

What's up

Wednesday

TAMU SAILING CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder.
GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION IN CHEMISTRY: will hear a talk on writing resumes at 10 a.m. in 2102 Chemistry.

Thursday

AGGNOG: will discuss the new MS-DOS public library at 5:30 p.m. in 204 Evans Library.
UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES: will hold a Bible study at 6:30 p.m. outdoors, between Rudder Tower and the MSC.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three working days before desired publication date.

Rival bus company signs contract to buy assets from Trailways

DALLAS (AP) — Greyhound Lines Inc. signed final contracts Tuesday to buy \$80 million in assets from financially-troubled Trailways Lines Inc., and Greyhound's chief predicts the acquisition will be profitable immediately.

"The Greyhound-Trailways partnership means the bus business is back, with the potential to be stronger than ever," said Fred Currey, Greyhound president and chairman, in a news conference at Trailways headquarters.

Greyhound agreed in the cash transaction to buy Trailways buses, terminals and garages, as well as take over some Trailways routes. Some workers will be laid off, he said.

"Our goal is to fill job openings in Greyhound with people from Trailways," Currey said. "For those who can't be placed, there will be severance benefits greater than those provided by Trailways in the past."

Currey said he expects quick results from the acquisition. "Greyhound is profitable now and the combined company will be profitable... immediately," he said. "We will have the resources to continue service to the communities we now serve, and even go back to some that were abandoned in recent years."

The Trailways name will continue to be used, especially in areas where

Trailways is now the sole bus service, he said.

The transaction still must meet Interstate Commerce Commission approval, but Currey said he saw no reason the ICC would reject it.

When asked why Greyhound chose to acquire its competition rather than allow it to collapse, Currey responded, "You let Trailways collapse, you take away service from 500 to 600 towns that are served solely by Trailways, and that would be a fairly cold and callous thing for a company that is in the public service industry to do."

Under the agreement, about 41,600 scheduled miles of service, or 5.1 percent, will be eliminated by Aug. 5.

"No city or town will lose service," Currey said; instead, duplicate routes will be converted to single routes, some garages, terminals and maintenance shops will be closed and some administrative operations will be moved or merged.

In a meeting with about 250 employees, Currey said all active Trailways drivers will be offered employment under terms of the Greyhound Amalgamated Transit Union.

For 90 days, the drivers will work on Trailways routes. After then, a vote will be held to determine seniority rights for Trailways drivers.

'Robin Hood' brings band of men to aid poor in Waco

WACO (AP) — He doesn't hail from Sherwood Forest and he's never needed a bow, but the "Robin Hood" of Caritas came armed with a technician's skill and his own band of merry men to aid Waco's poor.

Bill Salmon does not take his volunteer work lightly — especially when it concerns the kind of people served by Caritas, a social service agency that gives emergency financial assistance to the poor.

"A whole lot of these people have been hit hard by the unemployment rate, but they're not familiar with the channels to go to," Salmon said. "They've never had to ask for help, and they're not familiar with where to get help."

Dr. Eugene Jud, executive director of Caritas, said Salmon has provided invaluable service repairing refrigerators and air conditioning, setting up a computer system and finding answers to other problems at the center.

"Bill is a very unusual guy, and we're glad he's become a part of our system," Jud said. "I think he has a very soft spot for people who need help, and that he thinks Caritas is doing a good job of helping people."

Food for People director Nancy Gelbach, who nicknamed him the

"Robin Hood" of Caritas, said Salmon appeared a year ago and offered his technical skills.

Since then, he has begun his own network of friends in other trades to aid Caritas, she said.

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— Bill Salmon, volunteer

"He's willing to donate all of this talent and doesn't charge us a thing," Gelbach said.

"He's got a physical energy level that is amazing," she said. "If we call him and tell him it's an emergency, he'll be here in a hurry."

Salmon dismisses the praise, arguing that helping people should be a priority for everyone.

"I've been very fortunate, but in my working I have seen the other

Clements' acts 'confounding' budget writers

AUSTIN (AP) — House and Senate budget writers, confounded by Gov. Bill Clements' latest spending proposals, called off a Tuesday meeting because of what their chairman diagnosed as "complete, absolute frustration."

"We've been here over seven months and yesterday, two days before the session could have been over, the governor finally comes in with some figures that I suspect came out of the blue," said Sen. Grant Jones, D-Temple and chairman of Senate conferees in the budget negotiations.

Clements took much criticism as a result of his Monday call for budget-writers to trim \$527 million in education funds from a \$38.6 billion bottom line agreed to by House and Senate leaders.

The governor's plan included an end to state money for full-day kindergarten, meaning districts that want to have more than a half-day program would have to pay for it.

"We don't think he's really having a heart about this," said Sandy Kibby of Austin, legislative chairman for the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers, during a Capitol rally. "I think he's not looking at what is happening to children."

Later in the day, House Speaker Gib Lewis said Clements had agreed to drop his proposal on kindergarten funds. In exchange, Lewis said he promised to work with Clements on delaying some of the career ladder money.

Jones, uncharacteristically vocal, said his Tuesday meeting with Clements was brief because, "My blood pressure got too high."

He said the appropriations conference committee planned to go back to work Wednesday.

House Public Education Chairman Bill Haley said the state-funded full-day kindergarten program is crucial. Haley, D-Center, acknowledged growing momentum for lawmakers to approve a budget and go home but added, "I want out of here but I'm not fixing to start raping some program just to get out of here."

Haley said about 600 of the state's 1,100 districts now have full-day kindergarten. State funding for those programs was included, unintentionally, in the 1984 school reform bill.

"I don't feel sorry for them because I don't think they feel sorry for themselves, but I do feel like if I can do something to help them and I don't, then I've wronged myself."

Salmon said he would like to see federal social service eliminated, and instead see communities and small businesses join in an effort to fight poverty.

"Charity starts at home," Salmon said. "If you show a little time and a little compassion for people, it will come around."

Jud said Salmon has offered considerable time at Caritas, demonstrating his knowledge of computers, electricity, plumbing and refrigeration, to name a few.

He recalled Salmon's first appearance at Caritas:

"We were having problems with our walk-in cooler and our walk-in freezer," Jud said. "Bill came in and he looked at the problem. Without our saving anything, he went in and started working on it."

"When he got through, it worked and it's still working."

Former Houston-area KKK leader added to FBI's 10 most-wanted list

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Houston-area Ku Klux Klan leader Louis Ray Beam Jr., added to the FBI's 10 most-wanted list Tuesday, should be considered armed and extremely dangerous, officials said.

"Certainly, there is a good chance he is in Houston since Houston is his home, but we really don't know where he is," FBI spokesman Johnnie Joyce said. "There are lots of people who agree with his philosophy in this area. Of course, he can find them anywhere in the country."

Beam left the KKK in the early 1980s for The Order, an extremist Nazi group in the Northwest that sought to overthrow the U.S. government through violence and replace it with an "Aryan Nation" of white warriors.

Beam is wanted for seditious conspiracy, or plotting to overthrow the government of the United States.

He and others involved in the

conspiracy have been accused of more than 100 criminal acts designed to instigate revolt, including the attempted assassinations of a federal judge and an FBI agent, the destruction of public utilities, pollution of water supplies and establishment of illegal guerrilla training camps.

The FBI says Beam is the only one of 15 white supremacists, indicted in Fort Smith, Ark., on April 21, still on the run.

Just two weeks before he was indicted, Beam was married by the Church of Yaweh in rural Pennsylvania, federal law enforcement officials said.

Authorities said Beam may be traveling with his wife, Sheila Marie Beam, also known as Sheila Marie Toohey, 20. She is not wanted by authorities. Beam also may be accompanied by his 7-year-old daughter, Sarah Hadassah Beam.

Beam was last seen publicly in the Houston area in December 1985 emerging from the Pasadena public library, a former Klan leader said.

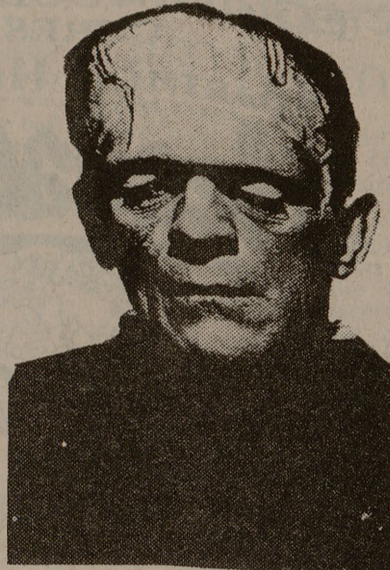
Beam captured some attention in 1970 in Houston when he scuffled with anti-draft demonstrators and grabbed a Viet Cong flag. In 1971 he was connected with the alleged bombing of a local radio station tower, and in the late 1970s he and others founded the Texas Emergency Reserve, the paramilitary arm of the Ku Klux Klan.

Beam had been grand dragon of the United Klans of America until he was banished in the 1970s for mishandling funds, and he formed his own ragtag Klan band.

He left the local Klan and Houston in the early 1980s when a federal court here enjoined him and his Klansmen from intimidating Vietnamese fishermen in Galveston Bay.

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