

# Suspension

## UTEP players arrested in purse-stealing incident

**United Press International**  
 EL PASO — The football coach at the University of Texas at El Paso suspended a player indefinitely and took disciplinary action against three others Monday in an alleged purse-stealing incident over the weekend.  
 Police arrested running back Randy Forrest, 18, of New Rochelle, N.Y. and charged him with theft over \$20. While police were arresting Forrest, officers said, three other Miner football players interfered and were arrested, charged with interfering with the duties of a police

officer.  
 The other three were identified as offensive captain David Toub, 22, of Mahopac, N.Y., fullback Vic Stagliano, 21, of Hawthorne, N.Y., and a non-scholarship player, Mark Hayes, 19, of New York City.  
 In a news release from the college's sports information office, Coach Bill Yung did not say which player was suspended. He did say he believed the other three players "exercised poor judgement causing overreactions on both the part of our players and others."

Bar patron Michele Iacobelli said Monday she left her purse on her table while dancing at a Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity party in a motel bar. When she returned from dancing, she said, she noticed her purse had been taken and its contents were lying on the floor.  
 A security guard identified Forrest as the man who allegedly stole the purse, police said.  
 As Iacobelli, her friend Diane Ramirez, and the guard, L. Matthews, began walking toward Forrest, Iacobelli said, "he (Forrest) be-

gan dropping credit cards from his pants' back pocket."  
 Police report the men followed Forrest into the rest room, where he tried to flush the purse down the toilet. Iacobelli said she snatched the wallet from him when he came out of the restroom.  
 "I yelled at him, calling him a thief, and his buddy came up to me and slammed me against the wall," she said. "I thought these guys were going to crush me peanut size. They were mean."

# Government loses 2 crisis pipelines

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 WASHINGTON — The conversion of two oil pipelines to natural gas could prevent distribution of an adequate supply of reserve oil during a future international oil crisis, Congress was told Monday.  
 Energy Department officials said they are considering a plan to build new pipelines at a cost of \$100 million.  
 The government's strategic petroleum reserve now holds about 430 million barrels of oil that could be made available if foreign supplies are interrupted as they were in the 1970s. About 500 million barrels will be stored at the five underground sites in Texas and Louisiana

by the end of next year.  
 Original plans called for the distribution of up to 4.5 million barrels of the reserve oil per day in an energy crisis, but the shortage of pipelines means that no more than 2.4 million barrels can be distributed, the General Accounting Office reported to a House Energy and Commerce subcommittee.  
 Seaway Pipeline, Inc., and Texoma Pipeline Company have sold pipelines that carried crude oil imports from the Texas Gulf Coast to the Midwest and the lines are being converted to carry natural gas. Those were two of the three pipelines the Energy Department

counted on to distribute reserve oil.  
 "Unless some type of action is taken to correct the SPR distribution restrictions caused by the Seaway and Texoma pipeline sales, the government may not have the capability to distribute the oil during a supply disruption," said F. Kevin Boland, of the GAO.  
 The government is looking at the possible construction of three new pipelines to make up for the conversion of the Seaway and Texoma pipelines, said Richard Furiga, deputy assistant secretary of the Energy Department's strategic petroleum reserve.

The "distribution enhancement" pipelines would run from the Bryan Mound site, near Freeport to the Texas City area, between the West Hackberry site and the Lake Charles spur of the the Texas pipeline, and possibly from the proposed Big Hill-to-Sun Terminal pipeline to the Texas Oil and Chemical Terminal on the opposite side of the Neches River, Furiga said.  
 The additions would allow the reserve to distribute four million barrels per day, "at the currently estimated added cost of approximately \$100 million," he said, noting the plan is still under study by the administration.

# Former bank officer claims loans authorized by others

**United Press International**  
 OKLAHOMA CITY — Former Penn Square Bank officer William G. Patterson, the only defense witness to testify in his criminal misconduct trial, said Monday he did not think prosecution witnesses who testified against him lied.  
 "I'm not saying all these people lied," Patterson said at the close of nearly six hours on the witness stand as his trial began its third week. "I've made individual statements in each case as to what I think happened."  
 Final arguments are scheduled for this morning and the jury is expected to begin deliberations about noon.  
 Nearly four hours of the time Patterson spent on the stand was under intense cross-examination by prosecutors who tried to tear down his assertion that questionable loan transactions were the work of either superiors or subordinates.  
 Patterson often responded, "I don't know," when asked about specific instances when prosecution witnesses testified they had questioned him about loans or the alleged funding of loans without the permission of borrowers.  
 He said he ordered a \$30.3 mil-

lion note for Oklahoma City oilman Robert A. Hefner III raised to \$31.3 million in March 1982, but denied ever admitting to Hefner he had altered the note or funded it without Hefner's permission.  
 Patterson said he met with Hefner at Hefner's home about a month after the bank closed, and that Hefner wanted Patterson to say Hefner never had agreed to borrow \$30.3 million to purchase some oil rigs.  
 Earlier Monday, Patterson testified he put his signature "on a lot of things," but that he relied on information provided by subordinates or superiors and was not trying to deceive anyone.  
 Patterson, 34, the former head of the bank's energy lending department, is charged with 25 counts of criminal misconduct prior to the bank's July 5, 1982, failure.  
 Prosecutors allege Patterson processed millions of dollars in loans without the permission of borrowers and sold millions more to participating banks even though he knew them to be worthless.  
 The first witness called by defense attorney Burck Bailey, Patterson at one point broke down for a short period of time when he was asked

about what he had been doing since the bank failed.  
 "I tried to get a job and no one would hire me," Patterson said toward the end of the hour and 40 minutes he spent being questioned by Bailey before U.S. Attorney Bill Price began cross-examination.  
 "I mowed lawns ... put in sprinkler systems ... just anything I could do," Patterson said.  
 Patterson said he relied mostly on information supplied by subordinates when he was selling loans to participating banks and often made loans at the direction of former Penn Square board chairman William P. Jennings or bank president Eldon Beller.  
 Under cross-examination by Price, Patterson denied regularly ordering loan payments to be made to larger banks before the money was collected from borrowers.  
 He said such payments were occasionally made, but only in "emergency" situations.  
 Witnesses have testified more than \$13 million in such payments were made before the bank failed.  
 Patterson told Price junior loan officers who have testified they warned Patterson about bad loans.

# Police beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department through Monday.  
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 • The rear license plate was stolen from a 1977 Chevrolet pickup parked on Lewis Street.  
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 • A metallic silver Schwinn 10-speed bicycle was stolen from the bike rack outside the Zachry Engineering Building.  
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**HARASSMENT:**  
 • A student in Clements Hall reported she has received several harassing phone calls from an anonymous man.  
**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:**  
 • Someone cracked the windshield of a 1981 Ford pickup parked on Coke Street.

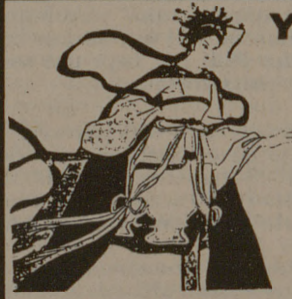
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