



Wet jockeys

Photo by ERIC EVAN LEE

KANM disc jockeys, Tom Mongoven, left, Sol Paley, and Scott Swearingen enjoy Rudder fountain at KANM's First Annual Live Broadcast and Float. Mongoven and Swearingen are students at Texas A&M and Paley is a graduate.

Astronaut ready to walk, sightsee

United Press International

Houston — Shuttle astronaut Kathryn Sullivan, scheduled to become the second woman to make a spacewalk, says she can't wait to get a first-hand view of Earth from orbit. "Flying in space is something I can remember being intrigued by and enthralled by very early on back in the original days of Mercury and Gemini," she said. "I followed each flight very avidly."

Sullivan holds a doctorate in geology from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She was qualified as a systems engineer operator in NASA's high-altitude research aircraft and had participated in several remote sensing projects in Alaska. Scheduled for blastoff Oct. 1

aboard the shuttle Challenger, Sullivan will conduct a spacewalk with David Leestma to demonstrate the feasibility of orbital refueling. A Russian became the first woman to make a spacewalk in July. The refueling technique could pave the way for servicing satellites that have run out of gas. "With the advent of the shuttle there was even a role in space for someone with the kind of broad scientific and technical backgrounds that I had," Sullivan said. "So it's not a childhood dream, but it's something I've been excited by all my life. I don't really think it's sunken in yet that I'm going to get to do that."

Astronaut Sally Ride, the first American woman in space, also is a crew member for the October flight.

Land south of mall may be rezoned

By ROBERT MCGLOHAN
Staff Writer

The College Station Planning and Zoning Commission Thursday recommended partial approval of a request to commercially zone almost 30 acres of land immediately south of Post Oak Mall and to the east of Post Oak Village.

The land, now zoned R-1 (single family residential) and reflected as multi-family residential on the city's comprehensive plan, is owned by the Sycon Construction Corporation of Bryan. Larry Wells and Jerry Bishop and Associates, a College Station surveying and engineering firm, represented Sycon Construction at the commission hearing.

The request called for the rezoning of 23.28 acres of land as C-1 (commercial) and 6.32 acres as A-P (administrative and professional). The land is situated so that it will encompass the intersection of Holleman Drive and Dartmouth Street when the two are extended.

Commissioners voted to recommend approval of a portion of the C-1 request, by a 2-1 margin with one abstention. They failed to make a

recommendation on the remainder of the request.

Jim Callaway, the city's assistant director of planning, told the commissioners that the city staff couldn't recommend denial or approval of the request. He said the request is not compatible with the city's comprehensive plan, but recent rezonings in the area have altered the situations under which the plan was made.

The staff's primary objection to the request is the far southeastern corner of the plot, Callaway said. That portion of the land abuts single family residential housing on Richards, Sterling and Crest Streets. It was on that portion of the request that the commission failed to make a recommendation.

In other business, the commission recommended approval of a request to rezone as single family residential a 3-acre tract of land on the outskirts of town near the intersection of Rock Prairie Road and Carter Lake Drive. And it also recommended approval of a request by the Peace Lutheran Church for a conditional use permit. The church wishes to operate a children's learning center

Former Carter budget director

Lance quits Mondale campaign

United Press International

NORTH OAKS, Minn. — Former Carter administration budget director Bert Lance resigned Thursday as general chairman of Walter Mondale's Democratic presidential campaign in a major shakeup following Mondale's first official swing through the South.

Lance was absent when Mondale and vice presidential nominee Geraldine Ferraro made their dual campaign swing in Mississippi and Texas this week before returning to Mondale's home in North Oaks.

Lance had been touted as the ticket for gaining Mondale votes in

President Reagan's Southern stronghold but there had been widespread rumors that Lance was on his way out.

Newspapers in Georgia and Los Angeles reported earlier this week that Lance was seriously considering resigning his post if he was confined to a strictly regional role.

Lance's tie to the Mondale campaign appeared to be doomed from the start.

The former vice president had first contemplated naming Lance as chairman of the Democratic National Committee just days before he accepted the nomination at the

Democratic National Convention in San Francisco.

But a firestorm of protest erupted when the news leaked before the convention, and present chairman Charles Manatt retained his position.

Lance was then named general chairman of the campaign, but the protest over questions of propriety during his tenure in the Carter administration continued. Democratic leaders said they felt the naming of Lance would take away their argument that there is a "sleaze factor" in the Reagan administration.

Allegations in the Carter administration against Lance involved misuse of bank funds — mostly huge, bank-covered overdrafts on personal and family accounts. He denied wrongdoing before a Senate committee but additional reports of questionable transactions continued to surface. He resigned on Sept. 21, 1977, after serving only 242 days in the administration.

Lance was later indicted on a series of federal charges involving his banking practices — including bank fraud.

But he was acquitted on nine counts and 13 others were thrown out.

Three hijackers free all 46 hostages, surrender

United Press International

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Three hooded hijackers armed with grenades marched 46 terrified hostages off an Air France jetliner in Tehran Thursday, then blew up the plane's cockpit and surrendered to end a terrifying, 47-hour skyjacking ordeal.

The 44 passengers, including two

Americans, and two crew members whose lives had been threatened repeatedly with guns, knives and explosives, all were released unharmed and taken to a Tehran hotel.

The three air pirates, who had vainly demanded France release five jailed pro-Khomeini terrorists, gave up about 20 minutes after the explosion ripped through the cockpit of

the Air France Boeing 737 at 5:28 p.m. local time (8:58 a.m.), the official radio said.

Another set of explosives in the plane's cabin failed to detonate, Iranian officials said.

"The hijackers of the commandeered Air France jetliner surrendered themselves to the Islamic Republic authorities," the official news

agency, IRNA, said in a dispatch from Tehran monitored in Beirut.

French government spokesman Roland Dumas in Paris said the Iranian government took the hostages to the Esteghal Hotel, formerly the Hilton, where they joined 14 hostages released earlier. All were reported in good condition.

The freed hostages included an

unidentified American man and his son.

In Tehran, French Charge d'Affaires Jean Perrin said the hijackers, believed to be Lebanese, surrendered because "the ordeal began to get prolonged and they realized they were at an impasse."

He said the French made no concessions to the hijackers, who had

demanding the release of four Iranians and a Lebanese who were imprisoned for trying to assassinate exiled former Iranian Prime Minister Shapour Bakhtiar in Paris in 1980. Four are serving life terms and the fifth a 20-year term.

The three hijackers seized the Air France Boeing 737 with 64 people aboard Tuesday.

Prosecuter charges Henry Lee Lucas in unsolved strangulation case

United Press International

BENTON, Ark. — Saline County prosecutor Bob Alsobrook Thursday said he probably had closed the books on a 6-year-old strangulation case by charging mass murderer Henry Lee Lucas with capital murder

in the death of a Hensley woman.

Alsobrook of Benton said it was unlikely the case would go to trial because of the long list of charges nationwide against Lucas, who claims to have killed more than 360 people.

Lucas, who returned to a waiting prison cell in Texas on Wednesday after three days in Arkansas, will be served a warrant in Texas charging him with capital murder in the death of Doris Litherland. The charge was filed in Saline County Circuit Court

at Benton Thursday.

The decomposed body of Litherland, 51, was found Oct. 21, 1978, on a trail through woods about seven miles southwest of Bauxite, Ark.

Saline County Sheriff James Steed said Wednesday that Lucas was able

to offer "amazing" detail on the slaying when he was led by authorities to the crime scene, about 20 miles southwest of Little Rock.

Steed said Lucas was taken Monday to the scene of the Saline County murder, one of several he was ques-

tioned about during his three-day visit to Arkansas.

Litherland's body was found 13 days after she was reported missing by her mother, and authorities had no leads on a suspect before Lucas arrived in the state Sunday.

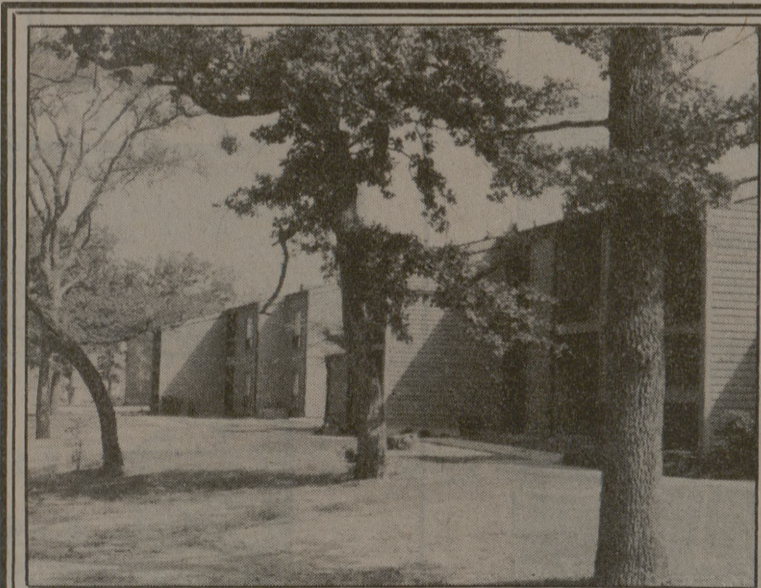
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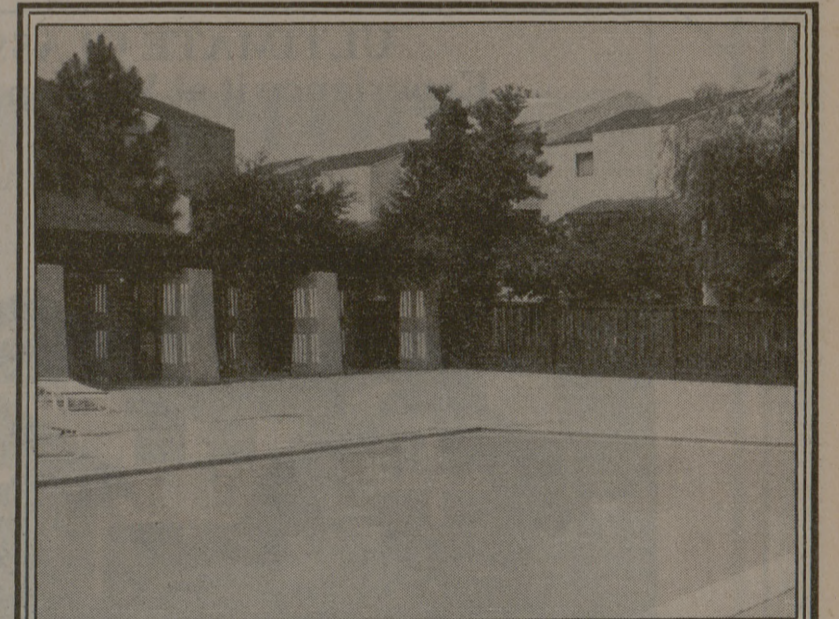
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