

# State and Local



Photo by Robert W. Rizzo

## Definitely Not Cold Medicine

Texas A&M University police officer, Bert Kretzschmar, displays a drug identification box designed to familiarize laymen with the appearance of drugs. The Bryan police display is one pre-

sented at the Home Security and Safety show. The show will be held from 6-9 p.m. tonight at the Brazos center. The show is open to the public. Admission to the show is free.

## Parade to mark beginning of B-CS Juneteenth festival

By Jill Kaml  
Reporter

Local residents will join thousands of other Texans in celebrating the 22nd year of freedom for blacks on June 19, or Juneteenth as it is commonly called.

Marion Haynes, a Bryan historian, said the celebration of Juneteenth is returning statewide.

"It kind of faded out once, but it is coming back," Haynes said. "It is a special day for us and we would not want to let it fade out completely because we want our children to know about it."

The Emancipation Proclamation, which freed all slaves in the parts of America still in rebellion against the Union, was issued on Jan. 1, 1863, by President Abraham Lincoln. However, the news did not reach Texas until June 19 when Gen. Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston to

inform Texans of black freedom.

Festivities celebrating Juneteenth in Bryan-College Station, sponsored by the Brazos Valley Juneteenth Celebration Committee, will start at 9 a.m. Saturday with a parade at Kemp School, located at San Jacinto and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The parade is an annual event. The parade will proceed down Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to Thomas Park in east Bryan, where certificates will be awarded for the best floats.

The winner of the contest will receive a \$100 cash prize. The award for second place is \$50 and the third-place prize is \$25. The two best-decorated vehicles and marching units will be given trophies.

There will be a "splash" party on Wednesday with free swimming from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Haswell Pool, located at Haswell and 25th streets in Bryan.

A GospelFest is scheduled for Thursday at 7 p.m. at Thomas Park. Gospel choirs from the local area will provide entertainment.

On Thursday, there will be a concert at the park featuring Terrance Simien. His group specializes in zydeco, the regional French dance music featuring accordion and frottoir (metal washboard). Simien and his group were named Band of the Year at the 1986 Louisiana Zydeco Festival. The Mallet Playboys, a band from Louisiana, and local jazz and popular music group Solid Foundation also will perform.

Live soul music will be played by The Soul Brothers on June 20 at the Lincoln Recreation Center, at 1000 Eleanor. The program will begin at 5:30 p.m., and Dr. Alvin Larke Jr., an assistant professor of agricultural education at Texas A&M, will be the guest speaker.

## Couple seeks release of records of testimony about son's death

AUSTIN (AP) — If a judge would release sealed transcripts of grand jury testimony, a Dallas couple says it would help them answer agonizing questions about the alcohol-poisoning death of their son.

Mark Seeberger, 18, a pledge of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity at the University of Texas, was found dead in his dormitory room last September.

Authorities said he had swallowed from 16 to 20 ounces of rum during a fraternity outing known as a "ride."

The youth's father, Jeff Seeberger, told State District Judge Bob Perkins, "We'd really like to find out what happened that day, that night and afterwards. Just for peace of mind."

A grand jury empaneled by Perkins reviewed Seeberger's death and found that even though he was handcuffed during the fraternity-sponsored ride, he was not coerced into drinking the rum.

The pledge's parents want to obtain the sealed transcripts of the grand jury investigation in which approximately 20 people were questioned.

Jeff Seeberger's testimony came

during a hearing requesting those records Wednesday. Perkins delayed a decision until June 25.

Prosecutors in the Travis County District Attorney's Office oppose releasing the transcripts.

Although the grand jury declined to return indictments in the case, it issued a report critical of fraternity

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— Jeff Seeberger, Mark's father

leaders who "engaged in an effort to suppress cooperation by witnesses to the incident toward investigative authorities."

Because no charges were filed in the case and because grand jury proceedings are secret, there has been no public testimony about the pledge's death.

During the hearing, Seeberger

testified that although prosecutors allowed him and his wife to read the transcripts and take notes from them after the investigation was over, questions remain.

He said that of the transcripts he and his wife had time to read, he was particularly alarmed by what he called the "Watergate approach" of some of the people involved in trying to thwart the investigation into his son's death.

Jeff Seeberger said he and his wife wanted the transcripts because none of the people with their son the night he died would tell them what had happened. He said attorneys hired by the family to look into the possibility of filing a civil suit against some of those involved also want the records.

Jim Connolly, chief of the trial division of the district attorney's office, testified that he and other prosecutors kept the Seebergers apprised of what was happening in the investigation "primarily out of compassion to those people because of what they were going through."

Connolly said that release of the transcripts would erode the grand jury process that is based on secrecy.

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