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## New mayor: Dallas unbiased toward women

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas' first elected female mayor says the city has erased the prejudice that once hindered women and minorities.

Annette Strauss defeated businessman Fred Meyer by a margin of 55.9 percent to 44.1 percent in a runoff election Saturday, and will take office as head of the nation's seventh-largest city May 4.

Wearing a hat with the slogan, "Ms. Mayor. Lace Over Steel," Strauss said, "I think this proves one thing: that in Dallas, Texas, one is judged by one's own energies, abilities and imagination, and that gender, or race or anything, nothing else like that can stand as roadblocks to one's success."

Strauss, 63, who had been the mayor pro tem, now faces the formidable challenge of leading a city suffering from economic woes that have hit oil-poor Texas.

"Dallas is ready for a woman mayor and for those few who may not be, ready or not, here I come," she proclaimed to a cheering crowd.

## In Advance

### Muster to honor A&M dead on Tuesday

By Staci Finch  
Reporter

On Tuesday, Aggies all over the world will gather in memory of deceased former students to observe Aggie Muster. The Muster at Texas A&M will begin at 7 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

This event, which 8,000 people are expected to attend, also will be broadcast by satellite to other Aggies throughout the United States and Canada.

A&M Vice President for Development Robert L. Walker, Class of '58, will deliver the address for the A&M Muster.

Walker, who has delivered Muster addresses throughout the country, says being asked to deliver the A&M Muster address is one of his greatest honors.

"It is especially important because the request came from the students," Walker says. "It is my belief that one of the most unique qualities of Texas A&M is the people associated with it. Muster exemplifies the best expression of gratitude to individuals who have had an impact on our lives."

To express that gratitude, a list of former students who have died

since the last Muster is read, friend or relative answers "Yes" and a candle is lit for each.

The name of the deceased Aggie is called at the Muster where to where the Aggie lived.

The tradition of Muster dates back to 1883, when former A&M students gathered to remember their college days and call the roll call for the absent. "In 1900, a group of A&M students felt the University wasn't doing enough to honor the Battle of San Jacinto, when Texas won its independence from Mexico by defeating Gen. Santa Anna's army on April 21, 1836. They decided to honor Texas' independence with Muster on April 21 every year thereafter."

In 1942 Aggies stationed in the Philippine island of Corregidor observed Muster despite heavy shelling by Japanese troops. The post fell to the Japanese 15 days later, and all the men were either killed or imprisoned.

That Aggie Muster was recognized by Congress and the following year Aggie Muster became a formal program conducted worldwide.

## Genetic engineering produces 'right' kind of cow for breeders

By Beverly Click  
Reporter

In Aldous Huxley's book, "Brave New World," the government used genetic engineering to make the "right" kind of person. Now, in the beef and cattle industry, breeders are using the same idea to produce the "right" kind of cow.

Dr. Thomas Cartwright, a Texas A&M professor of animal science, says the cattle industry is working itself into a specification age — an age in which beef retailers want a specific kind of meat.

The specifics that retailers want are more marbling, or fat, in the meat and less outside fat, he says.

"With a much more diet-conscious consuming public, the retailers, or supermarkets, are being much more rigid in the specifications of the meat they buy," Cartwright says.

They're looking for lean and tender meat, he says, but also palatable, or tasty, meat.

Part of the problem is that, unlike

lean meat, beef fat is tasty, he says.

One solution is to place the outside fat into the meat, which then becomes marbling, he says. This is where genetic engineering comes into action.

"How do you produce a carcass that meets these specifications?" Cartwright asks. "It depends on the nutrition program and on genetic potential as to whether the cattle tend to grow fast, tend to deposit marbling (desirable fat), or tend to deposit outside fat (undesirable fat). To breed cattle like this requires some changes."

He says one of the biggest advances in genetic engineering has been artificial insemination (AI), which was introduced in the cattle industry after World War II. This allows a much more rigid selection of sires, or fathers. A desirable sire can be used to inseminate thousands of cows, Cartwright says.

Embryo transfer (ET) was the next major advancement to come along, he says. It does the same thing

for the cow that AI did for the cows can be selected more easily for desirable characteristics, he says.

In embryo transfer, a cow treated with hormones, causing super ovulate, or produce more than one ovum per estrous cycle. The are then placed in surrogate mothers who are in the same cycle as donor, Cartwright says. The percent of the ova must be in the later stage, he says.

An advancement still in the development stage is a process for fertilizing ova, he says. This is split once and both resulting are placed in recipient cows, Cartwright says. Thus they are identical twins, or clones, made after fertilization, he says.

Fertilized ova are commonly twice, but researchers at Genetics Inc., which is building the Texas A&M Research Park, verbally reported up to 30 identical ova, Cartwright says.

## Texaco workers back company in battle

PORT ARTHUR (AP) — The 3,300 employees of Texaco Inc. in Jefferson County are confident their parent company will win its continuing legal battle with oil rival Pennzoil Co.

Although Texaco's headquarters are in White Plains, N.Y., much of the company's heart and a vast amount of its muscle is in Port Arthur where The Texas Co. began 85 years ago.

Texaco filed under Chapter 11 of U.S. Bankruptcy Code to protect itself from having to post an \$11 billion bond to appeal a multibillion-dollar judgment it was ordered to pay Pennzoil.

A jury ruled in 1985 that Texaco wrongfully interfered in a planned merger between Houston-based Pennzoil and Getty Oil Co.

Texaco officials moved quickly to quiet fears about what the bankruptcy meant for local workers.

Plant workers were given a two-page letter by James W. Kinnear, Texaco's chief executive officer, assuring them the bankruptcy filing wouldn't affect operation of the plants.

Kinnear's letter asked workers to tell their families and relatives that "Texaco is strong and profitable" and that "Texaco is a good company to do business with, a good company to work for." He also said Pennzoil forced Texaco into bankruptcy.

Workers strongly back Texaco in its legal battle, expect their company to win in the end, said Bill Sparks, a local union official.

Local governmental officials also support Texaco. Texaco workers — especially many of the 3,000 who retire in the county — are strongly affected by one aspect of the bankruptcy. Dividends on their stock are frozen until the bankruptcy is resolved.

# WANTED:

# Video Aggieland Editor applicants

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