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# Man accused of sexual abuse of paraplegic

United Press International

DALLAS — A man, adopted as an orphan 20 years ago, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of sexually assaulting a 17-year-old severely handicapped girl in the same foster home where he grew up, police said.

The arrest of Tommy Lee Anthony, 36, brought relief to his foster mother, Birdie Jackson, a 64-year-old widow, who has raised 435 orphaned children at the home in the past 40 years.

The man was arrested without incident at a residence where he was staying, police said.

"We can relax better," said Jackson. "I feel sorry for him because he is sick."

Police worked on the description provided by Jackson and others who witnessed the attack on the young girl Tuesday, and had recognized the assailant as an orphan who had lived with her 20 years ago.

"All I can tell you, is it (the assault) hurt more (because the assailant) was one of my foster children. You give him all the love, a place to stay and try to make a better person out of him, but he turns around and does this to a child because she is a child in mind. She cannot walk, she cannot move and can't do anything unless you move her. She can't even get a drink of water.

"It hurts, very very much. He is supposed to be a man and then he

does something like this."

The girl, one of nine such orphans at the Birdie Jackson Foundation, is a victim of cerebral palsy.

Jackson said she was awakened early Tuesday by the screams of one of her girls and said she ran to the child's bedroom. She said she saw her 27-year-old daughter struggling with a man who was assaulting the 17-year-old girl.

Jackson said she, her daughter, and another adult in the house fought with the man but could not hold him for police.

Jackson said she recognized the man as a foster child she had sheltered for less than a year when he was a teenager in the early 1960s. She said he was removed from her home and sent to a juvenile detention center for stealing.

"He would always come by here every time he got out of the pen (prison)," she said. "He'd come asking for money, and we'd just tell him to get going because we didn't want him around here."

A Dallas police officer, who has worked with Jackson in the past, said, "As far as I'm concerned, she's one of the few saints we have left."

This is not the first shock Jackson has suffered. She said on previous occasions former foster children had returned to burglarize the home.

At the same time, she said, other children grew up and became productive citizens.

# Rush parties attract students to frats

By TRACY PROBST  
Reporter

For the next few weeks, fraternity rush offers Texas A&M students a series of parties to acquaint themselves with active members from each of the groups, Interfraternity Council President Mark Edwards said.

The parties, given by the individual fraternities, have drawn large crowds and much interest in rush, he said.

Kappa Alpha Order Rush Chairman Andy Ramzel estimated between 800 and 1,100 people attended their first rush party last Thursday. "It was one of the biggest turn-outs we've had," he said.

Interfraternity Council Vice President Gary High said interest in fraternities and membership has increased substantially since Sigma Phi Epsilon, the University's first national fraternity, was chartered in 1973. He estimated about one thousand students now are involved in fraternities.

Edwards, a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, said his fraternity has doubled in size during the past five years. He said membership has grown because the University is changing and students are looking for more activities to be involved in.

Travis Arwin, past president of the IFC and a member of Sigma Chi, said membership has increased because "fraternities are more well-re-

ceived each year."

The Interfraternity Council, the organizing body for the fraternity system at Texas A&M, recognizes 19 national fraternities. Sigma Phi Epsilon and Kappa Alpha Order are the biggest fraternities, each having about 100 active members, High said.

However, the fraternities are not recognized on campus.

All the fraternity houses are located in Bryan, although the City of College Station will allow them in special zones, said Kim Johnson, assistant zoning official.

Johnson said the zones are designed for the development of high density units, such as apartments, but fraternity houses may be built

with the approval of a "condo use permit."

A developer specifically the land on "Sorority Row" in density zone so sorority houses be built on it, but no such has been purchased for the construction of fraternity houses, Johnson said.

John Fields, a freshman from Tyler, said he would like a member "to experience the brotherhood and make lifelong friends." Fields said that joining a fraternity would be a good release from pressures of school.

Edwards said female students also part of rush because many the fraternities are looking for sisters at this time.

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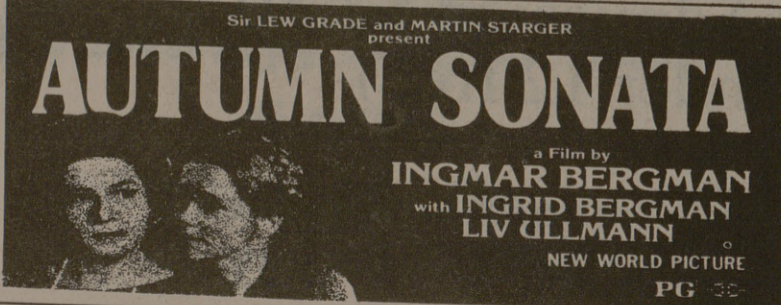
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# Governors continue fight over gas revenues issue

United Press International

AUSTIN — Two Southern governors, Wednesday, suggested the Reagan administration's refusal to negotiate a fair division of billions of dollars in federal offshore oil and gas revenues could become a campaign issue in their states this fall.

Govs. Mark White of Texas and Edwin Edwards of Louisiana, both Democrats, said they would use the issue to campaign against President Reagan if a fair settlement was not reached.

"People should bear that in mind when going to the polls because it's a pocketbook issue in Louisiana that transcends most of the other issues in the national election," Edwards said.

"If we do not get some fair and equitable treatment by that (election) time, then I think it's appropriate for us, as governors, to tell our respective people of that, so they can see what attitude is coming out of Washington," he said.

White said, "I certainly intend to bring it to the attention of the people of Texas."

White and Edwards joined two other governors, George C. Wallace of Alabama and Bill Sheffield of Alaska, to plan strategy in their fight with the Interior Department.

The states are at odds with the agency over the interpretation of a federal law that says the federal government and the states will share revenues on oil and gas leases along the border between state-owned and federal-owned submerged lands.

The governors, along with representatives of Mississippi, Florida and California, agreed to meet for a meeting next week in Washington with Interior Secretary William Clark.

Clark, in an Aug. 8 letter to five of the states, proposed giving one-sixth of federal revenues from the Outer Continental Shelf to the states.

The letter was not sent to Texas and Louisiana because those states have already filed suit over the dispute. Most of the governors said they believe a 50 percent share would be a fair starting point for negotiations.

At issue is about \$25 billion in revenues derived from leases on OCS tracts located within the miles of state offshore boundaries and containing at least one gas geologic structure common to both federal and state offshore lands.

Clark's settlement offer, which has been rejected by all but California, is worth about \$1 billion in the seven coastal states.

The Interior Department estimates there is about \$17.7 billion in revenues from leases already in place could eventually reach \$1 billion.

Of the \$17.7 billion, Louisiana has been offered \$400 million; Texas, \$210 million; California, \$200 million; Alaska, \$180 million; and Alabama, \$40 million.



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