

In Advance

Pros, cons of gun control will be discussed at A&M

Political Forum will present three speakers in "Gun Control: The Controversy" tonight at 8 in Rudder Theater.

The speakers are James Stachura, a visiting instructor with the Texas A&M political science department; David H. Berg, a member of the National Coalition to Control Handguns; and Herb Chambers, a field representative for the National Rifle Association. Admission is free.

Stachura, who also will moder-

ate the program, will discuss the background of gun control legislation and several bills now in or coming up in Congress, said Natalia Bovee, publicity director for the program.

Berg and Chambers then will take about 10 minutes each to discuss their views on current gun control issues and the views of their organizations.

A question and answer period will follow the discussion.

Free programs scheduled for National Library Week

The Sterling C. Evans Library will provide a number of free programs Monday through Friday in celebration of National Library Week.

Jacque Halverson, the library's National Library Week chairman, said this year's theme is "Get a Head Start at the library."

The programs include:
• Two free movies to be shown Wednesday afternoon. "Ghostbusters" will be shown at

1 and "Return of the Jedi" will be shown at 3 p.m. in Room 204C.

• The annual book sale, set for Friday on the south side of the library from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Journals, paperbacks, duplicates or books that didn't fit the library's collection will be for sale, Halverson said.

Also on sale will be posters featuring movie stars, sports stars, business celebrities and cartoons, she said.

A&M students can pick up applications for peer adviser

The Peer Adviser Program is now accepting applications for this summer. Applications may be picked up in 108 YMCA Building and are due Wednesday.

The program, a summer orientation for freshmen and transfer students, is implementing two new programs this summer, the High School Honors Program and a Student Mentor Program.

The program is designed to acquaint new students to Texas A&M and college life, said Donna Hughes, coordinator of the Peer Adviser Program. It includes mixers, parents' socials and sessions where volunteer peer advi-

sors answer questions and give advice to incoming students.

A new pre-recruiting tool, the High School Honors Program, will begin this summer for specially selected high school students, usually juniors, Hughes said.

The new Mentor Program began when peer advisers kept in contact with new students and realized they continued to have questions, Hughes said.

"The purpose of the Mentor Program is to have an established program of peer advisers to answer questions throughout the year instead of a one-shot deal in the summer," Hughes said.

Corps march raises over \$25,000 for March of Dimes

By Frank Smith
Staff Writer

The Corps of Cadets marched down FM 60 and descended on the Brazos River Saturday during a 14-mile trek to raise money for the March of Dimes.

Chris Wallace, Corps representative for the Bryan-College Station chapter of the March of Dimes, said that so far more than \$25,000 in donations and pledges have been collected from this year's annual march.

However, he said a final total probably wouldn't be available until Friday, since more donations are expected to come in this week.

Yori Escalante, public relations officer for the Corps, said the original goal was to raise \$60,000.

He said some cadets sought donations around their hometowns during spring break and also garnered support from local businesses.

Some also took the fund-raising campaign door-to-door around campus dormitories, he said.

The cadets started the seven-mile journey to the Brazos about 8:30 a.m. By the river, some outfits competed in intramural competitions before the march back to campus began, Escalante said.

Escalante said the Corps used to march to the Brazos in the "old Army" days, but that the march was discontinued for a time.

The event was re-instituted in 1977 in conjunction with the March of Dimes.

\$20.1 million bond issue passes 1-0

Lone voter doubles as election judge

LEWISVILLE (AP) — One vote was all it took to make the election in the Denton County Levee Improvement District a unanimous decision.

Michelle Barnes is the only adult resident of the district. So when the district voted on a \$20.1 million bond issue Saturday, she was the only voter and had to serve as election judge as well.

The proposal carried 1-0.

"I've never tried to avoid politics, but I don't think I want this much pressure on me again," she said after closing her poll Saturday night. "When 20,000 other people vote with you, that's one thing. When you find out your vote is the only one out there, it's kind of scary."

"You wonder if what you did is for the best."

The owners of the property in the district plan to use it for residential and commercial development. First, though, some flood-control measures must be taken.

Hence the bond issue — designed to finance construction of levees, pump stations and retention ponds. The cost of the bonds is expected to be borne by future property owners.

Barnes, who rents property in the district and lives in a mobile home with her 10-year-old son, was squarely behind the bond issue for the benefits it promised — better drinking water, more room for development and so on.

What she wasn't so pleased with was her status as the only registered voter in the levee district, what with the pressure of both running, and deciding, the election all by herself.

In fact, she missed her chance to vote in city and school board elections in Lewisville because she had to keep her polls open until 7 p.m., the same time they closed in town.

Gunman holding ex-wife hostage killed by police

EULESS (AP) — A gunman who police said killed his ex-wife whom he had been holding hostage was fatally shot Sunday night after police confronted him, officials said.

The gunman, Maron Mataele, 27, had taken his former wife, Cassandra "Sane" Mataele, hostage at the convenience store where she worked as a clerk 48 hours earlier, threatening to kill her and himself.

The man's brother, who had talked to him by phone, told police Mataele killed his wife about 5:30 p.m. Her body was found in a closet at the rear of the store.

Four hours later, police stormed the building, using explosives to blast open a door.

Police spokesman T.C. Free said another brother, who was not identified, was taken into custody, but he said he didn't know if charges would be filed against him.

That brother, Free said, had negotiated with Mataele before dawn Sunday. Officials said the gunman had agreed to give his gun to his brother, and the brother was in-

structed to accept the gun at the front of the store.

"Against instructions, the brother entered the store adjoining the gunman," said Free, and he remained in the store for the remainder of the standoff.

He was taken into custody after police stormed the building.

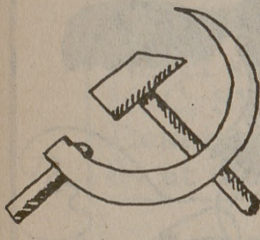
Free declined to say how many times Mataele was shot by Arlington tactical officers.

Asked why police kept it quiet for hours that Ms. Mataele had been killed, Free said police had decided not to release the information.


At a news conference, Free read a statement and answered questions for about five minutes and then closed the questioning.

Police said that after more futile efforts to talk him into giving up, they confronted Mataele, and he pointed his gun at them, drawing their gunfire in response.

Another of Mataele's brothers was summoned to the scene, but did not go inside, officials said. Mataele then asked for police to fly yet another of his brothers in from California.



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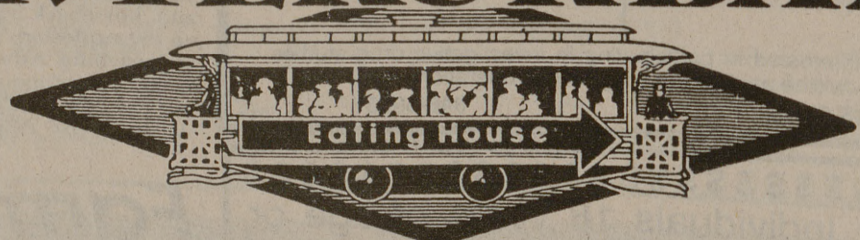
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