

## Prize-winning plays run this weekend

by Rose Delano  
Battalion Reporter

Three original one-act plays will debut at Stagecenter on Thursday and run through Saturday.

The plays are the winning entries of a statewide playwrighting contest sponsored by Stagecenter, says Charles Pitman, who chaired the contest committee.

The two previous contests were nationwide, but this year it is limited to a state contest to reduce the large amount of entries, Pitman said.

"We thought it would cut down on the number of entries," Pitman said. "It certainly did. We were disappointed."

Next year's contest will again be nationwide, he said. The three one-act plays were judged on originality, general audience appeal, adherence to community standards and creative use of the three quarter arena stage.

The play, directed by Carol Slough, is a story about what happens when Cordie and Betty Jean find out that Anna Mae has applied for welfare. There is an argument and air clearing between Anna Mae and her daughter.

The third play of the evening will be "The Pigeons in Reunion Park," by Bryan Robertson of McAllen.

Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door. There will be no reserved seats. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children.

A wine and cheese party in honor of the three playwrights will be held after the Saturday performance and is open to the public.

## Commuter air fares announced

by Gwyneth M. Vaughn  
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Royale Airlines Tuesday announced the fares for a new commuter air service from College Station to Houston. Royale will offer the service, called Continental Commuter, in conjunction with Continental Airlines beginning Sept. 1.

Roger Browning, station manager for Royale at Easterwood, said the price of a one-way ticket is \$54. A round-trip

ticket will cost \$78.

Royale will fly three round-trip flights every business day on a 15-seat Beechcraft 99 aircraft to Continental's Terminal C at Houston Intercontinental Airport.

Flights will leave Easterwood Airport at 6:55 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 4:35 p.m. Only the two earlier flights will run Saturday. Flights will leave Houston every day except Sunday at 10:30 a.m., and daily except Saturday at

3:30 p.m. and 7:40 p.m. Connections can be made in Houston to fly to any city that Continental covers.

Information on the service can be obtained by calling Royale toll-free at 1-800-282-3125, or Continental at 1-800-392-3390 starting Saturday.

Don Robinson, Easterwood assistant airport manager, said of the new service, "The competition will be good for the community."

The new service began,

Browning said, because Continental wanted to bring passengers in from the smaller towns around Houston to connect with Continental's other flights.

Robinson said it's economical for a smaller airline with smaller planes to fly into College Station than for larger services with jets.

Customers can earn credits for each flight between College Station and Houston, Marilyn Macallair, a Con-

tinental manager, said in a press release. Those credits can earn flyers free flights on Continental Airlines, free accommodations at some Hilton Hotels or free car rentals at some National Car Rental locations.

Royale Airlines Inc. began in April, 1970 and now serves 21 cities in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee.

Rio Airlines already offers flights from Easterwood to Houston.

## Cut phone cables interfere with service

United Press International

Vandals who cut telephone cables in Houston and Dallas left more than 1,000 customers without phone service, but a spokesman for Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. said the incidents were probably not related to a communication workers strike.

In Dallas, 200 residents of an apartment complex were left without service Tuesday after a cable was sliced in two, the company reported. It was the second cable cut in Dallas since Sunday's strike by the Communication Workers of America.

Some 800 customers in the

Houston area were left without service for 12 hours because a cable was hacked apart, said company spokesman Ken Brasel. He said two other cables were damaged, but service was not affected.

The problems were discovered about 7 a.m. Monday,

Brasel said.

"As far as we know, the vandalism was not strike-related," said company spokesman Jim Lydon in Dallas.

Southwestern Bell is offering \$5,000 rewards in each city for information leading to the

arrests of those involved.

Gene Vance, a spokesman for the Dallas local of the CWA, denounced the vandalism.

"We don't condone destroying property that belongs to the phone company or anyone else," he said.

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"They're Drafting Danny Rubin in the Morning," by Beatrice Levin from Houston, will be the first play performed. The drama is a protest against the draft and Vietnam War.

The story is about Danny Rubin, played by Guy Keith Owen, being drafted and how his girlfriend, played by Kathy Schultz, his rabbi, played by Steve Trogdon, and his sister, played by Lisa Hodge, react to the news. Donnie Wilson directs the play.

"Charity," a character study by Donna Roese of Bryan, will be the second play performed. The play concerns three women in a mid-sized Texas town.

Anna Mae, played by Winnie Nelson, is an elderly woman in her 70s who looks and acts her age and complains constantly. Cordie, played by Harriet Martin, also is elderly but young at heart — not acting or looking her age. Delana Trogdon plays Betty Jean, Anna Mae's daughter.

## Threats blamed on apathy

LUBBOCK — A lack of compassion by Texas welfare officials prompted Howard Hubert Fader to talk about shooting President Reagan, a defense attorney told a federal jury Tuesday.

During closing arguments, attorney Bruce Magness said Fader became angry with Jackie Loree, a Texas Department of Human Resources employee, during a discussion about food stamps.

Fader, 63, lived in his car and traveled around west Texas trying to find a job. Secret Service agents found a loaded gun in Fader's car when he was arrested on May 6. He has been in the Lubbock County Jail on a \$100,000 bond.

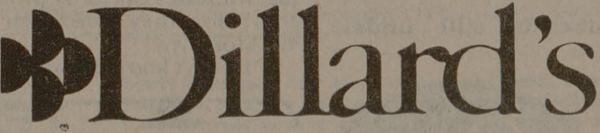
"She's not quite the expert she thinks she is in human psychology, and she's just a little bit cold," Magness said of Loree.

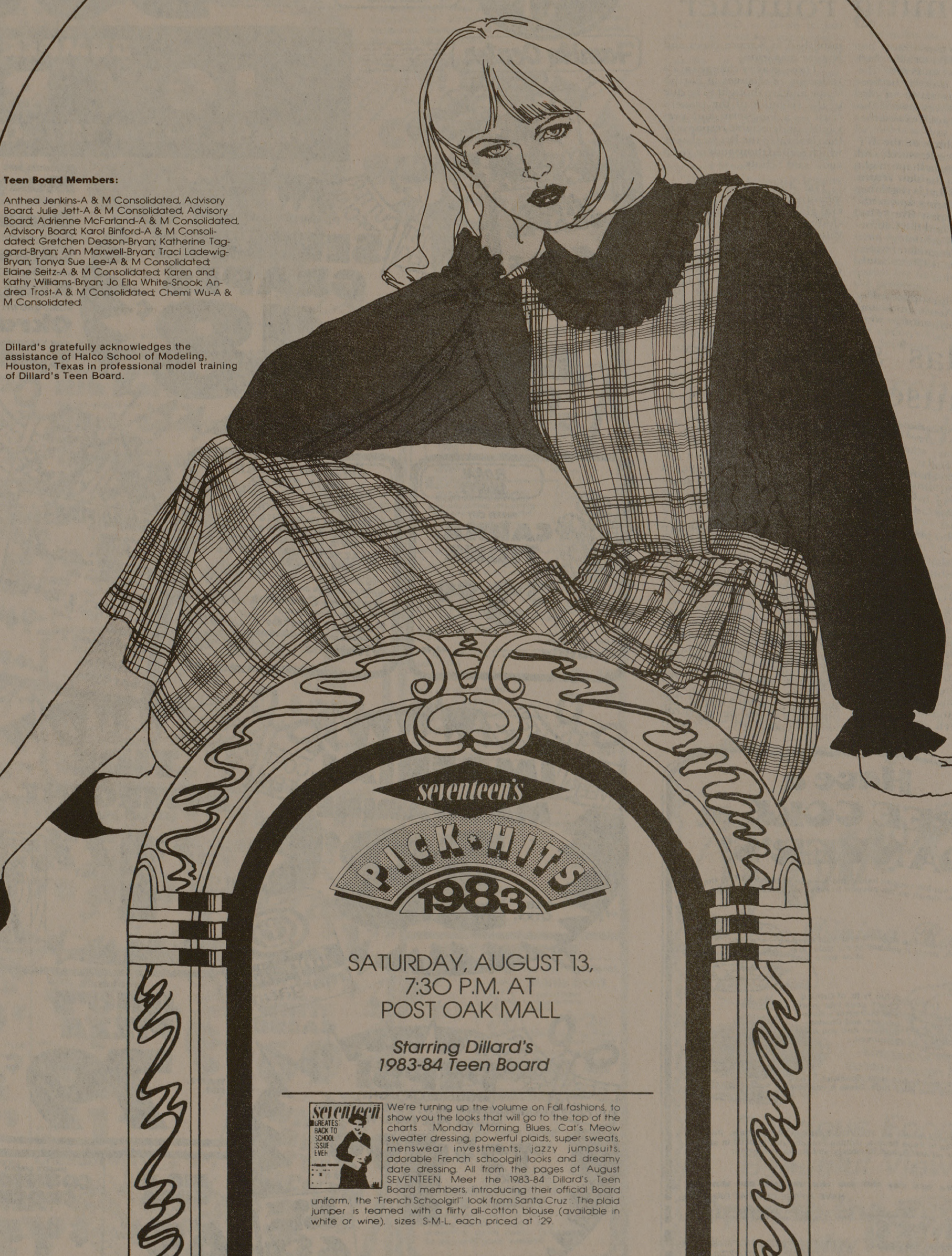
Fader's trial started Monday before U.S. District Judge Halbert O. Woodward. Fader is charged with threatening Reagan's life, which carries a maximum fine of five years in federal prison and a \$1,000 fine.

Loree told the jury Fader threatened her, said he had a gun and made comments about several things including Reagan's life.

"I don't think he's guilty of a crime threat against the president of the United States," Magness said, adding he believed Fader was just giving Loree a difficult time because he was having trouble finding help.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark McBride said Fader's comments should not be blamed on his poverty. He asked the jury how Loree was expected to react when Fader threatened her. Magness said Loree took Fader too seriously.





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