

## In Advance

### A&M astronomers look to the heavens

The Association of Amateur Astronomers will provide a chance to examine the heavens with telescopes from sunset to midnight Saturday at Southwood Valley Athletic Park.

A variety of 6-inch to 14-inch telescopes will be available for the public to use, said Emily Glass, an electrical engineering graduate student from Corpus Christi and president of the association.

The Pleiades, a cluster of stars in the constellation Taurus, and the Orion Nebula, a cloud of gas and dust particles, also will be visible through the telescope, as will other astronomical objects.

If the skies are clear, the viewers will be able to see Venus and Jupiter, she said.

"I didn't realize all the things that were up there," Glass said. "It fascinates me to see more than planets and stars. There are galaxies, nebulae and star clusters. It's absolutely fascinating!"

People of all different levels of knowledge and interest in astronomy have attended the viewing sessions in the past, Glass said.

"People who come learn a lot," she said.

Glass advises that those interested dress warmly for the event. Admission for the viewing sessions is free.

## Appointment to panel causes controversy

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements, an opponent of abortion, unknowingly appointed a doctor who performs abortion services to the State Board of Medical Examiners, it was reported Thursday.

The appointment to the panel that regulates physicians sparked protests from right-to-life advocates.

The governor's appointments secretary, James Huffines, told the *Dallas Times Herald* and *Houston Post* that Dr. James G. Morris of Lubbock asked that his appointment be withdrawn after the governor's staff informed him of the controversy created by his nomination. Nominees usually serve until confirmed or rejected by the state Senate at the next session.

"We shared information we had learned and laid out kind of the scenario and the facts and that's when he decided to take his name out of consideration," Huffines said.

The appointment was not sought by Morris but offered by Clements, the newspapers reported. Clements has been an ally of anti-abortion forces.

"We did not know about the doctor performing abortions at the time we offered him the appointment," Reggie Bashur, the governor's press secretary, said.

"If we had known we certainly would have taken that into consideration," Bashur said.

Huffines said he had checked with 15 to 20 "leading citizens" in Lubbock before recommending Morris' appointment. He said all of them had given the physician a strong endorsement. None, he said, ever mentioned that the doctor performed abortions as part of his practice.

## Police suspect at least two in murders

EL PASO (AP) — Police suspect more than one person in the deaths of five young women whose bodies were found buried in the desert in the northeastern section of the city, a homicide detective testified.

Lt. Paul Saucedo's testimony at a change-of-venue hearing Wednesday was the first new information about the case to come out since the first body was found Nov. 4. Police consistently have refused comment.

Following the hearing, Saucedo declined to talk about any suspects.

Saucedo, head of the El Paso police crimes against persons division, testified at a pre-trial hearing for David L. Wood, 30. Wood is accused of sexually assaulting a woman near where the bodies of the five women were found from September to December. He also is accused of kidnapping a woman at knifepoint Sept. 19.

Both the *El Paso Times* and *El Paso Herald-Post* have cited unidentified sources as saying Wood is a suspect in the five killings, which are unrelated to the two charges pending against Wood. He has not been charged in the deaths, and police have refused to discuss Wood with reporters.

During the hearing, Wood's attorney, Luis Islas, asked Saucedo whether Wood was the only suspect in the case, and Saucedo replied that he was not.

## Salutes

### Faculty/Staff/Administrators

Mildred Allison, a staff associate in the chancellor's office, will be honored for her retirement with a reception today from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Rotunda of the System Administration Building.

Harris Granger, head of medical physiology, has been granted a Merit Award by the National Institutes of Health for his outstanding research.

Callie Green, Texas A&M bookstore clerk, will be honored for her retirement with a reception today from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the MSC bookstore.

Marj Leinhart, staff accountant in the College of Geosciences, will be honored for her retirement with a reception today from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in 229 MSC.

Dr. Bob Metzger, extension cotton specialist, received the 1988 Cotten Extension Education Award.

Dr. John F. Reading, a physics professor, has been appointed chairman of the National Research Council's Graduate Fellowship Evaluation Panel in Physics and Astronomy.

Deputy Chancellor Dr. Herbert H. Richardson, formerly chief scientist for the Transportation Department, has been selected chairman of the Transportation Research Board's executive committee for 1988.

Dr. Rand Watson, a chemistry professor, has been named a fellow in the American Physical Society.

Dr. Charley V. Wootan, director of the Texas Transportation Institute, was chosen as the 1987 recipient of the George S. Bartlett Award for outstanding contributions to the progress of transportation.

### Students

Sixty students are listed in the 1988 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

FROM HOUSTON: Kristin Allen, finance; Stacey Allen, secondary education; Gregory Cannon, applied mathematical science; Catherine Chickering, marketing; Rhonda Franklin, electrical engineering; Jeffrey Koehler, finance/accounting; Allison Kruetz, industrial engineering/modern languages; Karen Leatherman, accounting; David McDowell, accounting; Kimberly Morton, industrial engineering; and Linda Porter, accounting.

FROM DALLAS: Robert Canaan, nuclear engineering; Jefferson Hurley, biochemistry; Jody Manley, journalism; and Andrew Pendleton, history.

FROM SAN ANTONIO: Melinda Fritz, accounting; James Jumper, bioengineering; and Douglas Schelding, aerospace engineering.

FROM PASADENA: Natalie Hopkins, history; and Michael Kastefnsmidt, electrical engineering.

Others include Sheila Amin, Lewisville, economics; Vijayabalan Balasingam, Republic of Singapore, electrical engineering; Douglas Beall, Waco, Mechanical engineering; Sherry Beisert, Pinehurst, accounting; James Bonnen, Angleton, biochemistry; Dulcinea Chapa, Lakewood, Colo., secondary education; Gayle Cougot, Huntsville, agricultural economics; Melinda Daggelt, Fort Worth, marketing; and John Humphries, civil engineering and Edward Silverman, animal science, both from Amarillo; Jerrell Dingmore, Greenville, agricultural economics; Renee Dix, Abilene, marketing/management; Karen Dunphy, Kingwood, civil engineering; Angela Funk, Nederland, accounting; Brian Goeken, Keyport, N.J., environmental design; Rebecca Hassler, Richardson, civil engineering; Edwin Hinson, Graham, finance; Mason Hogan, Clyde, animal science; and Kristin Johnson, Solon, Ohio, finance; Kevin Lunsford, Penryn, Calif., chemical engineering; Christopher McAndrew, Spring, industrial engineering; Steven McKnight, Longview, wildlife and fisheries sciences; David Mendoza, Beaumont, computer science; V. Curt Moore, El Paso, industrial engineering; Angela Payne, Lubbock, computer science; Perri Lynn Postma, Cypress, accounting; Brent Richburg, Plainview, agricultural engineering; Traci Ryan, Liberty, economics; and Melanie Sattler, Arlington, civil engineering; Marnie Swerdlin, Denton, Psychology; Patrick Thomasson, Athens, Ga., Mechanical engineering; Beverly Thompson, Diskinson, civil engineering; Shelly Underbrink, Portland, accounting; Edward Vasquez Jr., Scottsdale, Ariz., psychology; Meredith Voytek, Dayton, accounting; Paul Williams, Lufkin, business analysis and research; Kristina Zinke, Plano, accounting; and Tara Zinsmeister, De Soto, elementary education.

Salutes is a community service provided by The Battalion to list students, faculty and staff who have received honors and awards (such as scholarships, retirement, etc.). Space is limited and is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee that your submission will run. Submissions may be refused if they contain incomplete or incorrect information. If you have any questions, please call The Battalion at 845-3315.

## Man dies trying to stop bank robber

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A bank customer was shot and killed as he tried to subdue a robber, who was holed up Thursday in a residential neighborhood, officials said.

Vern Hanah, 47, was pronounced dead at Medical Center Hospital at 1:15 p.m., hospital spokesman Inez Eisazadeh said.

The FBI and police tactical teams were at a residence, just west of downtown San Antonio, where the gunman was barricaded.

Continental National Bank President William McGinty said around 12:15 p.m. he heard a commotion outside his office, and discovered that the bank was being robbed.

McGinty said he shouted to Hanah, who was walking inside the bank. The customer tried to grab the gunman, and was shot in the chest and arm, officials said.

The banker said the gunman pointed a pistol at him, but McGinty ducked and the suspect fled.

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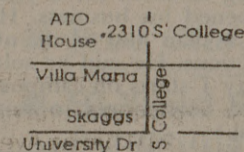
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