

### Take it ALL off!

Ed Elmore, a management professor, throws out a sock to his class as part of a striptease act he performed Monday afternoon in 165 Blocker. He

stripped because he lost a bet with his class that the University of Texas would beat Texas A&M in the Thanksgiving Day football game.

Photo by Jay Janner

## Peanut farmers expecting bountiful crop

ABILENE (AP) — Peanut planting got a late start after wet weather slowed things down this summer, but farmers bringing in the harvest say they're ending the season in better shape than expected.

Processing plants are running 24 hours a day to keep up with the final harvests in Eastland, Erath and Comanche counties, which produce more than a third of the state's peanut crop, officials say.

Farmers say the crop is better than expected, although the quality of the nuts is not ideal.

"Grades have improved some of late, but on a whole have been very disappointing this year," said Ross Wilson, general manager of the Southwestern Peanut Growers. He estimated that 35 percent of the crop remains to be harvested.

Wet fields delayed planting this summer, prompting worries that a late harvest would expose crops to early freezes. But Wilson said there are few signs of freeze damage in this year's crop, despite several freezes in the last three weeks.

"I think our farmers were alerted to the weather developments and did not dig their peanuts and expose them to the freezing temperatures," Wilson said.

"We've not had the problems we feared we'd have with late planting," he added. "The damage has been minimal — but we're subject to those freeze problems from here on out."

About 100,000 acres of peanuts were planted in the three counties this season, and Wilson said about 80,000 tons of Spanish and runner-type peanuts will be harvested from that acreage.

Statewide, the harvest is expected to be about 211,000 tons.

Wilson said he expects 80,000 tons to be harvested from the three-county area, which is slightly better than average for the last five or six years.

## Test

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Geerling said the African population is being studied because it contains a high rate of cervical cancer as well as a certain amount of chlamydia.

Monoclonal antibodies have a part in other areas of research in the Department of Pathology.

John Kochever, a professor in the department for the past 2½ years, has worked for about 10 years to develop a monoclonal antibody to diagnose kidney cancer.

"Ten years ago monoclonal antibodies were just barely available," Kochever said. "Nobody really knew what to do with it (the technology). Now it's sort of a routine procedure."

Monoclonal antibodies are used in many diagnostic procedures, including home pregnancy tests.

The antibodies are made by injecting a laboratory animal — usually a mouse — with an antigen, or disease-causing substance. Then the

animal's spleen is removed and certain cells are grown in tissue culture to form clones that produce the antibodies.

"It's a laborious process because you're going through thousands of different clones," Kochever said. "But once you do that you virtually have an unlimited supply of antibody."

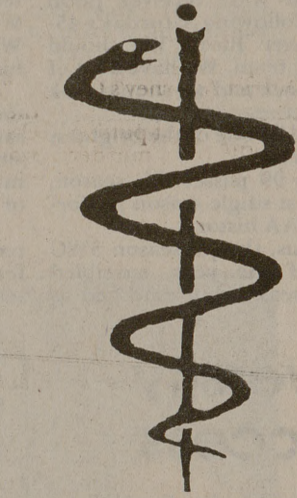
Kochever developed monoclonal antibodies for kidney cancer in just a few months.

"It was just something that needed to be done," he said. "All the technology was there."

Kochever uses the antibodies to study malignant melanoma, a form of skin cancer, and osteosarcoma, bone cancer, in addition to kidney cancer.

"I started out with kidney cancer because there are some things about that tumor that make it a good candidate for using the antibodies," he said.

Kochever said he was also interested in that particular type of can-



cer for humanitarian reasons.

"That particular tumor has a really dismal prognosis," he said. "There's no good treatment except for surgery. If someone has a tumor that's spread beyond his kidney there's no chemotherapy, radiation or anything."

Kochever said he plans to use the monoclonal antibody to develop better treatments for the disease.

"There have been preliminary studies using the antibodies for therapy and there have been some promising results," he said.

But Kochever is cautious with his optimism.

"It's not going to be a silver bullet," he said.

Kochever's work has generated interest in the medical field.

"I have a good monoclonal antibody for the tumor that several people have been interested in," he said. "I've gone to several places presenting the work."

While some companies have shown interest in the work, Kochever said developing a saleable product is not his aim in research.

"That's not an endpoint for this kind of research," he said. "That's what makes academic research different from working for a company. They (companies) are always looking at the bottom line — whether there's a market or not. This is more basic research."

## 2 female members of SWAT team say they enjoy working to help save lives

AUSTIN (AP) — When people ask Mary Young why she carries a .357 magnum, she jokingly tells them she's a brain surgeon. She says they are more likely to believe that than what she really does.

"I'll say, 'I'm a sniper for a SWAT team,' and they'll go, 'Yeah, right,'" said Young, one of two women on the Austin Police Department's special missions team, a special weapons and tactics unit.

Even though it can be a chore to explain what they do, Young and Elsa Gilchrest say they love their jobs, which may require them to lie in a sniper position for hours on an ant hill, rappel down buildings, scuba dive for stolen cars or pose as prostitutes.

"You never know where we're

going to be, what we're going to do," Young said.

"We're trained as officers, and we know that there may be a time when we may have to take a shot at somebody who is not really a threat to you, but is to someone else," she said. "It takes a special mentality to be able to look through a scope, put his face in it, and pull the trigger."

The 13-member special missions team is called when hostages are being held or someone is holed up with a weapon.

The team also conducts surveillance and assists other police officers on cases that require more time and expertise, the team's Lt. Chris Walker said. Team members also may help federal agencies protect dignitaries who come to Austin.

The team is divided into two groups — the snipers and the entry people.

Young, one of four snipers, said her primary role is observation and gathering intelligence. She also must be prepared to shoot, although she has not had to during her two years on the team.

Gilchrest is part of the entry group, whose role is to "assault" or approach a building that is under surveillance.

Team members spend three days a month in training to refine their skills in gathering intelligence and to work out tactics in simulated cases.

Gilchrest remembers a particularly difficult training session this summer.

"We had to low-crawl and then rappel this building with all our gear on," she said. "It was miserable. Then we had to run and check out this car while the others were making an entry, and there was this mush with all this green slime, and we fell in it."

"I said to Mary, 'You snipers have got it easy. Here we are over there sweating our backs off and you are sitting up there on that hill.'"

Young interjected, "Sitting on that hill? I got 47 ant bites sitting on that hill."

The team has gone on 18 calls this year in which a hostage has been taken or someone has barricaded himself in a building, Young said. Every case was resolved without shooting, she said.

## Time is money for veteran watch repairman

BEAUMONT (AP) — Time is money for Keith Thomas, but he never seems to have enough of it.

In fact, he's opened his watch repair shop late more than once simply because there aren't enough hours in the day.

But he more than makes up for it in the many hours he spends at Thomas Time Shop long after regular folks have gone home from work, keeping up with the flocks of clocks customers bring in for repairs.

Right before the holiday season is a busy time for Thomas because everyone wants their cuckoo cuckooing and grandfather clocks chiming at Christmas time.

Fridays are also busy because that's when most people get paid, and lunchtime is always hectic from people coming in wanting batteries for their watches.

Thomas is able to make these generalizations because he's been in the clock and watch repair business eight years.

And if there's one thing needed in a business where one misplaced sneeze could hopelessly scatter the guts to Granny's heirloom watch, it's patience.

A piece of salt would look like a boulder up next to some of the watch pieces Thomas works with, peering through a jeweler's loop at the minuscule motors to machines that remind people they're running late.

He sits in a low chair that puts him almost eye-level with the table he works at in the back of the shop. He rests his forearms on the table, letting his wrists do most of the work.

He learned his tedious trade at a clock-making school in Quincy, Ill., spending six hours a day for 14 months before he was certified in horology, or the study of time.

The first week, Thomas said, was designed to weed out the would-be clockmakers who don't have the necessary patience. "We worked with one little nail, shaving it down to make a tiny instrument," he says. "A lot of people just aren't patient enough to do it."

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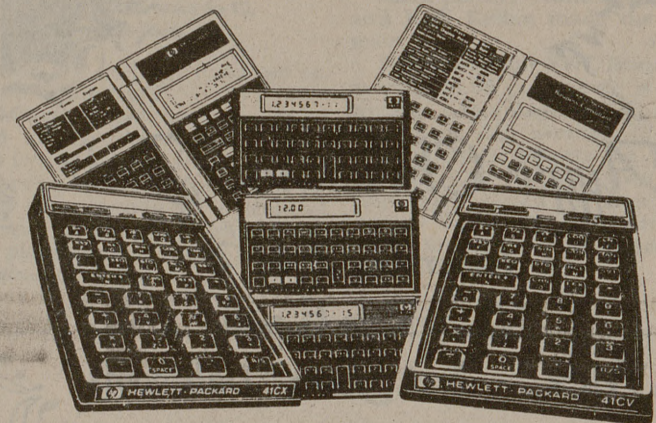
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