



Secret Ballots

staff photo by Dave Scott

Scott Stanton, left, and Amir Friedman cast their votes for freshmen class officers Monday

in the Pavilion. Stanton, from Dallas and Friedman, from Richardson are premed majors.

DPS investigates death of inmate awaiting trial

United Press International
WAXAHACHIE — The mysterious death of an Ellis County jail inmate awaiting trial on capital murder charges is being investigated by Department of Public Safety authorities, officials said Monday.

Inmate Thomas N. Tolmie, 31, died early Sunday morning after being found ill in his cell Friday night and treated at both W.C. Tenery Community Hospital and at Baylor Hospital in Dallas. Lt. Sheriff J.A. Ledbetter said a preliminary autopsy report by the Dallas County Medical Examiners office shows

Tolmie died from a brain blood clot.

Ledbetter said Tolmie, who had been in a cell by himself since early summer, became ill Friday night and was first taken to Tenery Hospital to have his stomach pumped. Tolmie returned to his jail cell, but a few hours later suffered apparent convulsions and was returned to the hospital, according to Ledbetter.

Doctors immediately transferred him to Baylor Hospital where he was placed in the intensive care ward.

Ledbetter, the duty super-

visor who ordered Tolmie's hospital treatment, said Tolmie claimed he had concocted and drunk a mixture of unknown liquids.

Tolmie was awaiting trial in the 40th District Court on charges of capital murder, the unauthorized use of motor vehicle and evading arrest. He was indicted by a Waxahachie grand jury following an April incident where DPS patrolman Milton Alexander died in an automobile collision while pursuing Tolmie, believed to be driving a stolen vehicle.

Lubbock mayor requests help for flood victims

United Press International
LUBBOCK — Mayor Alan Henry Monday said he asked Gov. Mark White to request low-interest loans from the Small Business Administration for Lubbock flood victims, many of whom he said were uninsured.

Henry told reporters at a news conference he had talked with the governor's office and was "very confident the governor will make this request."

The Lubbock chapter of the American Red Cross has estimated at least 180 homes in the Maxie Park Lake area sustained some damage last week when Lubbock received more than 7 inches of rain within 30 hours.

The Maxie Park Lake area had the worse flooding, although drainage lakes across the city were filled. Raw sewage was pumped into Maxie Lake to prevent a sewer backup across the city, officials announced last week.

Henry said Monday the city has not yet calculated a damage estimate from flood damage.

He added he did not know when he would hear from the governor's office, but said the Dallas SBA office would handle White's request as well as relief requests from flood-stricken Oklahoma.

If the Small Business Administration approves federal flood disaster loans for Lubbock, then an SBA survey team will be sent to check the damage, he said.

Henry urged flood victims to keep track of their repair and cleaning bills in case those expenses might be covered by the federal program.

Walt Ahrens, Red Cross executive director in Lubbock, said 66 homes around Maxie Park Lake had more than 5 inches of water in them while another 56 homes were found to have less severe damage.

City officials reported about 30 people had contacted a flood assistance center during the weekend with questions about disinfection methods and also seeking various types of assistance.

United Way agencies helped city officials establish the flood assistance center, which is providing referral services as well as helping city officials calculate the amount of flooding damages.

Doug Goodman, public health administrator, said water quality tests taken during the weekend showed many of the drainage lakes were as contaminated as the sewage-contaminated Maxie Park Lake.

He repeated earlier warnings that people should avoid the flood waters, making sure that anything touched by the water was cleaned.

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