

## What's up

### Thursday

**TAMU TAE KWON DO CLUB:** will have a karate demonstration in 266 G. Rollie White at 7 p.m.  
**EIT REVIEW/HELP SESSIONS:** Dr. R. D. Chenoweth will hold a session entitled "A general introduction to the EIT" in 102 Zachry at 6:30 p.m.  
**TAMU PISTOL TEAM:** will hold team tryouts at the shooting range in the basement of the Military Sciences Building from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
**GYMNASTICS CLUB:** will work out in 307 Read at 6:30 p.m.  
**PANAMANIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** will meet and have elections in 502 Rudder Tower at 7 p.m.  
**STUDENT GOVERNMENT:** Applications are available for the Big Event committee, Public Relations committee and other University committees in 221 Pavilion.  
**DELTA SIGMA PI:** will have a rush informational meeting in the Kyle Field press box (9th floor) at 7 p.m.  
**EUROPEAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** will meet in 401 Rudder Tower at 7 p.m.

### Friday

**TAMU BADMINTON CLUB:** will practice in 351 G. Rollie White at 7 p.m.  
**NAVIGATORS:** will have a banana-split party in the Corps lounge B at 7 p.m.  
**SINGING CADETS:** will have an open rehearsal in the MSC flag room at 5 p.m.  
**TAMU SELF-DEFENSE CLUB:** will hold a tae kwon do and hapkido demonstration in 255 G. Rollie White at 5:30 p.m.  
**UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES:** will have a peanut-butter fellowship at Rudder fountain at 11:30 a.m., a Bible study at A&M Presbyterian church at 6 p.m. and a Cajun party at the Wesley Foundation at 9 p.m.  
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### Saturday

**DEER PARK HOMETOWN CLUB:** will have a pregame picnic at 2611 Westwood at 2 p.m.

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

## Corporation gets 'warm' response to offer for buyout

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Dart Group Corp. received a warm response to its overture to buy the 467-store Chief Auto Parts chain from Dallas-based Southland Corp., a Dart spokesman said Wednesday.

Dart, based in Landover, Md., is one of "dozens and dozens" of parties interested in six operations being sold by Southland to finance a \$4.6 billion leveraged buyout by the controlling Thompson family, said Markeeta McNatt, a Southland spokesman.

The Haft family of Washington, D.C., which owns Dart and its 224 Trak Auto stores, made an unsolicited bid for Chief before the leveraged buyout was announced in July, Dart spokesman Stanley Rubenstein said. The request was shelved during the buyout and Dart made the overture again after the buyout announcement, he said.

Southland refused to comment about any possible buyer.

The Wall Street Journal on Wednesday quoted unidentified sources as saying Chief could fetch about \$120 million.

An acquisition would more than triple the size of Trak Auto. It also would be Dart's first purchase since the Haft family launched a contro-

versial nationwide effort in 1984 to buy at least one major retailer.

Fred Wintzer, an analyst with Alex Brown Co. in Baltimore, said Dart and Chief "run very similar types of stores."

"Whomever gets (Chief) who's in that business should be able to improve productivity . . . and fold in their current structure," he said. "Dart is in an excellent position to do that."

Southland is preparing sales memorandums for Dart and other interested parties, both spokesmen said. The documents contain detailed information on the companies, including Chief and Southland Dairy Group.

The divestment would leave the Thompson family with 7,672 7-Eleven convenience stores, five regional distribution centers and half interest in Citgo Petroleum Corp.

Dart operates most of its auto parts stores in Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., and Chicago. Rubenstein said Dart would consider adopting Trak's discount format for some Chief stores while leaving others, such as those in the Los Angeles area, under the Chief name.

As of Jan. 1, Chief had 238 stores in California and 167 in Texas.

## County official keeps campaign promise to eliminate his office

AUSTIN (AP) — Glen Maxey promised Travis County voters last year that he would do so little in office that the position would be abolished.

He has delivered on that promise. "I have absolutely nothing to do," Maxey, the Travis County inspector of hides and animals, said a day after a new law abolishing his job went into effect.

Maxey, a former legislative aide, ran for the job last year after discovering it still existed even though the position had been vacant since 1896. He swept to unopposed victory on his abolish-my-job platform.

"In actual campaign contributions we collected \$6.92, and we spent about \$9.59," he said. "I had to buy a campaign T-shirt to make up for the deficit. I figured that someone would pick up the tab as soon as I needed to inspect some cattle."

But, alas, as in the years when the job was vacant, there were no cattle to inspect. That was just as well for Maxey, a Baytown native. "I have a

lot of experience with cattle," Maxey said. "But I never wanted to have a career with them."

Maxey never even took the oath of office because that would have required the county to post an officeholders' bond for him. He has drawn no salary.

He had planned to use a petition drive to force a county election on doing away with the job. Such an election can only be held if someone holds the office. The petition drive became unnecessary this year when the Texas Legislature approved a bill abolishing the post. Although the law took effect Tuesday, the job remains on the book until the end of Maxey's term in 1990.

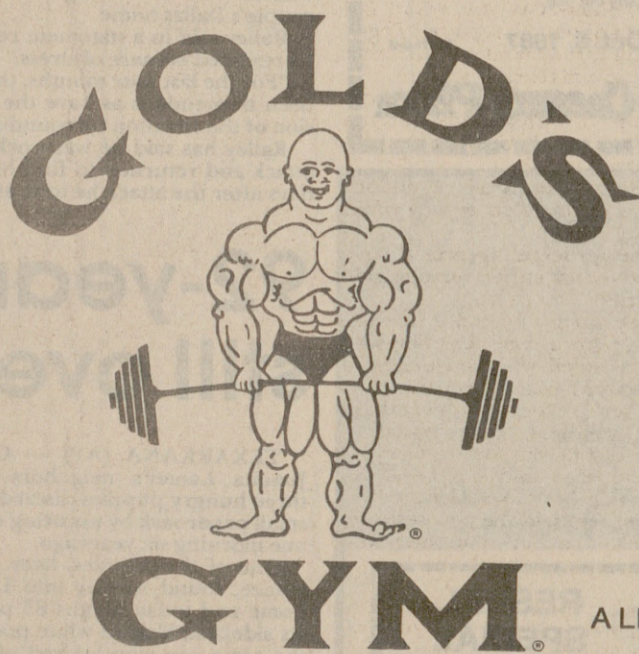
On Wednesday, he promised to continue doing nothing until the termination of his office. Maxey said there's no reason to do anything else.

"The inspector only went out and inspected for ownership of cattle being driven to market to make sure they weren't being stolen," he said.

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