

### ORIGINAL AGGIE MUSIC!

Texas A&M Composers Spotlight  
Sunday, April 28, 3:00 p.m.  
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Concert Series  
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John Steinbeck's  
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## EAST OF EDEN



Wednesday, April 24, 7:30 p.m.  
Rudder Theatre

This weekend's Films:

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## House Oks crime victim legislation

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The House voted Tuesday to pay more attention to crime victims by keeping them posted on court proceedings, including parole deliberations that could free the criminal who victimized them.

"For far too long we've viewed it as the state vs. the defendant," said sponsor Frank Tejeda, D-San Antonio. "The victim has been left out."

His measure was approved 53-0, and faces a final House vote before going to the Senate.

Also Tuesday, the House gave preliminary approval to bills that would:

- Make it illegal to possess child pornography.

- Require newspaper advertisements notifying the public when child-care facility licenses are revoked.

- Allow narcotics offenders to be placed in restitution centers.

Under Tejeda's bill, crime victims would be notified of court proceedings involving their case. In a murder, the immediate family would get the notification.

The bill also would allow magistrates to consider the safety of the victim in determining whether to release defendants on bond. Victims also would be allowed to provide information to the Board of Pardons and Paroles when the panel considers release of the inmate.

Prosecutors in a jurisdiction of more than 150,000 people would appoint a victim-assistance coordinator.

Tejeda's measure drew support from several victims' organizations, including Parents of Murdered Children and the Coalition for Victims' Rights.

Tentative approval also was given to San Antonio Rep. Alan Schoolcraft's bill that would make it a third-degree felony, punishable by up to 10 years in prison, for possessing a film image depicting a child engaged in sexual conduct.

Current state law bars the production of such material.

Pollok Rep. Billy Clemons' bill would require the Department of Human Resources to publish notice when it revokes or suspends child-care facility licenses. The notices would be newspaper ads in the section where child-care ads appear.

"There is no way for the public to know about it," Clemons said of current revocations.

Midland Rep. Tom Craddick's bill would allow narcotics offenders to serve time in restitution centers. Current law bars such offenders from the community facilities.

## What's up

Wednesday

AGGIE SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: will meet at 7 p.m. in 502 Rudder for election of officers.

GAY STUDENT SERVICES: will meet at 7:30 p.m. For location, call 775-1797.

GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL: will meet at 10 a.m. in 206 MSC for the presentation of the George W. Kunze Award.

HISTORY DEPARTMENT: will show "Easy Rider" in 100 HECC at 7 p.m.

PHI KAPPA PHI: initiates should pick up banquet tickets before Friday in 205 Reed McDonald. The banquet is April 30 at 6:30 p.m. in 226 MSC. If you have questions, call Shirley Bovey at 845-2858.

POLO CLUB: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Animal Industries Building.

TEXAS A&M SPANISH & FRENCH CLUB: will meet at 8 p.m. in MSC Rumours for election of officers and to view the film "Un Perro Andaluz"

TEXAS A&M BOXING CLUB: will meet at 5:45 p.m. in 260 G. Rollie White to elect officers and discuss plans for next year.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY: will meet 6 p.m.-7 p.m. at A&M Presbyterian Church for an Aggie Supper.

Thursday

MSC LOST & FOUND: will hold an auction in the MSC lounge 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Cash only.

MSC CEPHEID VARIABLE: will show "Prince Valiant" at 7:30 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. in 701 Rudder. Cost is \$1.

PRE-LAW SOCIETY: will hold their banquet at Cenare's at 6:30 p.m. All members are welcome.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION OFFICER WORKSHOP: will hold its initial session 7 p.m.-10 p.m. in 201 Rudder. Dean Mobley will speak.

SWAMP: will meet at Rudder Fountain 11 a.m.-2 p.m. to stage a coup to overthrow the Board of Regents and Student Government.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three days prior to desired publication date.

## Twister

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which occur in May. In May 1982, 123 tornadoes were reported, making it the worst outbreak in a single month in Texas. Between 1954 and 1983, Texas was hit by 3,874 tornadoes.

A tornado watch means that conditions are favorable for a tornado. A warning means that a tornado has been sighted and the public should take necessary precautions.

Aylmer Thompson, professor of meteorology at Texas A&M, said because of the adequate warning systems in the United States, casualties are now greatly reduced. Hurricanes and tornadoes are now tracked by advanced radar systems which provide for advance warnings.

Several precautions should be taken when a tornado is in the area.

- Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls.
- When in a home or small building, go to the basement or to

an interior area such as a closet, bathroom or hallway.

- When at school, a shopping center, hospital or similar building, go to the designated shelter areas or interior hallways on the lowest possible floor.

- When in a high-rise building, go to small interior rooms or hallways.

- If in a mobile home or a vehicle, leave them immediately and seek a more substantial structure. If there are no buildings nearby, get into a ditch or ravine and lie flat.

Though similar, tonados and hurricanes are two completely different types of storms.

Hurricanes are born over water and are not classified as a hurricane until they reach wind speeds of 74 mph or more. The intensity of hurricanes is gauged by the wind speed.

Hurricane season begins June 1 but the peak time for the storms is in September, Thompson said.

## Oil

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collected from the oil industry, Bullock says, from \$372 million in 1982 to \$250 million in 1984.

"You may have heard that the oil man is a dying breed in this state," he says. "Well, that may be true. But when they go, they're going to have to pay the inheritance taxes as well."

He estimated oil prices will drop from about \$27 a barrel this year to \$24.15 in 1987 and \$19.48 in 1989.

So what does this indicate? Every time the price of a barrel of Texas crude drops \$1, Craymer estimates the state loses about \$100 million in total revenues.

"For every \$1 drop in the price of oil, we lose about \$30 million in sales taxes alone," he says. "By about 1990, for every \$1 drop in oil, instead of \$30 million we'll probably lose about \$37 million."

Jared Hazelton, president of the Texas Research League, says Craymer's predictions are "optimistic."

"I want to remind you that the consensus forecast has been wrong for the last 15 years," he says.

Hazelton, whose non-profit, privately-financed group studies state and local governments, predicts Texas will one day be faced with a

"fiscal crisis" that will force legislators to consider cutting state services, making them the responsibility of the private sector or local governments.

The other options are to increase revenues by raising taxes, to expand the state's tax base, or to create new taxes, Hazelton says.

Dr. James Griffin, a Texas A&M economist specializing in the international oil market, recently concluded a study of the Texas oil industry.

"We have been blessed with lower taxes than many states have, mainly because of the oil industry," he says. "In 1932 oil sold for 67 cents per barrel. In 1981 oil sold for \$36 a barrel, but then the prices started falling."

Griffin says ad valorem taxes, the primary source of local government funding in Texas, have been declining steadily in previous years because of a healthy oil industry.

However, fiscal problems are in store for jurisdictions heavily dependent on taxes generated by oil and gas production, he says.

On the local level, the implications of the drop in energy output are erosion of the tax base and deteriora-

tion in the quantity and/or quality of the services that a local government is able to provide, due to financial pressures, Griffin says.

In 1910 oil and gas taxes were implemented in Texas.

Dr. Thomas Plaut, manager economic forecasting at the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research, says that since 1910 the gas tax rate has increased steadily—which has led to a basic structural problem for the Texas budget.

Twenty-four percent of the budget relies on oil and gas revenues, says. That is more than five times the national average of oil and gas producing states.

"We can get through this and develop a budget with means already taken to compensate for suffering oil industry," Plaut says.

With declining oil and gas prices bringing about declining revenues, Texas' financial crisis is far from over. Texas lawmakers are looking into their crystal ball to see what direction the oil industry is going, and are planning for means of generating once prices rise.

## Students at debate vote in favor of increases in university tuition

By Susan McDonald  
Reporter

Students voted 92 to 70 in favor of passing a bill to increase college tuition at the Texas A&M Forum Tuesday night.

The bill, sponsored by State Rep. Wilhelmina Delco, D-Austin, calls for an increase in resident tuition from the current \$4 per semester hour to \$8 per hour for the 1985-86 school year. Tuition would eventually reach \$20 per hour in 1990.

Non-resident tuition would be raised from \$40 per hour to \$120 per hour in the fall and then to \$180 for 1986-87. Non-resident students

would then be required to pay 100 percent of their education costs.

Andre Dean, a junior economics major, spoke in favor of the resolution. He said one advantage of the bill is that students will share more of the burden of the costs of higher education.

"If the bill is passed, the cost of education will fall back more on those who take advantage of it . . ." Dean said.

The bill would also help the state's billion dollar deficit with its increase in revenues, he said.

Larry Fulton, a sophomore speech communications major,

spoke against the bill saying if the bill is passed, the quality of the higher education system will disappear.

The bill will cause students to withdraw, hurting the University financially and culturally, Fulton said.

"The legislature is returning percent of the funds they think so crucial to this state's economic survival just to attempt to repair damage they incur with this garbage legislation," Fulton said.

He added that the bill is intended to cause the initial increase in tuition so high.