations, police saturated the house with tear gas which started a fire. The injured policeman, Tommy Gates, 37, suffered a stomach wound and was in the intensive care unit at Parkland Memorial Hospital in fair condition Monday.

Morales was treated for a minor wound to the shoulder and was jailed. Authorities said

he would be charged with attempted capital murder.

His mother, who said Morales had a history of mental disturbances, said she called police after he demanded breakfast Sunday morning, then became unusually violent and began smashing dishes.

Morales was smoked out of his parents' home where Gates had gone around 9 a.m. CDT to answer the call at Morales' parents' home, a police spokesman said.

After a four-hour standoff, law officers used gun shots and tear gas to drive Morales out of the home. His parents were released before shots were fired.

Morales was arrested after he fled the house to avoid the gas and a fire sparked by gas canisters lobbed into the structure.

Although he had been investigated by police, police said he received the wound. The suspect fired three times at the officer, and the officer was shot back, a spokesman said. "We're not sure if the wound was from a gun or not."

Detectives said they had no motive for the shooting which left Gates with a gunshot wound to the stomach.

Six weeks ago Officer Baker was shot several times in the chest by a van. Two weeks later he was shot in the head in his death were committed by a van. Two weeks later he was shot in the head in his death were committed by a van.

Since then, seven other officers have been shot by Dallas police. Six have died.

New law being upheld for Arkansas migrants

HERMITAGE, Ark. — A new law requiring safe housing and minimum wage for migrant workers will be enforced for the migrants who spend only a few weeks picking tomatoes in southern Arkansas, a Labor Department official said.

Conflicts in past summers have led to charges of assault and slavery, then to investigations by the Labor Department, the FBI and the U.S. Border Patrol.

"The new law is aimed at protecting the migrant worker, and it states the people responsible are the farm labor contractors, not the growers or the unions," said Bennett Wood, assistant area director for the Labor Department.

The contractors find farm workers and direct them to the

farms where pickers are needed. Under the law, they must register with the government and provide worker protections.

The Migrant and Seasonal Workers Protection Act says the workers must be presented all relevant information concerning working conditions, wages, benefits and housing, if it is provided, in a language they can understand — usually Spanish.

The housing must pass inspection by a government agency. Farm labor contractors must also make sure their vehicles meet passenger safety standards and are covered by transport insurance.

About 250 people in the tomato industry attended a meeting at Hermitage in March to learn about the new law.

"We'll spend considerable time educating all concerned,"

Wood said. "Education and enforcement will be our top activities this year."

The new law will not affect some Arkansas farms. It exempts family-owned farms that personally solicit their labor and small farms.

"Approximately 90 percent of Arkansas farms are family-owned, so a lot of them will qualify for exemptions," Wood said. "We foresee possible violations in areas with farms with more than 500 man-hours of labor employed a year."

The law also does not affect contractors who work within miles of their homes, but all their actions within the state and work less than 13 weeks in the season.

That way, area residents can act as temporary contractors.

Police are watching trucker arrested in poison deaths

STEPHENVILLE — Authorities Monday were closely watching a truck driver, 33, in the process of divorcing his wife and was being held in the poisoning deaths of his two children.

Delbert L. Black was being held in lieu of \$200,000 bond. He was charged with fatally poisoning his son Richard, 5, and daughter Amy, 8, an Erath County Sheriff's Department spokesman said.

Authorities were concerned Black might try to commit suicide during his incarceration.

"He hasn't said much, and we haven't had any trouble," said Erath County Sheriff's Department spokesman Jerry Ferguson.

"But he has a history of trying to pull things off, and we're not going to take any chances. We're keeping a close watch on him."

Black took his children last Friday night to a house near his rural mobile home, 4 miles north of Hico in central Texas, Erath County Justice of the Peace Sarah Miller said. He told the people "he thought his children were poisoned," she said.

The two occupants of the house took the children to the Hico hospital where their mother worked as a technician. They were dead on arrival. On Saturday, law officers said they found a can of cyanide-based insect poison in a trailer and a mix-

ture of the poison, sugar syrup nearby.

Miller said Black and his wife were in the process of a divorce. She said it was her understanding that Black threatened to poison the children.

Black was spotted and gunpoint by a worker at just outside Hico, 50 miles southwest of Dallas, when officers arrived, Hamilton County Sheriff Cecil Proctor said.

"Everybody knew him," Proctor said. "I knew him," Proctor said.

Proctor said Black was bonded in adjoining Erath County for allegedly poisoning his wife.

Firemen save two children from blaze in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO — A fire at a west side housing project early Monday injured four people, including a boy, 1, and girl, 4, rescued by firemen who entered the burning building and carried them to safety.

Fire department district chief Charles Angelini said the fire was discovered in one unit of the Manchaca Homes Housing Project at about 3 a.m. Monday.

Alvino Castillo Sr., 38, and his son Oscar Castillo, 12, were listed in good condition at Medical Center Hospital suffering from burns and smoke inhalation. Another son, Alvino Castillo Jr., 1, and a niece, Lisa Darnell, 5, were listed in poor condition with severe burns and smoke inhalation.

Angelini credited Capt. Gilbert Zepeda with saving the infant and fire-fighter Gerald Fos-

ter with rescuing the children.

Castillo's wife, Josefine, said the fire started when a candle in the bedroom ceiling ignited some curtains.

Angelini said investigators were looking at a closed window as the light as a cause.

Officials estimated the damage at \$10,000 to the structure and \$3,000 to the contents.

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Cranes returning to U.S.

BIG PINEY, Wyo. — A group of whooping cranes returning to willow meadows in the foothills of Wyoming.

About 77 cranes counted this year in the wild flock, which migrated between the Gulf of Mexico and Corpus Christi and the Wood Buffalo Park straddling the Northwest Territories and Alberta border in Canada.

Three of the birds chosen the Green River of Wyoming for their summer home.

Scientists this spring counted 28 whooper eggs in crane nests at Gray's Lateral Wildlife Refuge on June 1, and nine have hatched. Barney, refuge manager recently. The refuge is in east Idaho.