

The gift of life

Photo by PAM WENTWORTH

Debra Williams, a biochemistry graduate of Texas A&M, donates blood Monday afternoon for the Red Cross Blood Drive

at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church on Tauber Street. The drive will last from 12-6 p.m. today. All donors are needed.

Public utility elects new commissioner

United Press International
AUSTIN — Phillip F. Ricketts was unanimously elected Monday by his two fellow commissioners as the new chairman of the Texas Public Utility Commission.
The 38-year-old Ricketts, an associate commissioner at the utility regulatory agency since March 1983, succeeds Alan Erwin, who resigned in July to resume his career as an author and public relations man.
Commissioner Peggy Rosson of El Paso nominated Ricketts and newly-appointed Commissioner Dennis

Thomas of Austin seconded the nomination. He will serve a 13-month term.
Ricketts said he planned to follow the course of regulation that had been established by Erwin during his 17 months on the panel.
"I'm confident that ... with our new team we will continue on the course the commission embarked upon several months ago," he said.
Ricketts was Gov. Mark White's assistant general counsel for utility matters and was a former PUC hearing examiner.

Japanese recall Hiroshima attack

United Press International
HIROSHIMA, Japan — A crowd of 50,000 people, some sobbing and holding candles, prayed in a downtown park Monday as Buddhist temple bells solemnly tolled the exact minute a U.S. atomic bomb destroyed Hiroshima 39 years ago.
Some members of the somber throng fell to the ground and lay still as the Hiroshima Peace Bell rang out at 8:15 a.m. (6:15 p.m. Sunday), the time the U.S. Army Air Force bomber "Enola Gay" dropped the first atomic bomb on the city of 343,000 on Aug. 6, 1945.
Hiroshima Mayor Takeshi Araki added to the roll of victims the names of 4,315 people who died during the year of bomb-related causes bringing the total number of victims of the Hiroshima bombing on record to 113,271.

The ceremonies started a week of observances to mark the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and of Nagasaki three days later. About 105,000 people were killed and 95,000 were injured in the two attacks.
The anniversary was also observed in the West by anti-nuclear activists who staged protests and marches calling for an end to war.
Eleven Western peace marchers, who were denied entry to the Soviet Union after a 27-month, 6,000-mile walk across the United States and Western Europe, marked the day in Helsinki, Finland, by delivering messages to the Soviet and U.S. Embassies.
Moscow charged that the U.S. nuclear tax on Hiroshima and on Nagasaki sacrificed hundreds of thousands of Japanese civilians in trial runs for an eventual assault on the Soviet Union.
In Hanover, West Germany, a peace group known as "Doctors Warn against Atomic Death" began intoning the names of 108,900 identified victims of the Hiroshima attack.
The environmental Greens Party used the anniversary to call for West Germany's withdrawal from NATO and protesters held fasts and demonstrations across the nation against the deployment of Pershing-2 missiles.

Man covered with molasses, feathers

Student victim of 'malicious' prank

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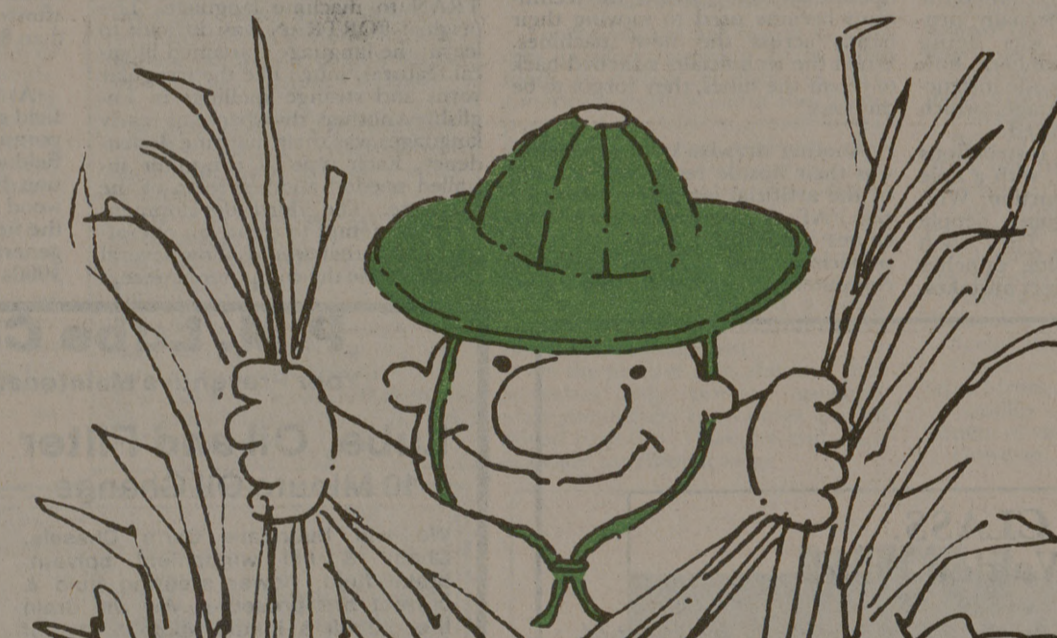
A Texas A&M University student stopped by College Station Police early Monday morning as he walked down Texas Avenue wearing only his underwear and covered with molasses and feathers was the victim of an allegedly "malicious attack," according to a University Police Department official.

"This was no prank. This was malice," said Bob Wiatt, director of security and traffic for Texas A&M.
The student told College Station Police that he was kidnapped and covered with molasses and feathers by seven men in his dormitory on campus.
Police reported that the student said he had been invited to another student's room in Underwood Hall to share a pizza. When he entered the room, police said, he allegedly

was grabbed, stripped to his underwear, and bound and gagged by the men. Police said the assault occurred around 4 a.m.
The men carried him outside and put him in the bed of a pickup, where they struck him several times, then poured molasses on him and covered him with feathers, according to the police report.
The men drove to the Tinsley's Restaurant in College Station and tried to chain him to a light post, but

were unable to do so, police said. They left the student in front of the restaurant, where he was discovered by College Station Police who then notified the University Police Department.
Police found a pickup in Parking Annex 24 that matched the description given by the student. A jar containing either honey or molasses and the remains of a feather pillow were in the bed of the truck, police said.

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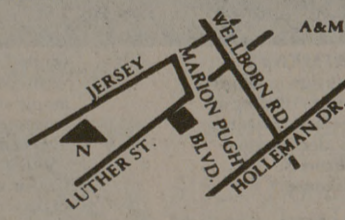
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