

Around town

Rugby team to go to tournament

The Texas A&M Rugby team won the state championship March 25. By winning the championship, the team qualified to compete in the National Semifinal tournament April 21-22 in Boulder, Colo. Winner of the semifinal tournament will advance to the National Final Four Tournament May 5-6 in Monterey, Calif.

Company organizes 50 year reunion

The men who served in C.G.C. Company 817 that was formed at Fort Sill, Okla. in 1933 are organizing a 50 year reunion. The company built state parks in Stephenville and McGregor (Mother Neff Park). Any former members who are interested in attending the reunion can contact Jack C. Joyner at Rt. 2, Box 114, Fredericksburg, Tx., 78624 or call 512-997-3010.

Aggie Blood Drive held this week

Aggie Blood Drive, sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega, Omega Phi Alpha and Student Government will be conducted this week by the Wadley Central Blood Bank. Bloodmobiles will be parked by the Blocker Building and by Sbsa. Blood will be collected from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Commons Lounge Monday through Thursday, and in 224 MSC Monday through Wednesday.

Museum hosts summer nature camp

The Brazos Valley Museum will host a Summer Nature Camp beginning June 4 and continuing through Aug. 17. Children ages 3-4 can attend from 9 a.m. to noon and children ages 5-12 can attend from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Participants will spend the mornings outside and the afternoons doing arts and crafts. For more information, call 779-2195.

Chairmen applications available

Class of '85 chairman applications are available in 216 MSC. Class officers will be interviewing those interested for the Ring Dance, class gift, senior banquet, sales, executive aids and public relations committees chairmen. For more information, contact Anne-Marie Dixon, 260-0710.

Bootlegged mushrooms boggling authorities

United Press International

ALAMOSA, Colo. — Officials said Tuesday they may never know how many mushrooms were trucked illegally to Texas and Oklahoma in a black market operation believed to have been broken up.

Three former employees of the Alamosa Mushroom Farm have been arrested and charged with felony theft of between 10,000 and 30,000 pounds of mushrooms, authorities say.

Alamosa County Sheriff Jim Drury identified the three as Thomas L. Brinkley, 27, and Anthony Ruybal, 27, of Antonio, and Jimmy L. Atencio, 30, of Conejos.

Brinkley and Ruybal worked on the farm's loading dock,

while Atencio drove a truck. They were arrested last week-end.

Steve Halling, farm controller, said the three exploited a weakness in the company's internal auditing procedure to steal the mushrooms.

Some of the illegal deliveries were made to the farm's regular customers, and eventually those customers called the headquarters to question unauthorized deliveries.

"We simultaneously got information from the trucking company and some of the customers," Halling said. "We've now reviewed our internal controls for our product and we've reinforced the necessity for each step to be performed."

Pleas of innocence expected in slave case

United Press International

KERRVILLE — Three members of a Kerr County ranch family will plead innocent to murder charges filed in the death of an Alabama drifter, their attorney said Tuesday.

"I can tell you they will enter pleas of not guilty," said defense attorney Richard Mosty.

Mosty and former Kerrville Mayor Tom Pollard are representing ranch owner Walter Wesley Ellebracht Sr., 53, his son, Walter Wesley Jr., 31, and daughter-in-law, Joyce, 29.

Hitchhikers rescued April 6 claimed they were lured to the Ellebracht ranch with promises of a hot meal, then enslaved, tortured and chained in a barn at night to prevent their escape.

The Ellebrachts, charged with murder and aggravated kidnapping, are being held in the Kerr County Jail on \$200,000 bonds.

No arraignment hearing has been set for the Ellebrachts or three ranch hands also charged with murder in the March 13 death of Anthony Bates, a drifter from Huntsville, Ala. A pretrial hearing has been scheduled for May 4.

Sworn depositions said Bates was tortured to death with a cattle prod and his body was cremated.

Tests conducted by the Department of Public Safety deter-

mined that charred bone fragments found at the ranch were of human origin.

State Judge V. Murray Jordan appointed attorneys Monday for two other defendants in the case.

Defense attorney Steve Ables, a former prosecutor under Kerr County District Attorney Ron Sutton, was appointed to represent Darryl Hunsaker, 21, formerly of Wichita Falls. Bob Denson was appointed for Mark Hamilton, 22, of Los Angeles.

Jordan gave a third defendant, Carlton Cardwell, 19, of Taos, N.M., until May 4 to acquire his own attorney.

Ables said he plans to file a motion to obtain all statements that Hunsaker and others made to law enforcement officers about the case, which he conceded was bizarre.

"It's going to be an interesting case," Ables said. "Some headlines have used the word 'bizarre.' Maybe that's an accurate term."

Ables said he would be surprised if Mosty doesn't file a motion for a change of venue.

"It takes forever to pick a jury when everybody has read about it in the newspaper," he said. "I think (the trial) could eventually be moved."

Defendant found killings arousing

United Press International

HOUSTON — Members of a jury Tuesday heard a secretly recorded tape in which a woman accused in the pickax slayings of two people admitted she became sexually aroused during the killings.

Karla Faye Tucker, 24, of Houston, is accused in the stabbing deaths of Jerry Lynn Dean, 26, and Debra Ruth David Thornton, 32, in June 1983. The two were killed with a pickax while lying in bed in Dean's apartment.

A tape of a conversation between Tucker, co-defendant Daniel R. Garrett, 38, and Garrett's brother, Douglas Garrett, 37, was played for the jury as the prosecution neared conclusion of its case.

In the tape, Tucker and Garrett discuss the killings with their siblings, Douglas Garrett and Kerri Garrett, Tucker's sister.

Police claim Dean was killed because Tucker had a grudge against him. The woman was killed because she was a witness

to Dean's killing, investigators said.

Kerri Garrett said she moved out of the house that she shared with her sister and Daniel Garrett "because I was scared for my life."

Garrett said she moved in with Douglas Garrett, whom she married a few weeks ago.

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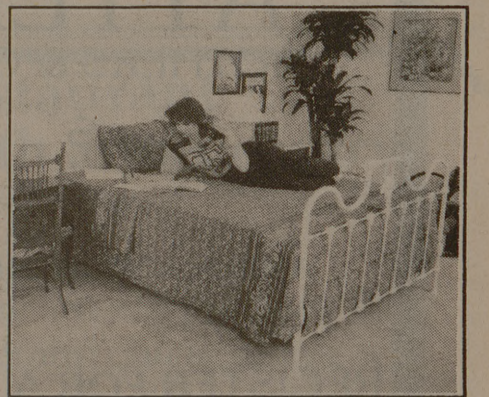
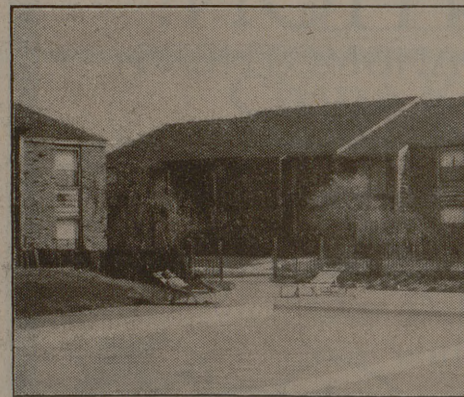
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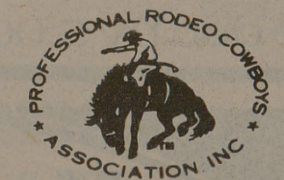
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