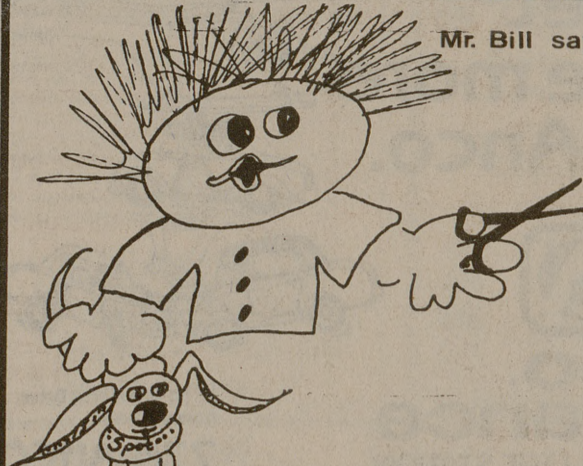


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**Surgeons remove toe from Jessica**

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — Surgeons on Wednesday removed the little toe on the right foot of Jessica McClure in her fifth operation for injuries sustained during her ordeal inside an abandoned well.

The 19-month-old girl, who spent 58½ hours in the well before her rescue, underwent about four hours of surgery at Midland Memorial Hospital.

No additional surgery was immediately scheduled, hospital spokesman Sue Ristom said.

No decision has yet been made on whether Jessica will lose her big toe on the foot, which was wedged in the well during the ordeal, Ristom said.

Orthopedic surgeons also removed dead skin from Jessica's foot in the operation that ended about noon. No skin grafts were performed during the procedure, the surgeons said.

Jessica was listed in stable condition, hospital officials said.

Plastic surgery also performed on the girl will help heal a severe scrape on her forehead, officials said. Tissue expanders underneath the skin will help cover the wound, Ristom said.

Dr. Terry Tubb, who performed the plastic surgery, placed the tissue expanders in the wound to aid the healing process.

Jessica earlier had skin grafts taken from her thigh, to be transferred to her right foot.

That foot was wedged in an awkward position while the girl was stuck in the well.

Hospital officials have said it probably will be another month before Jessica can go home.

The young girl was saved October 16 in a dramatic rescue that drew international attention.

**What's up**

- Thursday**
- TAU BETA PI:** will present the art show "Engineers Only" the lobby of Zachry Engineering Center.
  - COMMITTEE FOR THE AWARENESS OF MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURE:** will present the film "The Other Side of the Border" at 7 p.m. in 201 MSC.
  - MSC HOSPITALITY:** will have a fall fashion show at 10:30 p.m. at The Edge.
  - THE ASSOCIATION FOR SYSTEM MANAGEMENT:** will present Drs. Charlene Dykman and Charles Davis at 6 p.m. in the Blocker Building.
  - INTRAMURAL SPORTS:** Entries close for cross country 159 Read.
  - MSC VARIETY SHOW:** Audition applications are available until Nov. 30 in 216 MSC.
  - ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** will meet at 12:15 p.m. at 845-5826 for meeting location.
  - NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 110 MSC.
  - STUDENT GOVERNMENT — EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:** will have voter registration in the MSC Commons and Blocker.
  - MEXICAN-AMERICAN ENGINEERING SOCIETY:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder.
  - CLASS OF '89/'90:** will have a Class Ball Committee meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 027 MSC.
  - MSC PAGEANT COMMITTEE:** The 1988 Miss TAMU Pageant applications are available until Nov. 13 in 216 MSC.
  - HISTORY CLUB FILM SERIES:** will present "Witness to Apartheid" at 7 p.m. in 110 Harrington.
  - ASSOCIATION OF AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS:** will discuss "Meteor Observing" at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder.
  - CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST:** will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 108 Harrington.
  - PSI-CHI/PSYCHOLOGY CLUB:** will have a "Psychology Chicken Party" at 4 p.m. at the Dixie Chicken.
  - OUTDOOR RECREATION CLUB:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 203 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.

**Student Senate approves resolution for art program**

By Drew Leder  
Staff Writer

A resolution supporting the development of a fine arts program at Texas A&M was unanimously approved by the Student Senate Wednesday after receiving strong backing from many senators.

The resolution is a show of approval and support for offering classes in theatre, art and music at A&M, Sen. Greg Smith said. Smith, one of nine senators who sponsored the resolution, said a fine arts program would round out A&M's educational experience.

"If you don't have an arts major, I don't see how you can be a world-class university," he said.

Some opposition to the resolution was expressed by senators who said a fine arts major, which administrators in the College of Liberal Arts are trying to bring to A&M, would

steer A&M from its main focus of technical education and research.

"I wonder about the wisdom of introducing a fine arts degree," Sen. Ronald Claiborne said. "Any university can crank out graduates. When you start adding all kinds of degrees, you start becoming just another diploma mill."

Despite the opposition, several senators defended the resolution and the merit of a fine arts program at A&M.

"I don't think we need to start cutting off people from the A&M experience," said Ronnie Gipson, chairman of the external affairs committee. "Maybe this is the time for A&M to start broadening its horizons."

The Senate also discussed a proposed reapportionment bill that would reduce the number of Senate seats available to graduate students

from eight to three. Pat O'Connell, chairman of the rules and regulations committee, said a reduction in graduate seats is justified by the faculty in keeping eight seats filled.

The plan also calls for adding a professional seat, to be filled by a student in A&M's medical or veterinary college, and increasing the number of seats from nine to ten.

The bill, scheduled for a Nov. 18, also would expand representation for science students separately recognizing geology and science.

A bill to set a minimum of 30 days between Student Government primary and runoff elections, which had been scheduled for a Wednesday, was held in the rules and regulations committee for further review. Speaker of the Senate Jay Hays said Tuesday that the bill didn't have enough support to pass the Senate.

**Officials say stock market fears thwarted Build Texas package**

AUSTIN (AP) — Fears about the stock market crash and bizarre language on the amendment ballot probably contributed to the dismantling of the highly touted "Build Texas" economic development package, a supporter of the proposal said Wednesday.

In the eight-amendment package, four proposals passed and four failed.

"They (voters) seem to have picked the ones they felt affected them directly," House Speaker Gib Lewis said.

Spokesman Frank Griffis of the Build Texas Committee, which campaigned for the package, said, "I truly believe the stock market crash shook a lot of folks up."

Despite high-powered, bipartisan support, voters rejected \$525 million of the \$1.93 billion in general obligation bond proposals in the plan.

Voters approved the sale of bonds to build prison youth correction centers and mental health facilities, fund water projects and lure the federal super collider project.

At the same time, they rejected bonds for local parks, projects and for private enterprise.

Griffis said his committee was not able to raise enough money for an effective statewide campaign for the entire package. The group raised less than \$200,000 of its \$500,000 campaign goal.

**Bond-proposal supporters declare victory in election**

AUSTIN (AP) — Passage of four key proposals in the "Build Texas" economic development package will help the state address prison, mental health and water needs and might net the super collider project, supporters said Wednesday.

"All the real critical bond proposals passed," House Speaker Gib Lewis said. "I think they are going to create thousands of new jobs in Texas and be a great economic boost to Texas."

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, who initiated several of the proposals, said, "We need to move ahead quickly with these projects."

Voters in Tuesday's election approved half of the eight Build Texas constitutional amendments, including proposals for \$1.4 billion in new state debt for state correctional and mental health facilities, water projects and the super collider, a \$4.4 billion federal research project.

But Texans turned down four other proposals that included another \$525 million in general obligation bonds touted by a bi-partisan committee as the key to creating

nearly 60,000 new jobs and increasing statewide income by almost \$6 billion.

Bexar County Judge Tom Vickers, chairman of the Build Texas Committee that campaigned for the amendments, blamed the recent stock market crash in part for the bond proposals that failed.

"It has unnerved people," Vickers said. "Even in spite of the shake-up psychologically that I think they got, I think they realized that what we're talking about are things that we have to have."

Build Texas Committee spokesman Frank Griffis said the group also was not able to raise enough money to campaign effectively statewide on all the proposals.

"The problem is we were looking to raise money in the business community, and the business community is pretty well tapped out," Griffis said.

Opponents of the package said they are glad at least part of it failed.

"It's unfortunate that part of it passed," said Texas Libertarian Secretary Gary Johnson. "We will pay for these bonds with super taxes."

**Prof develops new material for sunglasses**

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A university professor has developed sunglasses with lenses coated with synthetic copies of human skin pigments, which should protect eyes from damaging ultraviolet rays, officials said.

James Gallas, an assistant professor of biophysics at the University of Texas at San Antonio, said Tuesday he had found a way to synthesize melanin — a pigment found in human hair, skin and eyes — and bond it to plastic lenses.

He said the new amber-colored glasses will protect a person's eyes and lens from damaging blue and ultraviolet light rays. Melanin-coated lenses also make images appear sharper because they block blue light rays, which cause glare.

A Minnesota company, Avia Lens Co., is scheduled to begin limited production of the sunglasses later this year.