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Judge to rule on dropping indictment

LIVINGSTON (AP) — A judge will decide by next week whether to dismiss an aggravated perjury indictment against a woman whose father was acquitted in the 1985 slaying of a high-school football coach.

State District Judge John Martin said Tuesday he will rule by April 22 on two defense motions asking the court to quash the indictment charging Vanessa Fontenot with lying to support her father's alibi.

Fontenot, 25, of Channelview, is scheduled to stand trial May 11.

A Polk County jury in February 1986 acquitted her father, Hurley Fontenot, of murder charges in the April 12, 1985, shooting death of Hull-Daisetta coach Billy Mac Fleming.

A Polk County grand jury issued an aggravated perjury indictment against Vanessa Fontenot in June 1986, alleging she lied about when she got a telephone call from her father on the day of Fleming's death.

Restaurant Report

By Curtis L. Culberson
Staff Writer

The College Station restaurant listed below was inspected between March 30 and April 3 by the Brazos County Health Department. No other College Station restaurants were inspected during this time. The information is based on food-service establishment inspection reports. SCORED BETWEEN 90 AND 95:

David Jefferson, a registered sanitarian at the department, says restaurants with scores of 95 or above generally have excellent operations and facilities. He says restaurants with scores in the 70s or low 80s usually have serious violations in the health report.

Scores can be misleading, Jefferson says, because restaurants can get the same score by having several minor violations or a few major violations. He says the minor violations can be corrected during the inspection. Point deductions, or violations, in the report range from one point (minor violation) to five points (major violation).

Jefferson says the department might close a restaurant if the score is below 60, the personnel have infectious diseases, the restaurant lacks adequate refrigeration, a sewage backup is in the building, or the restaurant has a complete lack of sanitization for the food equipment.

The department inspects each restaurant every six months. Jefferson says a follow-up inspection is sometimes required if a restaurant has a four- or five-point violation that cannot be corrected during the inspection, or if there are numerous small violations.

Inspectors at the department are registered sanitarians.

Partner's Food Delivery at Walton was inspected by Lester. Score — 90. A five-point violation was cited in the report because cleansers were stored next to single-serve containers. Two points were subtracted from the report because a restaurant door wasn't self-closing. An additional three points were subtracted in the report for minor violations, including equipment that needed cleaning, unshielded lights and a plumbing violation.

Grandfather makes quilts in spare time to keep busy

PLAINVIEW (AP) — Some day, 50 years from now, when Shawn and Jennifer Collier show their children their "bow tie" and "pinwheel" quilts, they can tell them about how PawPaw made them each a quilt.

That's right, PawPaw. Their grandfather, Bill Collier, is a quilter.

"When I was a little boy, when we started fussing and fighting, mother would sit us down and start us cutting and piecing quilts to shut us up," laughed Collier. "Oh, girl, I hated it then. That was real punishment."

He started to quilt again last year while he was recovering from heart bypass surgery.

"It's hard for a man who is used to hard work to suddenly find time on his hands, so to keep from going crazy, I picked up quilting again," Collier said. "I really appreciate my mother teaching us how to do it . . . now."

Collier is a barber by profession but worked at everything else after shop hours when his children were growing up.

"I've been a barber for 31 years, but we farmed, cut hay, gardened — everything," he said. "I worked hard. Quilting saved my sanity when I had to slow down."

The first quilt Collier made was a "colonial girl" pattern for his wife, Gwen.

"While I was recovering from surgery, I would sit in my big chair with Cookie and Troubles (miniature dachshunds) on each side of me and quilt on the hoop. If they got on a pin, they would growl until I moved it out of their way. They were company for me when my family was at work."

"My family was so supportive of me when I was feeling bad; they

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— Bill Collier, grandfather, barber and quilter

wouldn't let me get depressed. We played games, and they were with me every minute. My daughter Jackie started crocheting a bedspread for me while I was in the operating room; she gave it to me yesterday."

Besides the quilts for his grandchildren and his wife, Collier has made quilts for other family mem-

bers. A recent project is an "around the world" bedspread made of 3,700 3-inch pieces of double fabric.

"I cut 3-inch pieces in my spare time," he laughed. "When I finish I am going to make a double bedspread ring quilt for me."

Between customers, Collier has an ironing board set up in the room of the barber shop along with a sewing machine.

"I've just about wore out the sewing machine — and my fingers this past year," he said.

The double wedding ring quilt may be his favorite, but he has a colonial girl, broken star, bow tie, and pinwheel quilts.

"I'm always getting new patterns. If I see a pretty quilt laying out, I just whip out some paper and trace a pattern and quilt and make a quilt," he said.

Collier mused on his health. "When I was younger and in good health, I enjoyed riding my press with my boys. We raised and raised chickens and were always doing something. When you're old and have to slow down, you're doing it, it's hard."

"You're used to doing all the things and you need to keep busy. It's hard to be just happy and live."

Some student scholarships affected by tax-reform law
IRS: General living expenses to be taxed

By Robert Morris
Staff Writer

As mandated by the tax-reform law and as interpreted by the Internal Revenue Service, most university scholarships, fellowships and grants over \$600 are now taxable.

In general, the new laws will affect the exclusion a student can take under fellowship and scholarship grants.

The change in the tax law will affect the amount above what a student spends on required fees, required books and supplies, said Lynn Brown, Texas A&M scholarship administrator.

Gene Raymond, the IRS contact representative in Austin, said room and board and general living expenses are not included in the category of required fees and will be taxable.

"What they've done is to make more stringent rules on these awards," Raymond said. "They've made the amount that you can exclude from income narrower."

The IRS has said that multi-year scholarships awarded before Aug. 16, 1986, are not taxable for the life of the award, regardless of when it was paid.

However, Brown said recent contact with the IRS indicates that those awards are taxable if there are conditions for retention or renewal — such as a student's grade-point ratio or enrollment in a specific major.

Most scholarships fall into the renewable category and will be taxable, Brown said.

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— A&M Assistant Provost Lawrence Cress

"We've had several interpretations from the IRS, and this is just the latest we know about it," she said. More information is expected later in the week.

A&M Assistant Provost Lawrence Cress said students would probably not be affected to the degree of not being able to go to school, but the impact would largely depend on the individual situation.

"A student with little income is

probably going to feel less of an impact than a wealthier student," Cress said. "If you have a trust fund or other kinds of interest, and you add to it, then you could feel a significant tax burden."

"But it depends on one's own individual circumstance — so it's hard to generalize."

Greg Smith, vice president of graduate affairs in the Graduate Student Council, said the biggest impact would simply be how students budget their money.

It won't have a severe impact on whether students are able to continue their education, he said.

The University will report to the IRS in January 1988 the amount of awards valued in excess of \$600 for scholarships, fellowships and grants awarded to students.

Both Raymond and Cress strongly suggest students see receipts and fee statements.

Cress said, "The University is providing students with general information that their scholarships may now be subject to tax, and students have particular questions about the impact of the tax should talk to the IRS or their tax consultant."

Senate OKs tuition decrease for Mexican students

EL PASO (AP) — Officials from the University of Texas-El Paso said Wednesday they welcome a bill passed by the Texas Senate that would allow Mexican students to pay in-state tuition at the school.

The bill, sponsored by state Sen. Tati Santiesteban, D-El Paso, was passed 30-0 Tuesday after being amended to require Mexican students to show "financial need."

If approved by the House, the lower tuition rate would affect only the University of Texas-El Paso, Sul Ross University in Alpine, Laredo State University in Laredo, and Pan American University at its Edinburg

and Brownsville campuses. Of the four, UTEP is by far the largest.

"I'm glad we passed this first hurdle," said Nancy Strickland, director of international student services at UTEP. "People at the state level are recognizing special needs of the border."

Out-of-state students must pay \$120 per credit hour at state universities. The bill would allow Mexican students to pay the in-state fee of \$16 per credit hour.

Since the Mexican peso began its steady devaluation in 1982, and especially after out-of-state tuition was

tripled in 1985, the number of Mexican students has declined sharply.

Total enrollment at UTEP of 13,759 students last fall, of which 286 were Mexican citizens, said Barbara Prater, vice president of academic affairs. In 1981, it reached its highest enrollment of Mexican students, at 694. It dropped to 572 in 1984 and to 388 in 1985, she said.

The highest concentration of Mexican students is in business, technical majors, and those are the future leaders of Mexico, she said.