

# 75th Anniversary Bonfire cutting slowed by injuries, wet weather

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Cutting for the 75th Anniversary Bonfire has been plagued with damp weather and an unusual number of injuries.

Bill Kibler, Assistant Director of Student Affairs, said two students were severely cut, one student broke his ankle and eight others sustained minor injuries.

"Emergency care officials were able to take care of most of the accidents at the cutting site," Kibler said. "Most of the mishaps were fairly minor, requiring a stitch here and a stitch there, but two students had to be taken to area hospitals."

Justin Powers got a six-inch cut above his knee when the head of his ax came off the handle.

A spokesman for Humana Hospital said Powers had to have surgery on the knee to sew the muscles back together.

Scott Reagan had to be taken to the hospital when he dropped a log on his leg, shattering his ankle.

Frances Goff, a spokeswoman for the A.P. Beutel Health Center, said doctors had to put pins in his ankle to help the healing process.

Goff said 20 stitches were required to sew up a four-inch cut Barry Dean Kellogg got on his foot when the ax he was using slipped and

he chopped wood.

Kibler said the accidents at the first bonfire cut seemed to be more severe than normal.

"Accidents are going to happen," Kibler said. "The cutting safety classes have helped reduce the number of accidents, but when you have a large number of people at the site, some misfortunes are inevitable."

In addition to injuries, efforts on this year's fire have been dampened by the recent rainy weather.

"We use 18-wheeler, flat-bed trucks to haul wood from the cutting site to the bonfire site," Kibler said. "Recently the ground has been so wet we haven't been able to get

trucks into the area to load the logs.

"One cut was postponed due to rainy weather, but we are hoping the skies will clear for the next cut scheduled for Nov. 3 and 4. The main thing we're hoping for is dry ground, so we can load the logs on the trucks and get them to the bonfire site."

"If the rain quits it doesn't necessarily mean the ground will be dry enough for us to move the wood."

Forecasters say an upper-level low pressure area, and a stalled cold front in the Gulf of Mexico are responsible for the current rainy weather in the Bryan-College Station area.

## Mondale criticizes Kennedy-Hitler letter

# Reagan encounters hecklers

United Press International

President Reagan ran into his first hecklers Tuesday at campaign stops on the West Coast, and Walter Mondale unveiled a 1960 letter Reagan wrote to Richard Nixon, linking John Kennedy's policies to those of Karl Marx and Adolf Hitler.

Two weeks from Election Day, Vice President George Bush milked a cow in Mondale's home state of Minnesota, and Democratic vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro, in Little Rock, Ark., lashed out at the GOP campaign's "arrogance."

Reagan was interrupted by shouts of "liar," "warmonger," and "there you go again," a line Reagan has used against his rivals, throughout a rally at the University of Portland, and about six hecklers shouting slogans protesting the president's Central American policies were removed from the Seattle Center rally.

Several hundred anti-Reagan protesters also were outside both speech centers, carrying such signs as: "The smile that kills," and "No Mo'ron."

James Lake, Reagan's campaign spokesman, said the demonstrators in both cities "reflect a certain level

of frustration and panic on the part of local Mondale supporters."

Mondale said he would request that his supporters stop any type of heckling at Reagan rallies.

In an effort to stop Reagan from invoking the name of John Kennedy and other Democratic heroes, Mondale, in Youngstown, Ohio, quoted from a hand-written letter, signed "Ronnie Reagan," sent to Nixon during the 1960 Nixon-Kennedy campaign — when Reagan headed a "Democrats for Nixon" group.

Confronted with the charge, Reagan responded that the letter "ap-

pears to be accurate" but said it was written before the 1960 election. He said he was "pleasantly surprised to find the difference between Kennedy the candidate and Kennedy the president," and lauded Kennedy's "toughness" during the Cuban missile crisis.

Bush, visiting a dairy farm in Cologne, Minn., was told agriculture is in "a depression." The vice president asked for additional time, so the recovery can reach all sectors of the economy and economic growth can bring the deficit under control.

## 'Lady in gray' robber sought in six holdups

United Press International

WASHINGTON — A bank robber called "the lady in gray" — wearing a gray beret and sweater, and wielding what she claims is a grenade in a brown sock — is wanted in a string of suburban holdups, police said Tuesday.

The woman, also known as "the grenade lady," has hit six banks since mid-August. The holdups are mostly in Fairfax County, Va., but on Sept. 26 she robbed the Central National Bank in Wheaton, Md.

"Each time she has made off with a considerable amount of money,"

Fairfax County police spokeswoman Carol Kitzerow said.

She staged her latest holdup Monday at a First American Bank branch in Springfield, Va., and got away with a duffle bag of money. As in all her robberies, there were no injuries.

"She usually hands a note over to a teller stating that she has a hand grenade and wants the money," Kitzerow said. "She's usually holding a sock with a roundish object in it. It's unknown what's in there."

Grenades are usually available to the military only. "I'd like to see

someone call her bluff. No one knows if that's really a grenade in there," Montgomery County, Md., police Sgt. Harry Geehreg said.

But Geehreg said such a ploy would be dangerous. The woman police call "the lady in gray" is always dressed in a floppy gray beret, a baggy gray sweater with a collar, and a gray skirt or gray slacks. She also wears dark glasses, and uses the same note.

The case is puzzling because "women usually don't get involved in crimes of violence," said Dr. Walter Rowe, a professor of forensic sci-

ences at George Washington University. "Our culture even has an effect on the crimes women commit."

Kitzerow called the case unusual. "I can't remember the last woman bank robber we've had," he said. "The odds of her getting caught, of course, increase as she continues."

Her luck almost ran out last week. At a bank on a busy highway in Bailey's Crossroads, Va., a teller pointed to an empty cash drawer and said she had no money. The "lady in gray" insisted, but the teller prevailed and the woman left empty-handed.

## The Texan restaurant started as a hobby

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Reporter

It isn't often that a hobby becomes a profitable business, but that's what happened when Tap and Diana Tapley bought The Texan restaurant 17 years ago.

Tapley was a physics professor at Texas A&M and his wife was a homemaker when they bought the drive-in from the 30's era.

Neither had previous restaurant experience or training. They simply are interested in food and love to experiment, Diana Tapley said.

"We've been cooking as a hobby ever since we were married — and that's been 34 years," she said. "When we bought The Texan it was a drive-in. We kept it as a drive-in for two weeks. However, we kept the original menu of hamburgers, pizzas, french fries, etc. for much longer."

"We gradually changed the menu — removing certain items and replacing them with dishes we had developed."

She said the food is gourmet, and credits her husband with the development of most of the menu. He developed many of the secret dressings and sauces they now use.

Additional recipes on the menu were gathered by Tapley's mother. His father was a member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and his mother traded recipes with performers from around the world, Diana Tapley said.

For example, the broiled chicken with orange and oregano is courtesy of a French musician who was forced to flee Paris when the woman he was living with became jealous and tried to kill him.

In addition, the Tapleys still experiment with new food items for the menu after going home at about 1 a.m. It takes a long time to develop something they both like, Diana Tapley said.

For a wine to appear on their wine list, a wholesaler must select a wine he thinks will meet their criteria from hundreds of labels.

Then the Tapleys drink — not taste — at least three bottles each at different meals to determine if the wine is true to type, if it complements the customer's foods and if the taste of the third bottle is as pleasant as the first. It also is important that the wine be appro-

priately priced within its type, Diana Tapley said.

Even after 17 years in the restaurant business, both Tapleys still love cooking.

"One of us is always in the kitchen," she said. "We cook every entree that leaves our kitchen."

And you shouldn't be in a hurry when you come to The Texan, Diana Tapley said.

"Many people come here to celebrate special occasions such as anniversaries or birthdays," she said. "We want you to enjoy a leisurely dinner as if you were guests in our home."

Smooth, efficient and friendly table-side service are important to the Tapleys for this reason, she said.

The Texan's system of service has been developed according to the Tapleys' taste and consists of two waiters for each of the two larger dining rooms.

One waiter is the rapotier. He never leaves the section and serves all of the food and drinks.

The second waiter is the logistician. He does all of the leg-work. He brings the drinks from the bar and the salads and entrees from the kitchen to the rapotier who in turn serves them to the customers, she said.

The Tapleys have hosted several celebrities in their 17 years at The Texan, she said. Ricardo Montalban, Myrna Loy and Henry Mancini all had dinner at The Texan while in Bryan-College Station for performances.

"Probably one of the most exciting nights for me was when Gene Hackman had dinner here with a close friend one night," Diana Tapley said. "Everyone spent the entire night trying to decide if it was him."

"When they were leaving, the friend said that he was Gene Hackman. I was in the kitchen when I heard about it and I rushed out to ask him for his autograph as he was getting into his car."

On another occasion, Bob Lilly, a former Dallas Cowboy, visited The Texan. "My daughter was so excited to see him that she kept his fork and hung it in her room," he said.

The Texan is busiest on the weekends of home football games where they serve an average of 100 people per night, she said.

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