

# What's up

WEDNESDAY

**OFFICE OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES:** Applications are being accepted for the Student Speakers Seminar offered this spring. Apply before Thursday in 208 Pavilion or call 845-1133 if interested.

**RHA CASINO:** Casino '84 needs a logo! To enter the contest, bring ideas to the Residence Hall Association office by today.

**PARENTS' WEEKEND COMMITTEE:** Applications are available for nominations for Parents of the Year on the second floor Memorial Student Center and the Animal Pavilion. Applications are due by Jan. 27 in 216 Pavilion.

**CAMERA COMMITTEE:** Pick up your fall photo print in 216 MSC.

**STUDENT Y FISH CAMP:** Applications for chairman, subchairman and recreation coordinator will be available Nov. 28 through Dec. 8 on the second floor of the Pavilion.

**BIG EVENT:** Meet at 7 p.m. in 501 Rudder to plan the Big Event.

**CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** The Newman Club invites anyone not going home for Thanksgiving to join them for Mass at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center.

## Unemployment fell in October

United Press International  
AUSTIN — A general improvement in the Texas economy and seasonal hiring to cope with the Christmas rush pushed October jobless rates down in nearly every metropolitan area of the state, state labor analysts reported Tuesday.

According to figures released by the Texas Employment Commission, Bryan-College Station once again reported the state's lowest jobless rate, 3.2 percent. Austin was close behind with a 3.6 percent rate.

Laredo, with an October jobless rate of 21.8 percent, continues to lead the state in unemployment. However, the rate there dropped nearly five percentage points from September's level of 26.4 percent.

Statewide, the 6.9 percent jobless rate recorded for October was the lowest in 17 months.

"Almost everywhere we saw a substantial drop," said Diane Dobie of the Texas Employment Commission. "Every area had a decrease and 22 of them had a drop of a full point or more."

Christmas hiring was responsible for part of the improvement,

she said, but more important was an overall upturn in the state's economy.

"Statewide we are seeing an increase in most of the major industrial groups, including the oil and gas industry," she said. "We are encouraged by this and I think most of the areas of the state are holding their own and showing a little bit of growth."

October jobless rates for other areas of the state included:

- Amarillo 4.6 percent;
- Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange 12 percent;
- Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito 14.3 percent;
- Corpus Christi 10.2 percent;
- Dallas-Fort Worth 4.5 percent;
- El Paso 10.5 percent;
- Galveston-Texas City 10.4 percent;
- Houston 8.1 percent;
- Killean-Temple 5 percent;
- Laredo 21.8 percent;
- Longview-Marshall 10 percent;
- Lubbock 5.6 percent;
- McAllen-Pharr-Edinburg 19.7 percent;
- Midland 5.5 percent;
- Odessa 7.7 percent;
- San Angelo 4.6 percent;
- San Antonio 5.5 percent;
- Sherman-Denison 6.4 percent;
- Tyler 5.5 percent;
- Victoria 8.1 percent;
- Waco 4.9 percent;
- Wichita Falls 5.6 percent.

## Syria blamed in Beirut attack

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said Tuesday Iraqis carried out the attack against the U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut "with the sponsorship, knowledge and authority of the Syrian government."

It marked the clearest statement by any member of the administration in placing responsibility for the Oct. 23 truck bombing that killed 239 U.S. servicemen, 218 of them Marines. It was the first assessment implicating Syria in the terrorist attack.

In a wide-ranging 35-minute Pentagon news conference, Weinberger also said Soviet-American "relations are not good," acknowledged the war between U.S.-backed troops and leftist insurgents in El Salvador "is not going particularly well" and declined to rule out the introduction of U.S. troops in Nicaragua.

The secretary declined to go further than his flat statement assessing blame for the attack in Beirut, saying only that President Reagan has made "no promise of retaliation" for the terrorist strike.

But Reagan did say Oct. 23 that "every effort will be made to find the criminals responsible for this act of terrorism so this despicable act will not go unpunished."

"We have a pretty good idea of the general group from which they came and, as I said the first day, they are basically Iraqis with sponsorship and knowledge and authority of the Syrian government, and that's basically — that has not changed," Weinberger said of the terrorist attack.

Weinberger had not mentioned Syria Oct. 23, although he was asked in a television interview if Reagan was "blaming the Syrians or even the Soviets."

"There is a lot of circumstantial evidence and a certain amount of it points toward Iran," the defense secretary replied at the time.

At the news conference Tuesday, he was asked for evidence to support his accusation against Syria.

"Well," Weinberger replied, "it's a continuation of the kind of examination and reports that we've been receiving ever since that first terrible Sunday morning. None of it has led us to change our mind and it is an accumulation of a number of reports in which we have considerable confidence."

He refused to comment whether the possibility of Syrian involvement in the attack could be construed to be an act of war by Damascus.

## Robber forgets to take truck driver's \$21,000

United Press International  
MARSHALL — A hitchhiker who stole cash and a pickup truck from a driver but agreed to leave the man's suitcases behind also left behind a little more than \$21,000 in cash.

Joe Thomas, 52, of Butler, Mo., picked up the unidentified hitchhiker near Lufkin on U.S. 59, police said Tuesday. As they approached Marshall, the hitchhiker pulled out a knife, cut Thomas on the arm and held the blade to his throat.

The hitchhiker ordered Thomas to pull over and give him all his money, said Harrison County

sheriff's investigator Hall Reavis. Thomas gave the man \$220 in cash, but asked if the hitchhiker could leave behind his suitcases.

"He said, 'Take my truck, but at least leave me the clothes,'" Reavis quoted Thomas as saying.

The hitchhiker tossed out several suitcases and Thomas' briefcase before speeding off in the truck. The briefcase contained \$21,000.

Thomas told officials he was an optometrist and was carrying the money during negotiations to establish his practice in Houston.

Thomas resumed his trip to Butler after being treated at a hospital for the slash on his arm.

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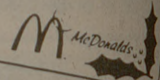
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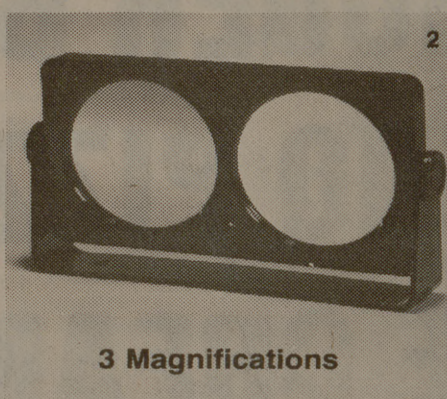
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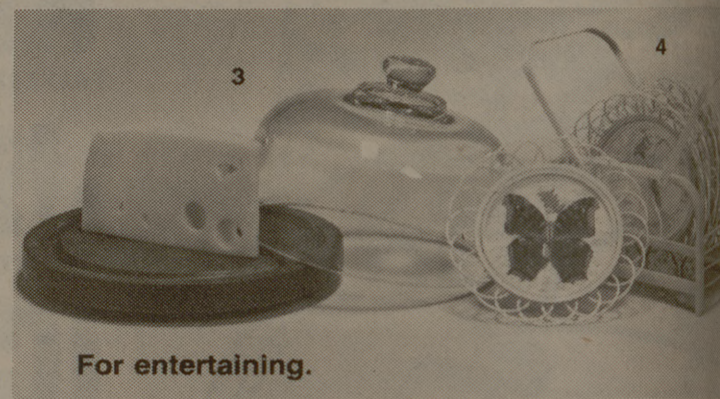
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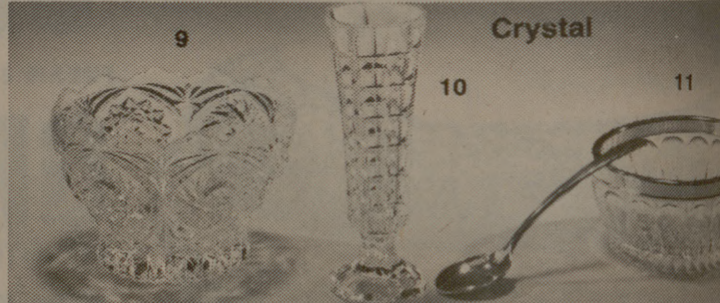
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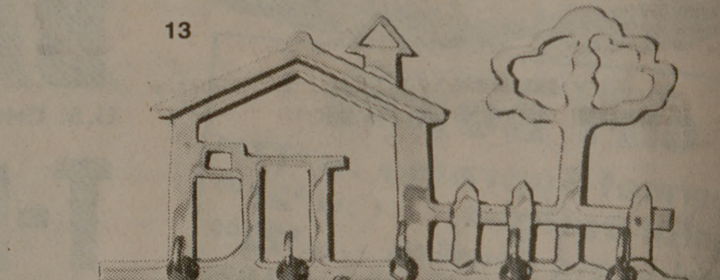
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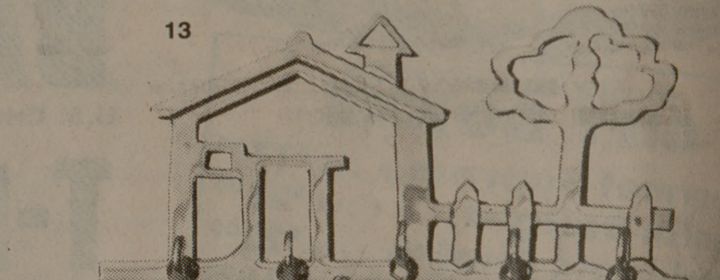
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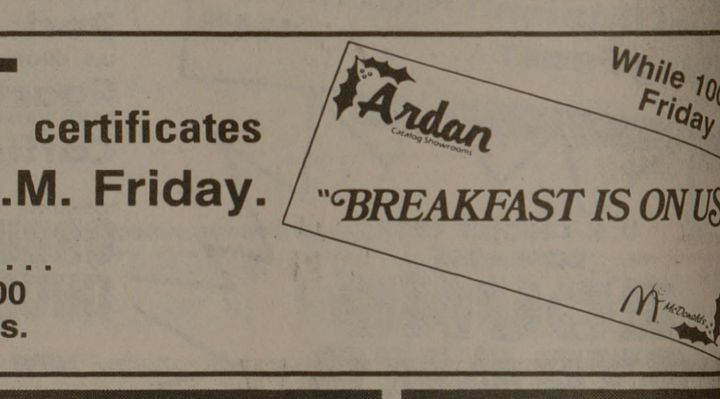
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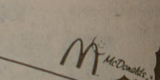
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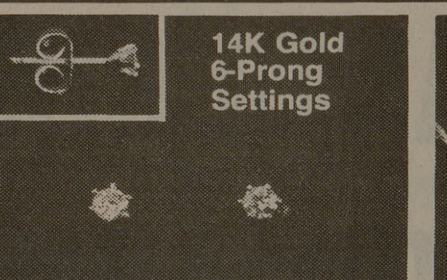
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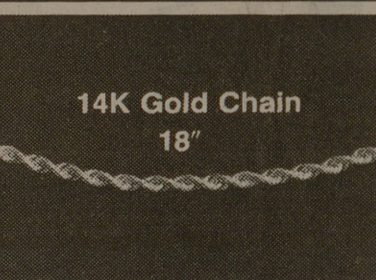
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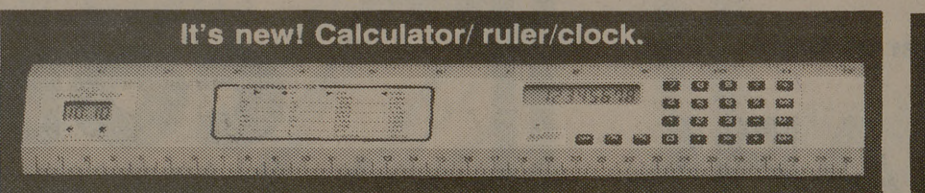
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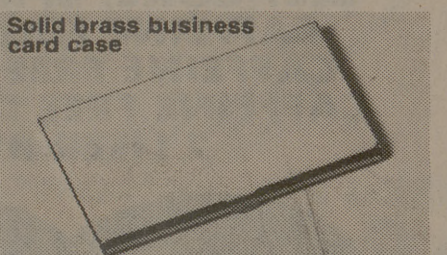
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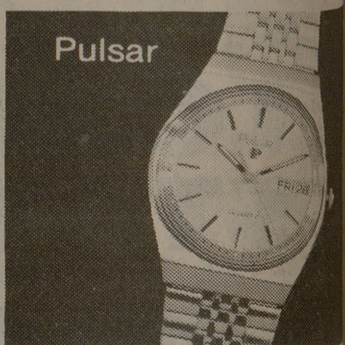


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