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## Black leaders say police covering up truth behind death

HOUSTON (AP) — Local black leaders Wednesday blasted the investigation into the death of a Cleveland, Texas jail inmate and accused authorities of a cover-up.

Indictments should be handed down soon in the death of Kenneth Simpson, who died March 16 after being jailed in Cleveland for allegedly disturbing the peace, said the Rev. J. Don Boney Jr., chairman of the Houston chapter of the National Black United Front.

"We believe that there is an ongoing cover-up in this case," Boney told reporters Wednesday afternoon at a press conference.

An autopsy showed Simpson, an unemployed construction worker and drug informant, died from asphyxiation.

Authorities have said it took seven officers to subdue the 30-year-old Simpson in his cell after they found him smoking what they thought was marijuana.

The seven officers have been suspended with pay while the Texas Rangers and the FBI investigate the case. No charges have been filed and the medical examiner has not yet ruled whether Simpson's death was a homicide.

Boney said Wednesday he was suspicious of the "new revelation" that an officer involved in subduing Simpson at the jail tape-recorded the entire incident. A story about the tape was published Wednesday in the *Houston Chronicle*, and Boney questioned why officials revealed news of the recording two weeks after Simpson's death.

Naomi Simpson, Kenneth Simpson's mother, said she believes the tape is a fake.

"I think it's a phony tape they made," Simpson said. "I know it's not right."

Simpson also said she believed authorities are trying to frame her dead son and clear themselves of any wrongdoing.

"What I want is justice for my son," she said.

Cleveland Mayor Richard Boyett said Tuesday he has given the tape recording to Texas Rangers investigating Simpson's death.

"I don't have much confidence in tapes turned over to the Texas Rangers," Boney said Wednesday.

He said the Texas Rangers do not have the confidence of the black residents of Cleveland because there has never been a black Ranger and because the Rangers were involved in investigating Clarence Brandley's case.

Brandley is on death row for killing a white girl and his supporters claim he was arrested and convicted because he is black. A judge has recommended to the state appeals court that Brandley receive a new trial, but the court has not yet issued a ruling.

On Wednesday, Texas Department of Safety spokesman Mike Cox denied Boney's claim of a cover-up.

"We want to get to the bottom of what happened," Cox said in a telephone interview from Austin. "We're not in the business of covering things up."

Boney called for the Texas Legislature to investigate the Simpson case. In addition, he questioned why indictments have not returned and why the officers involved in the arrest are being paid while on suspension.

## Officials to review rule requiring dead animals

WYLIE (AP) — School officials say they will re-evaluate a requirement that advanced biology students at Wylie High School either kill a live animal or acquire a dead one for a lab project.

The requirement, which went unchallenged for 10 years, recently drew criticism from a parent and the Collin County Humane Society.

"I didn't know it was a problem until a week ago," Wylie superintendent Don Whitt said.

"This project started about 10 years ago and it's something we've been doing. I guess the times have caught up with us or we've caught up with the times."

Juniors and seniors enrolled in Biology II at the school have had to find or purchase an animal to create a "bone mount," a project that requires them to skin and debone their choice of a wild or domestic creature.

After a parent complained about the requirement, Collin County Humane Society president Jennifer Golden asked the school district to stop the practice or contract with a commercial vendor to provide animal specimens.

"Our recommendation is that they eliminate the student completely from the process to eliminate the possibility of disease and the moral issue of instructing a student to kill or have killed a healthy animal strictly for this lab project," Golden said.

Whitt said the students then reassemble the skeleton, which is intended to teach them about various skeletal anatomies.

Wylie High School principal Robert Shirley said the variety of animals this year included three dead cats — one of which was hit by a car in front of a student's house — and a guinea pig bought from a local pet store.

Public health service veterinarian Thomas G. Murnane of the Texas Department of Health said the students risked catching bacterial diseases or rabies from dead animals.

The mother of the student, who bought the guinea pig, complained to school officials and the Humane Society after her son was troubled by killing the animal for the project.

## HL&P seeks rate increase to help pay for nuclear plant

AUSTIN (AP) — Houston Lighting & Power officials ultimately will seek a \$400 million rate increase to help pay for the South Texas Nuclear Project, the *Houston Post* reported Wednesday in a copyright story.

The *Post* said HL&P officials put the state on notice about its pending request in a petition Tuesday to the Public Utility Commission. HL&P wants at least a portion of the increase to be put into effect this summer.

The petition seeks favorable rulings on a series of legal issues aimed at enhancing the Houston-based utility's ability to pass the cost of the Bay City project on to consumers, the newspaper reported.

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**What's Up**  
Thursday

**SAUDI STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** will present "Islam: An American's Perspective" at 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder.

**ALPHA EPSILON DELTA:** will have a guest speaker at 7 p.m. in 302 Rudder.

**SOCIETY OF ATHEISTS, AGNOSTICS AND FREETHINKERS:** will have an open discussion on the principles of humanism at 7 p.m. in 502 Rudder.

**WRITING OUTREACH MINI-SESSION:** will present "Eliminating Wordiness" at 6:30 p.m. in 131 Blocker.

**ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS:** will have a support-group meeting at 7 p.m. in 145 MSC.

**CAED GALLERY:** will present traditional folkore music of "Los Cuatro del Plano" at 7:30 p.m. in 105 Langford Architecture.

**SOUTH LOUISIANA HOMETOWN CLUB:** will have a meeting at 7 p.m. in 104C Zachry.

**A&M CYCLING TEAM:** will meet at 6:45 in 229 Rudder.

**SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS:** will meet at 6 p.m. in 105C Zachry.

Friday

**AGGIE HOSTESSES:** Applications are due for those wanting to apply for hostess by noon today on the ninth floor of Rudder Tower.

**LATTER-DAY SAINTS STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** Clifford Whetten will speak at the sandwich seminar at noon at the Institute Building. There also will be LDSSA council meeting at 3 p.m. at the building.

**TABLE TENNIS CLUB:** will meet and practice at 8 p.m. in 304 Read.

**A&M AMIGA USER GROUP:** will show rays tracing animation on a personal computer from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in the Zachry lobby and at 2 p.m. Saturday in 104C Zachry.

**INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 301 Rudder to go see the Jesus film together.

**CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST:** will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 108 Harrington to watch the Jesus film.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDowell, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publish the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315.

**Weather Watch**

**Key:**  
- Lightning  
- Rain  
- Ice Pellets  
- Fog  
- Snow  
- Rain Shower  
- Thunderstorms  
- Drizzle  
- Freezing Rain

Sunset Today: 6:42 p.m. Sunrise Friday: 6:13 a.m.

**Map Discussion:** Showers and thundershowers will extend from Texas to the Ohio valley in a southerly flow of warm, moist, unstable air along the old frontal boundary. Snow will be over the Central Rockies extending into the plains as the vigorous upper level low pressure system intensifies and moves very slowly eastward, producing a spring snowstorm of moderate to locally heavy intensity.

**Forecast:**  
Today, Tonight, and Friday: Overcast with mild temperatures and intermittent thundershowers and rain. High in the low to mid 70's. Low Friday morning 63 degrees. Southeast winds seven to 14 mph, gusty in the vicinity of thundershowers.

**Weather Fact:** Anemometry — The study of measuring and recording the speed and direction of the wind, including its vertical component.

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