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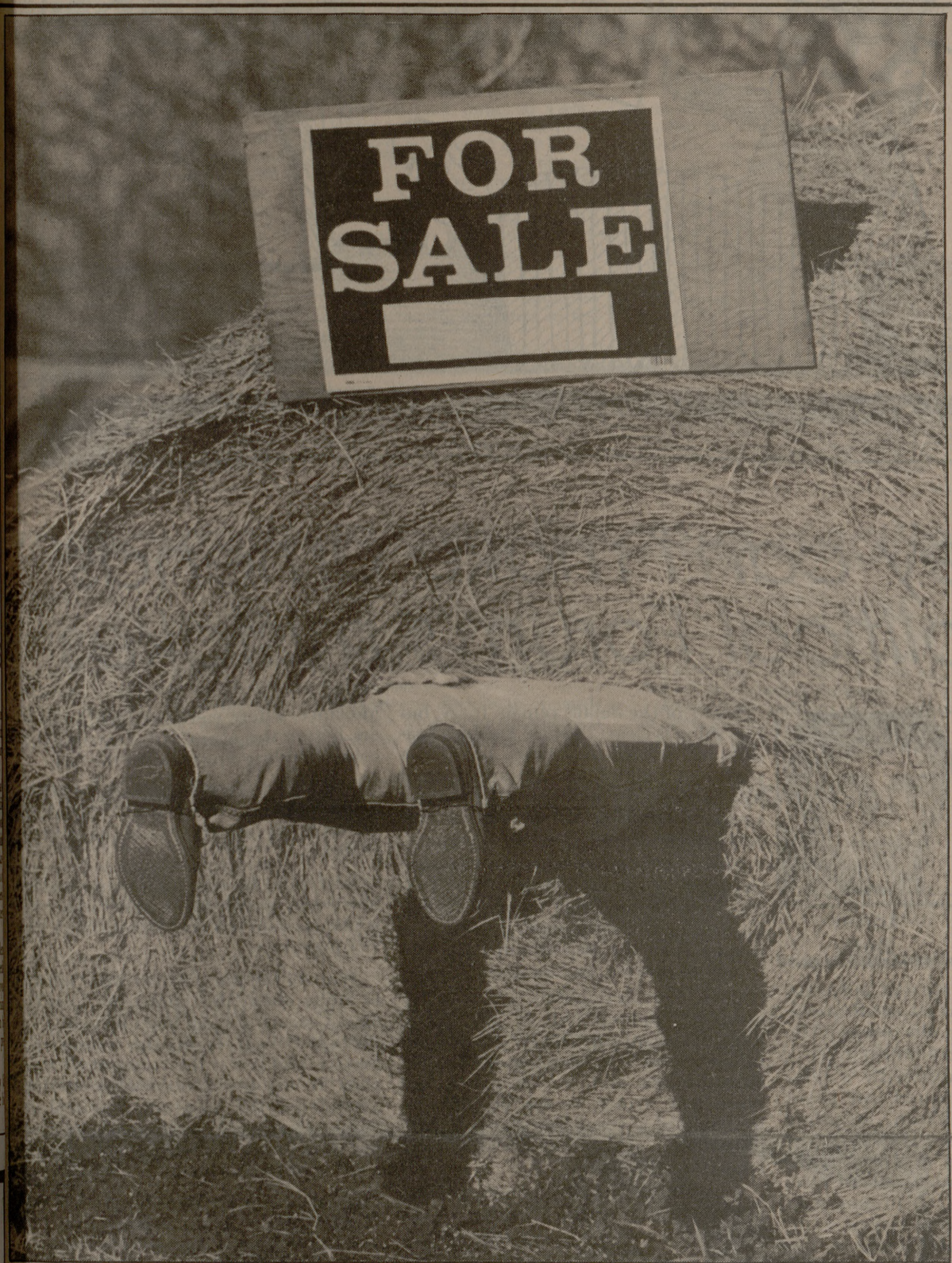


Photo by Dean Saito

## The Last Straw

This bale of hay for sale outside a farmhouse in McDade seems to contain more than just hay. The

fake body has been drawing stares from passerby on Highway 290 for the better part of a week.

## 64-year old grandmother enjoys job teaching Texas prison unit inmates

By Darren G. Allen  
Reporter

At 5:15 a.m. every weekday, Marcia Baker, a 64-year-old grandmother, goes to prison.

She is escorted by armed guards down corridors and must go through three doors which are locked behind her before she can reach her destination — her classroom.

For about four years the Texas A&M graduate student has been teaching special education to inmates at the Wallace Pack I Unit, about nine miles south of Navasota, but she admits she was nervous when she began teaching prisoners in 1983.

"I honestly think it took almost a year before I was really comfortable," she says.

Baker interviewed for the job when she was teaching people with learning disabilities in Bryan.

"The warden was telling me all the reasons I shouldn't take the job," she says, "but also telling me how much they wish I would."

"I had never done anything like it before. I kept thinking that the reason for being in education is to make some sort of an imprint on people if possible."

As the first woman to teach at the unit, Baker

says the extra security sometimes made her nervous.

"I was the first woman teacher," she said, "and I couldn't go anywhere without a guard. There is something about being locked in and getting escorted everywhere that made me timid at first."

Baker, who is seeking a doctorate in adult education, says she is now settled into her job at the minimum-security prison.

"There is very little disciplinary action I have to deal with," she says. "We have school rules just like any other school — just like A&M."

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## Soviet leader claims advances on rights

Gorbachev says U.S. 'trampled' on accords

MOSCOW (AP) — Mikhail S. Gorbachev told an international peace conference Monday the Soviet Union is changing its approach to human rights "for all to see," but not because of Western pressure.

The Kremlin leader repeated Soviet opposition to the American space-based defense project known as "Star Wars" and accused the White House of "trampling" on agreements he and President Reagan reached at their 1985 Geneva summit to spur arms control negotiations.

There will be "no second Noah's Ark for a nuclear deluge," he said. "We (have) rejected any right for leaders of a country, be it the U.S.S.R., the U.S. or another, to pass a death sentence on mankind."

"We are not judges and the bil-

lions of people are not criminals to be punished, so the nuclear guillotine must be broken."

Soviet arms control proposals show his government's "preparedness to give up its status of a nuclear power and reduce all other weapons to a minimum of reasonable sufficiency."

Gorbachev delivered his hour-long address in the Grand Kremlin Palace on the final day of a world forum on peace and disarmament that brought about 1,300 Soviet and foreign scientists, film stars, doctors, businessmen and other public figures together in Moscow.

He did not make new proposals on disarmament, as some had predicted, but stressed Soviet proposals made at the Reykjavik summit last October and a plan he announced in

January 1986 for eliminating nuclear weapons by the year 2000.

Gorbachev indicated the Soviet Union would resume nuclear tests following an 18-month freeze.

He got a warm reception from the audience crowded into the cream-colored Kremlin hall and was interrupted 20 times by applause.

Actor Gregory Peck, writer Norman Mailer, economist John Kenneth Galbraith and musician Yoko Ono were among the Americans in attendance.

Andrei Sakharov, who won the 1975 Nobel Peace Prize and is the best-known Soviet dissident, sat in the middle row of the hall. He shook hands with other delegates and signed autographs on business cards and scraps of paper.

## Trial begins for autoworker charged with WWII crimes

JERUSALEM (AP) — Retired Ohio autoworker John Demjanjuk went on trial Monday on charges he ran gas chambers at a Nazi death camp where 850,000 Jews died.

Holocaust survivors in the audience wept. One shouted that Demjanjuk had strangled his family.

Demjanjuk, who says he is innocent, could face execution if convicted.

He is only the second man to be tried in Israel on Nazi war crimes charges. The government prepared for a showcase trial to teach young Israelis about the Holocaust during which 6 million Jews perished in German-run death camps.

During the session, he sat hunched over, his face expressionless, as he faced a capacity crowd of 400 journalists and spectators in a movie theater that had been converted into a courtroom for the trial.

The indictment charges Demjanjuk, 66, was the notorious guard "Ivan the Terrible" who beat and tortured victims before turning on the gas chamber engines at Treblinka, a death camp in German-occupied Poland, in 1942 and 1943.

Mark O'Connor, Demjanjuk's defense attorney, has maintained his client is a victim of mistaken identity.

"This man, John Demjanjuk, has never been in any death camp in any capacity," the defense attorney said.

He said the Ukrainian-born Demjanjuk was captured by the Germans in 1941 while serving with the Soviet army and was interned at the Chelm camp for prisoners of war near Treblinka.

O'Connor also said the case against his client should be dismissed because Demjanjuk was extradited from the United States on an order specifying he would be tried for murder, not war crimes.

But Judge Dov Levine, chairman of the three-member panel hearing the case, rejected the argument, saying "the (U.S. extradition) document made it clear that by murder, it meant all the crimes mentioned by the extradition request."

## Report: Services won't be strained by immigration law

AUSTIN (AP) — The estimated 600,000 illegal aliens in Texas who could become legal residents under a new federal law probably will not place major new burdens on state-funded social programs, according to a legislative report.

The report by the Texas House Research Organization last week said public schools in Texas already enroll the children of illegal aliens. As a result, there should be no added costs to education, the state's biggest expenditure, the report said.

In addition, the immigration law passed Nov. 6 provides for federal payments to state and local governments to help cover costs of services to newly legalized residents.

The report said that while long-term implications cannot be measured, there are indications the new law will have no immediate impact on state finances and the state's economy.

"The impact is uncertain because of the many unknowns — the number of illegal immigrants in the state, the number who will be granted legal status and how the INS (U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service) will enforce employer sanctions," the report said.

The new law grants temporary legal status to illegal aliens who have lived in the United States since Jan. 1, 1982 and levies fines against employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens.

The report said the employer sanctions could cause major changes in the Texas work force, depending on how vigorously the immigration service enforces the law.

The immigration service is considering a series of administrative rules to enforce the law. Under the current timetable, the service plans to open legalization centers for aliens May 5

## Unusual events mark Aggie Friday the 13th

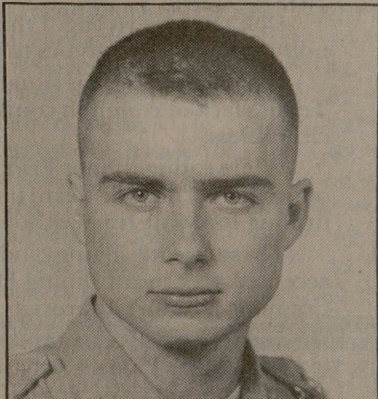
### Student charged in case involving burglary of 3 cars

By Olivier Uyttebroeck  
Senior Staff Writer

A Texas A&M student and Corps of Cadets member who became something of a hero in September for chasing down an auto burglar was arrested early Saturday morning in connection with the burglary of three cars in an A&M parking lot.

John Christopher Stegall, 19, an electrical engineering major and member of Squadron 13, was observed walking along rows of cars and testing doors in the parking lot behind the Commons area, said Bob Wiatt, director of University Police.

Plainclothes officers, who had the parking lot staked out because of earlier vehicle burglaries there, arrested Stegall after he was seen removing a tennis racket, books and several other ob-



Chris Stegall

jects from three cars, Wiatt said. Six months ago Stegall was licensed for chasing and capturing a 19-year-old Caldwell man the

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By Olivier Uyttebroeck  
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The moon was full and the air still and cloudless on Friday the 13th — and, true to form, strange things happened on campus that night.

For one thing, the Church of the Subgenius — a nationwide, pseudo-religious cult that worships "Bob," a grinning pipe-smoker — held their "first Aggie subgenius devial" Friday on the lawn in front of the Blocker Building — or so the yellow fliers posted around campus that day declared.

University Police report that several other unusual incidents occurred Friday night as well.

Two fires were started in trash cans in the Blocker Building shortly after 4 a.m. Saturday, and University Police suspect the fires were intentionally set, said Bob Wiatt, director of the University police.

Bound stacks of *The Battalion* were placed in large plastic trash receptacles in the first floor lobby and in one of the building's halls. They were then set on fire, charring a wall and a bulletin board, Wiatt said.

He said thick smoke filled the first two floors of the building, activating a fire alarm, and two University Police officers were able to bring one of the fires under control with hand extinguishers.

The College Station Fire Department used air respiration equipment to locate the other fire and bring it under control amid the thick smoke, Wiatt said.

He said the police have no witnesses or suspects at this point but are continuing to investigate.

Arson is a felony offense punishable by two to 20 years in prison, he said.

In another incident, an A&M professor was arrested Friday night on suspicion of assaulting a Texas A&M police officer.

Roland William Smith, 34, a biochemistry professor, was stopped by a campus police officer for riding a bicycle not equipped with a headlight, Wiatt said. The officer was writing out a \$4 ticket when Smith became angry, knocked the clipboard out of the officer's hand and struck the officer in the chest, he said.

The officer backed up a few

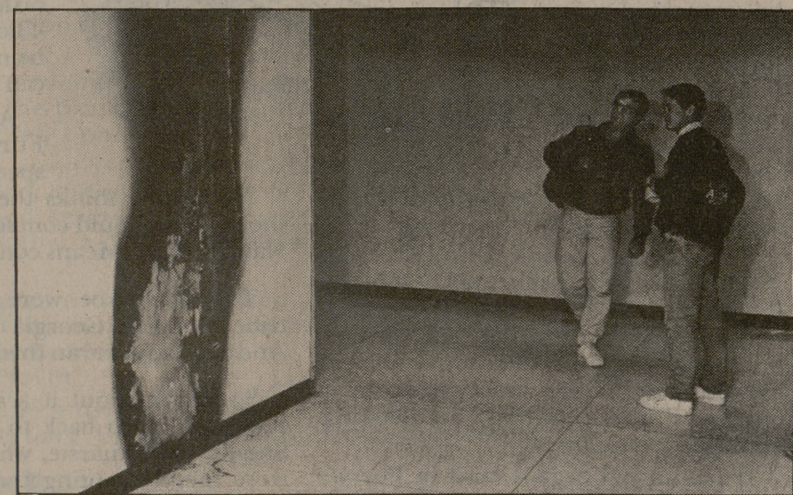


Photo by Bill Hughes  
Steve Anderson, left, and Tony Riggs inspect fire damage to a wall in the Blocker Building.

steps and declared his intention to arrest Smith, who then submitted peacefully to the officer, Wiatt said. Smith was released from Brazos County Jail Saturday morning after posting \$125 bond on suspicion of assault.

"I don't know if it was the full moon, Friday the 13th, or what it was causing all these strange things," Wiatt said.

A University Police stakeout at

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