

Texans celebrate 200th anniversary of U.S. Constitution

(AP) — Texans young and old marked the 200th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution with speeches, special studies and salutes this week.

Numerous bicentennial activities were scheduled around the state Thursday, including a re-enactment of the signing of the Constitution at Richland College in Dallas with U.S. District Judge Barefoot Sanders and the swearing-in of 300 new citizens on the Southern Methodist University Law School quadrangle.

In Fort Worth, former prisoners of war told of their increased appreciation of how fortunate Americans are.

"One of things that hit home the most was the lack of freedom," Sam Johnson said of the more than six years he was a prisoner in Vietnam. "I don't think you realize what you have in this country, this state, until you're without it."

Johnson, who now is a state representative from Plano, gave the keynote address at a bicentennial celebration of the U.S. Constitution in downtown Fort Worth Wednesday. About 400 people attended the two-hour ceremony.

Texas schoolchildren joined in the nationwide celebration with assemblies and costume contests.

Many students in the Lone Star State tuned in when President Reagan led the nation's schoolchildren in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance from Washington, D.C., at about 1 p.m. Wednesday.

For students in Jayton, the televised Pledge of Allegiance is only the beginning of a full year of activities tied to the Constitution. Throughout the year they will study about the document and in the spring all students in the district will combine for a Constitution program.

Elementary school pupils in Pampa started their crash course in the study of the Constitution by writing a school constitution.

They lined up Wednesday to sign the document, which included seven articles that called for reciting the Pledge of Allegiance every day and taking pride in the school's appearance.

First-grader Danny McPherson said not only does the Pampa school need a constitution to follow but the country needs its Constitution "so we can have a government of the people."

"If it wasn't important, I wouldn't like it," he said.

Students in Merkel battled to see who most resembled some of history's most important people.

Characters from the founding fathers to Civil War generals to Challenger astronauts attended school in this town eight miles outside of Abilene to show American spirit. Even a green Statue of Liberty joined in the bicentennial festivities, which included history trivia questions.

At Beaumont Christian High School, students released 1,200 red, white and blue balloons after watch-

"One of things that hit home the most was the lack of freedom. I don't think you realize what you have in this country, this state, until you're without it."

— Sam Johnson, former prisoner of war

ing the national ceremony for the Constitution. In a ceremony at the Hill Country Middle School in the Eanes School District students were treated to a 4½ by 6½-foot cake decorated like the U.S. flag.

Students in Central Texas talked with an actor portraying William Jackson, secretary of the 1787 Constitutional Convention. Third-, fourth- and fifth-grade students in Round Rock asked Jackson to answer questions such as why everyone wore wigs, what kind of feathers were used to write and were there any women back then.

In Dallas, hundreds of schoolchildren joined city leaders in celebrating with recently nationalized American citizens from Taiwan, Indonesia, Ethiopia, Vietnam and Honduras, who led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joe Sherrill, a 12-year-old Dallas student, said the Constitution means freedom for everyone.

"One of the kids in our class couldn't come today because of her religion — she's not supposed to pledge allegiance to the flag because it's like making it God," he said. "But if it wasn't a Constitution, she would have had to come."



Messina Hof Wine Cellars

The Award Winning Wines
"Made In Aggieland"

presents

- 1986 Messina Hof Blush "...peach nectar"
- 1986 White Zinfandel "...blushingly beautiful"
- 1986 Chenin Blanc "...deliciously smooth and fruity"
- 1985 Sauvignon Blanc "...smooth, rich fruit"
- 1986 Johannisberg Riesling "...incredible aroma"
- 1984 Papa Paulo Port "...luscious chocolate flavors"
- 1986 Chardonnay "...delicate and lively flavors"

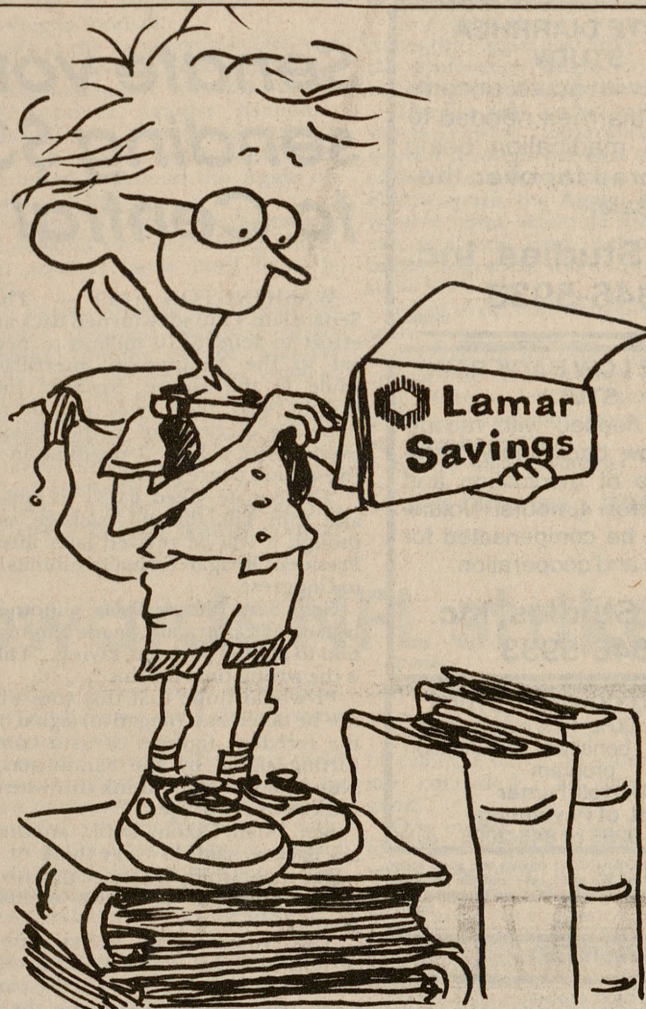
Now available at the winery and where fine wines are sold.

PREGAME TOURS
by reservation
409/778-WINE

Paul and Merrill Bonarrigo Class of '75

- Directions to Winery
- 1) Exit Hwy 6 at Hwy 21
 - 2) Travel east 2 mi. to Wallis Rd.
 - 3) Follow Signs to Winery

This May Be The Cheapest Book You Buy All Year.



At Lamar Savings, our regular checking account costs just \$4.00 a month. That's it. No per check charges. No minimum balance. Just the ease and convenience of unlimited checking at a very affordable price. It takes just \$100 to open, so ask for the checking account that tips the balance in your favor. And buy the one book that won't put you in a bind.

Lamar Savings
You can expect more from us.

Member FSLIC

Call 779-2800 for the branch nearest you.
2411 Texas Avenue South
696-2800

Marketing strategy for beer may violate laws for liquor control

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Southland Corp. changed a statewide marketing strategy for its 7-Eleven stores in matching beer prices after state officials said the policy could violate liquor control laws.

Gabriel's Discount Liquor, Beer & Wine stores in San Antonio Monday advertised 12-packs of Budweiser and Miller Lite for 99 cents each "while supplies last."

The supplies didn't last long and Gabriel employees began referring customers to 7-Eleven convenience stores, which had a policy of matching any advertised beer price.

Southland Corp.-owned 7-Eleven stores withdrew their policy Tuesday after the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission said the policy poses "potential problems."

"The TABC (Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission) has notified us there was a problem with our policy, so we decided to withdraw our guarantee," said Elena de la Garza, a spokesman for Southland.

Milton Brown, who heads the commission's local enforcement of-

rice, said the problem with the Southland policy is that customers are required to bring in a competitor's advertisement to receive the lower price.

"If an ad is presented for payment, it's a coupon," Brown said. "You cannot offer such an inducement to buy an alcoholic beverage in Texas."

Kenneth Fries, district manager for San Antonio 7-Eleven stores, said the commission apparently had not noticed the stores' policy before Monday.

"Occasionally we'd have to match an H.E.B. price or a Kroger price," he said. "But with all the attention (the 99-cent price) brought to us, the TABC started to notice."

Gabriel said he would offer the 99-cent price once again to the first 400 customers who come in each of the five area stores between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday.

But only one 12-pack would be sold at that price to each customer, he said.

Texas Rangers recapture last of 4 escaped inmates after trek to Denton motel

DENTON (AP) — The last of four Texas inmates who escaped from a prison south of Houston early this week was recaptured Thursday in Denton, authorities said.

Kelley McFarland, 38, serving a life term for aggravated robbery in Dallas County, was arrested as he walked out of a bar at a Denton motel, Texas Department of Corrections spokesman David Nunnelee said.

Nunnelee said McFarland was captured without any injuries and without a real struggle by Denton police and Texas Rangers.

"His weapons — two pistols — were still in his room," he said.

McFarland allegedly abducted a man Wednesday in Montgomery County, just north of Houston, and demanded the man drive him the more than 200 miles to Denton,

north of Dallas. Nunnelee said the man, whose name he did not know, drove all the way back to Montgomery County before informing police.

McFarland and three other inmates escaped from the Retrieve Unit by climbing over a 10-foot fence Monday evening. Two inmates were recaptured a short distance from the prison and a third was picked up the following day within a mile of the Brazoria County prison.

McFarland, however, managed to evade authorities by allegedly abducting an Angleton attorney, Richard McElya, and demanding he be driven to Houston. Wednesday afternoon, he fled from McElya's truck in downtown Houston and got into a taxi.

That was the last police saw of him until officers staked out the Desert Sands Motel along Interstate 35 at the south edge of Denton.

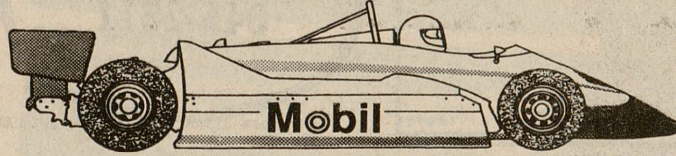
All TAMU Students are invited to

Mobil Oil Corporation's Career Information Day

to view an exhibit on Mobil's people, its technological strengths and to learn about Mobil's career opportunities.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Refreshments And Souvenirs

See An Indy Car On Display



Visit Career Information Day And Bring A Friend

Majors Of Special Interest Are

- Geology
- Geophysics
- Chemistry
- Marketing
- Business
- MBA
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Mechanical
- Chemical
- Petroleum
- Industrial
- Electrical

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Thursday, September 24, From 8 AM to 8 PM
Exhibit Hall, Rudder Center