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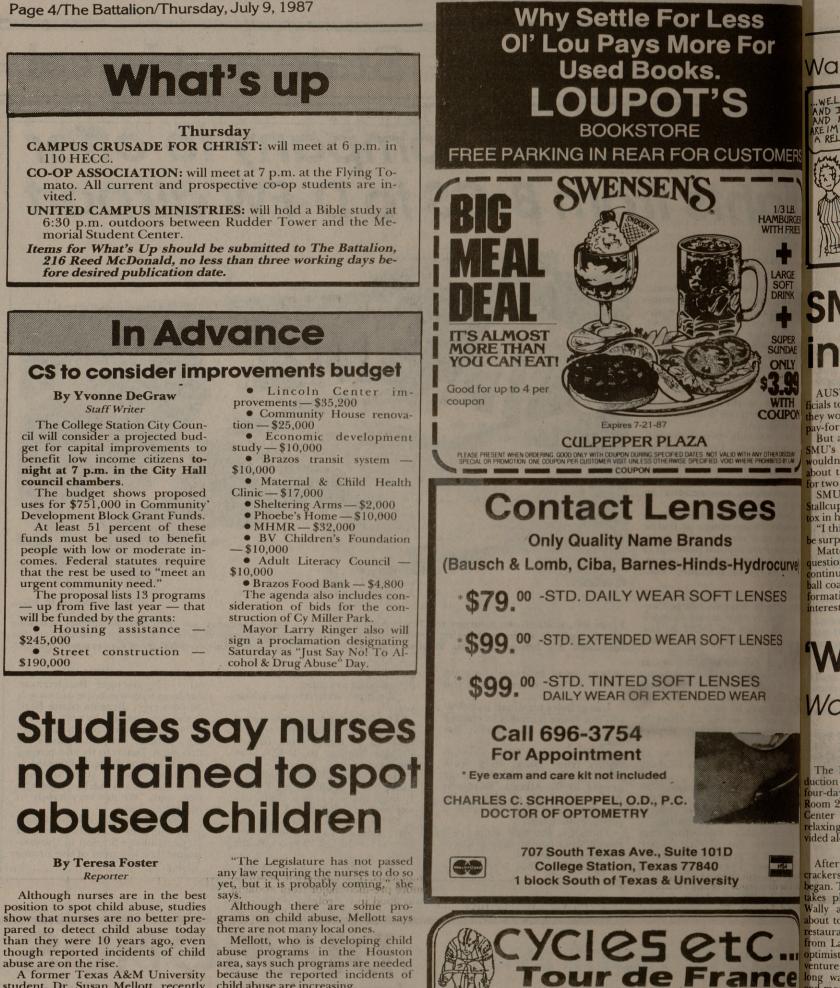
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A former Texas A&M University student, Dr. Susan Mellott, recently tested nursing students in 21 schools within 80 miles of Harris County on

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their knowledge of child abuse. The test consisted of 33 questions in three categories — general knowl-edge of child abuse, rehabilitation of child abusers and children with a high risk for child abuse.

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Nurses with baccalaureate or asso-

abuse programs in the Houston area, says such programs are needed because the reported incidents of child abuse are increasing. In 1985, there were 9,828 cases of child abuse reported in Harris

child abuse reported in Harris County while in 1986 there were 10,854 reported cases, she says. Seven children die from child

abuse every day, Mellott says. Some of the signs of physical

abuse are cuts and bruises above the knees and above the elbows, and sev-eral bruises in different stages of

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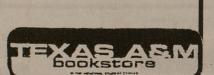


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overall knowledge of child abuse, Mellott says, while LVNs averaged 76 percent. Variables contributing to the

higher scores were personal and professional experience with child abuse and education on child abuse. she says.

All of the schools studied had at least one program on child abuse, but there are no minimum requirements in child-abuse training, she

Nurses in Texas aren't required to attend continuing education pro-grams in child abuse or in any other subject, she says.

healing, she says.

But emotional signs of child abuse aren't as clear, she says.

'Some of the kids are very affectionate, while others shy away," she savs.

Many children experience a com-plete personality change, Mellott says.

The quiet child may become loud and noisy, while the loud child may become quiet. •Abused children also may begin to

have problems in school or they may turn to drugs or alcohol, which are as a way to assume some conused trol of their lives, she says.

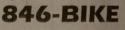
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# Judge orders mistrial in Abilene murder trial after attorney's death

ABILENE (AP) — A mistrial was declared Wednesday in an at-tempted murder case of a Dallas man after his attorney was found volved in your case. dead in his Abilene home's back- During the trial yard

Allen Dozier was scheduled to being to kill his wife by shooting her in Abilene. the back, arm and head.

Dozier was found by a neighbor early Wednesday, police said. No ruling has been issued in the death, but District Attorney Jorge Solis — who was called to identify the body - said it was an apparent suicide.

Dozier's wrists had been slashed, apparently in the bathroom of the home, and a trail of blood led to the telephone, then to the garage where the garage door was found a ajar and Dozier's car was running then to the backyard where the body was found, Solis said.

No note was found, but officials close to the case speculated the pres-sure of Scott's defense may have pushed Dozier over the edge, the *Abilene Reporter-News* said.

"That's one of the things that makes trial work so hard," Solis said. 'You tend to get emotionally in-

During the trial, Dozier had repeatedly attacked the character of the victim, Abilene Christian Unigin presenting the defense Wednes-day morning for Michael Warren Scott of Dallas, who is accused of try-

tempting to get rid of her husband.

Prosecutors, who had rested their case, said Scott argued with his wife outside her dormitory at about 1 p.m. on March 4, pulled a gun and began struggling with her in a court-yard filled with ACU students.

As Walker tried to run away, he fired a shot, caught up to her and tried to shoot her in the head, prosecutors said. That bullet grazed her scalp. She broke free again but was hit in the back with another bullet.

Court officials said another attorney will have to be represented to defend Scott, who has pleaded not guilty in the case, and no time frame has been set.

He also contended Walker was at-