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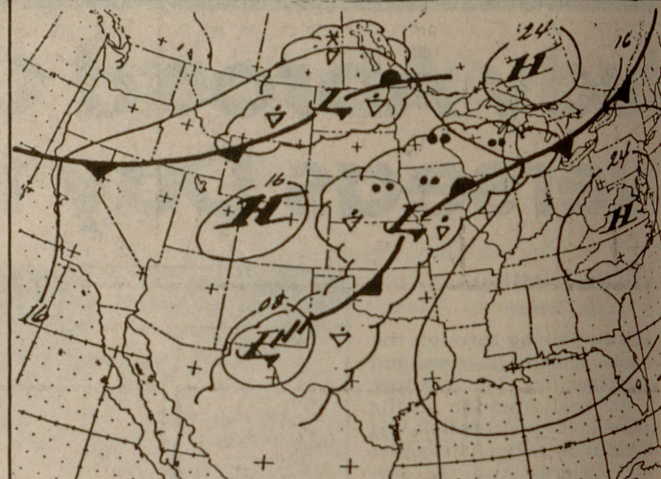
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Six plead innocence in fraud case

DALLAS (AP) — Six people, including a multimillionaire developer, pleaded innocent Wednesday before a federal judge in connection with an alleged conspiracy to defraud five savings and loan associations in two states through a network of fraudulent land and construction loans.
D.L. "Danny" Faulkner, well known for his political connections and flamboyant lifestyle, was arraigned with the five others before U.S. District Judge Joe Fish.
Faulkner was among seven men indicted last week by a federal grand jury on charges of conspiracy and fraud in the widespread investigation of savings and loan associations in Texas and Arkansas.
Prosecutors said the investigation uncovered a series of fraudulent land loans that put millions of dollars in the pockets of defendants.
The 88-count indictment alleged fraud, conspiracy and racketeering in a \$500 million plot to defraud five savings and loans associations through a network of fraudulent land and construction loans, primarily for a string of condominium developments near Lake Ray Hubbard in Garland.
James L. Toler, a former Garland mayor, also appeared before Fish. Also arraigned were Spencer H. Blain Jr., 51, of Dallas, former chairman of Empire Savings; and Kenneth Earl Cansler, 40, a real estate salesman.
Paul Arlin Jensen, 38, of Ogden, Utah, a former mortgage broker and later chairman of Lancaster First Federal Savings and Loan was also indicted. But Jensen did not appear before Fish on Wednesday.
The judge said Jensen had a scheduling conflict and would appear before him in the next week or two. Indicted for conspiracy, but not included in the racketeering charge, were real estate appraisers Arthur G. Formann, 58, and Paul D. Tannehill, 39. Both were arraigned before Fish.

Weather Watch



Key:
⚡ - Lightning ☁ - Fog ⚡ - Thunderstorm
☔ - Rain ❄ - Snow ☂ - Drizzle
⚠ - Ice Pellets ☔ - Rain Shower ❄ - Freezing Rain

Sunset Today: 6:56 p.m.
Sunrise Friday: 7:27 a.m.

Map Discussion: High pressure will dominate the Bryan-College Station area with a flow of warm, moist air from the gulf. Mostly clear and mild conditions will persist from the eastern Great Lakes to central Kansas to West Texas with scattered rain showers. The heaviest precipitation activity will be over eastern Nebraska into Minnesota.

Forecast:
Today: Partly cloudy and warm with a high temperature of 84 degrees and southeasterly winds near 10 mph.
Tonight: Fair to partly cloudy and mild with a low temperature of 55 degrees and light and variable winds.
Friday: Mostly cloudy in the early morning with fog and stratus becoming partly cloudy by midmorning. The high temperature will be 86 degrees with southeasterly winds at 8 to 14 mph.

Weather Fact: Dew: water condensed onto grass and other objects on the ground, the temperatures of which have fallen below the dew point of the surface air because of radiational cooling. Conditions favorable for dew formation are a clear sky, calm winds and high surface humidity.

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Officials search for housing to overcome dorm shortage

By Tracy Hamm
Reporter
Texas A&M officials are searching for a solution to the on-campus housing shortage caused by an additional 4,500 freshman dorm applications, but changing upperclassmen priority for resident halls will not be considered as an alternative.
Freshman applications increased to almost 7,000 this year, John White, housing services supervisor, said.
Even though the number of upperclassman requests did not increase considerably, the upperclassmen had priority over the incoming freshmen, White said.
The number of freshman applicants for housing had been decreasing in previous years, so no one was prepared for the boom, White said. Fifty-five percent of the 7,495 freshmen received campus housing, he said.
Changing the policy of upperclassman privileges for on-campus housing will not be considered as a solution to the freshman housing problem.
"Upperclassmen serve as a stabilizing influence in the dorms," White said.
Consequently, a balance is maintained of about 7 percent seniors, 17 percent juniors, 29 percent sophomores and 46 percent freshmen, White said.
He attributes part of the housing problem to the loss of 445 Corps dorm spaces, which are being renovated.
Because Corps members are guaranteed on-campus housing, the extra rooms on the Quadrangle, which previously were available to female civilians, now are occupied by cadets. Fewer female freshmen received room assignments this year.
Freshman general studies major Sheri Henry said, "My mother and I both thought it would be good for me to live on campus."
Henry had number 3,080 in the housing lottery, but only 1,331 female freshmen received dorm assignments.
Henry's mother, Juanita Henry, said she felt her daughter would be more secure and become more involved in campus activities if she lived on campus.
Ann Quigley, a freshman general studies major, thought she also would benefit by living on campus.
"I wanted to meet people, and I thought it would be more convenient," she said.
But, instead of waiting until mid-

School officials say Dallas superintendent nominated for post

DALLAS (AP) — The outgoing superintendent of the Dallas Independent School District was nominated Wednesday afternoon for U.S. Undersecretary of Education, a school system official said.
Superintendent Linus Wright had heard from U.S. Education Department officials earlier Wednesday and expected the nomination by President Reagan for the post, according to school system officials.
"It is a great honor to be accepting this (nomination)," Wright said at a press conference. "I do have something to offer to the department. I am one of the few public administrators in the department."
Wright said he hoped to interact with other education administrators, many of whom are attorneys.
"I was elated to have heard it (the news of the nomination)," he said.
He said he was looking forward to working with Reagan in improving education on a nationwide basis.
DISD spokesman Larry Ascough said the nomination was not unexpected.
"The school system is honored that our superintendent has been nominated," Ascough said.
"We are very proud of that and are especially pleased to have a friend in Washington," he said. "He is not leading an active life in education just in Dallas anymore; instead, schools across the nation will share his talents."
Another district spokesman said, "They've been assuring him all along that he would be nominated. The word was that he was selected to be undersecretary of education and that all that remained was the nomination."
The White House on Wednesday announced that Reagan would nominate Wright but issued no other statement.
Wright, 60, has two children and lives in Dallas.
Wright has been supervisor of the Dallas Independent School District since 1978. Prior to that he was supervisor of administration with the Houston Independent School District from 1974 through 1978. He also served as chief financial officer of the Houston district from 1971 to 1974.

Rescuers try to save toddler stuck in well

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — A toddler who tumbled into an abandoned well Wednesday afternoon was rescued after rescuers tried to dig a second shaft to reach her.
Midland Police Chief Charles Czech said the 18-month-old girl was about 20 to 25 feet down into the well, estimated to be between 12 and 16 inches in diameter, Wednesday morning.
The well is in a back yard of Ernest Luxton, distribution superintendent for TU Electric, said power and lights were provided for rescue personnel.
A photographer from KRGV-TV said the station was rescuers use a special device to help communicate with the child.
"One of our photographers put a shotgun microphone into the well," said KRGV-TV's Dick Hogg, who was at the scene. More than two dozen workers, including rescuers from utility companies and the Red Cross, remained on Wednesday afternoon.

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