

Police beat

The following incidents were reported by University Police through Tuesday:

MISDEMEANOR THEFT:

Five bicycles were stolen from various locations on campus.

A six-foot Christmas tree and its decorations were stolen from the Commons lobby area.

The Aston Hall Christmas tree was stolen.

ATTEMPTED THEFT:

About 48 pounds of T-bone steaks was found in a trash can outside the dining hall of the Memorial Student Center.

BURGLARY OF A HABITATION:

A diamond ring, a pair of earrings and several credit cards were stolen from an apartment in Married Student Housing.

An OKIDATA parallel card printer interface cable was stolen from Dorm 12.

An Apple IIe card printer interface circuit board was stolen from Dorm 12.

In nine separate burglary incidents in Aston Hall, \$228 in cash, two high school rings and a Texas A&M senior ring were stolen.

Someone "ransacked" a room in Dorm 11. Clothes were thrown around and shoe polish was spread on most of the belongings in the room.

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED/DISORDERLY CONDUCT/TERRORISTIC THREAT:

University Police said a man

and his wife fell off a motorcycle while riding on Agronomy Road. Police said the man was punching his wife at the time of the accident. Police reported the man had a .04 blood-alcohol content, and was transported to the Brazos County Sheriff's Office where he became violent and uncooperative.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:

A student damaged the lawn in front of Moses Hall when he spun out in the grass with his vehicle.

Residents of Moses Hall threw water balloons at Keathley Hall. Several dorm windows were broken.

Someone shot a pellet through a window of Keathley Hall.

FAILURE TO OBEY THE ORDER OF A PEACE OFFICER/ASSAULT ON A PEACE OFFICER:

A student whose vehicle was about to be towed away from Joe Routt Street attempted to back into the wrecker, police said. They said after he made several attempts to free the vehicle by ramming the wrecker, the man was advised by University Police to get out of his vehicle. The subject would not leave his vehicle, University Police said, so they tried to get him out by force. They said the man then tried to slam his door on an officer. The man was arrested and transported to the Brazos County Sheriff's Office.

Pennzoil willing to discuss a settlement with Texaco

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Pennzoil Co., victorious in the second round of a court fight to avenge its thwarted merger with Getty Oil Co., said Wednesday it is willing to discuss a settlement of the \$10.53 billion judgment against Texaco Inc.

"We're always willing to talk," Pennzoil Chairman J. Hugh Liedtke said after a judge upheld the largest civil damage award in U.S. history. "We've been willing to talk for two years, but they've never come up with anything serious, anything reasonable. If they ever do, we'll listen."

Visiting State District Judge Solomon Casseb Jr. agreed Tuesday with a jury's finding that Texaco should pay \$10.53 billion for foiling a Pennzoil-Getty merger in early 1984. But the judge gave the 83-year-old company some temporary protection from being forced into bankruptcy court.

Texaco attorney David Boies said the company will seek a new trial, and failing that, appeal the verdict.

But Boies unexpectedly revealed at Tuesday's hearing that the two companies had informal discussions about a possible transfer of assets to resolve the matter.

School official says God saved children from storm

Associated Press

GEORGETOWN — Two children suffered cuts when a freak December tornado ripped into their day care center, prompting a school official to say, "God was watching over us."

A third man was injured when a second twister hit a construction site near Round Rock, but authorities said the Tuesday storms could have been much worse.

David Williamson, assistant director of the Rabbit Hill School south of Georgetown, said, "All the children are fine. Two of them suffered cuts, but they were treated right at the school."

The tornado, which Williamson described as a whirling cloud of dust that seemed to come from nowhere, hit the school as a cold front raced across the state.

Teachers began hurrying the children under a stage in the gymnasium moments before the storm struck.

"I started rounding up the kids and putting them under the school stage," Williamson said. "The kids were scared, and they were screaming, but they did what they were supposed to. It hit as we were getting them under the stage."

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