

# State and Local

## CS plans to return to fluoridization

By Andrea Halbert  
Reporter

College Station residents may be drinking fluoridated water again for the first time since the city started its own water system in 1979.

Charles Otto, the assistant sewer and water superintendent for College Station, said the city's application for a \$14,000 grant for the purchase of fluoridation equipment was approved in 1987 and the city is awaiting instructions to go ahead with the purchase. He said College Station plans to begin fluoridating its water by the end of this year.

"There's no question that fluoridation will be beneficial to children," Dr. Russell Bradley, a College Sta-

tion dentist, said.

There won't be immediate improvement in dental health, he said, but drinking fluoridated water gives children a "head start on preventing tooth decay."

Bradley said fluoridation is most important for children under 6 because the fluoride replaces calcium in teeth and bones while they are forming and makes them stronger. This is different from the effect of brushing with fluoride, he said, since topical applications treat only the enamel on the outside of the tooth.

Linda Crossett, administrator of the Texas Fluoridation Project of the Texas Department of Health, said she is pleased that College Sta-

tion is returning to a fluoridated water system.

"For every dollar spent on fluoridation, the community can save families about \$50 in dental bills," Crossett said.

College Station water has naturally occurring fluoride of 0.4 parts per million, half the 0.8 parts per million recommended by the Texas Department of Health. Crossett said adjustment to the recommended level will make a big difference in College Station.

"Every few tenths has a dramatic impact on health benefits," she said.

Communities that participate in the Texas Fluoridation Project, which distributes federal grant

funds, must agree to send a representative to a fluoridation training class, monitor fluoride levels daily and send a monthly report to the state, Crossett said.

"We want to make sure that communities that think they're getting fluoridated water are actually receiving maximum benefits," she said.

Crossett said the amount of grants will be based on the equipment needed. She said the estimated cost of buying and installing fluoridation equipment for College Station is \$14,000. College Station is on the waiting list for 1988 grant funds, Crossett said, and the money will be provided as soon as it is available, probably before the end of the year.

## Student demand adds new courses

By Velia Velez  
Reporter

The number of honors courses offered at Texas A&M is increasing to meet demand, said Dr. Dale Knobel, history professor and director of the University Honors Program.

Knobel credits the increased interest to the high quality of the student body.

"Many students have had accelerated academic experience at the high school level and want to continue to be challenged in college with more demanding material," he said.

Enrollment in honors courses is available to students with an overall grade point ratio of 3.0 or greater. Entering freshmen are allowed provisional admission based on high school record evaluation and SAT or ACT scores.

Knobel said the courses can fit into any student's schedule, regardless of major, since many of the courses are introductory courses. Courses are offered in 100 areas of study.

The number of courses has increased from 30 in 1977 to its present 183. Last year, 4,000 students were enrolled in the courses.

Knobel said the honors classes are smaller — about 15 to 30 students — which allows students a

closer connection with the faculty.

The students enjoy the instructors in honors classes because the professors are exciting and enthusiastic about learning, he said.

This enthusiasm is contagious because the students seem to be more enthusiastic about the classes and learning, Knobel said.

"We've found that students perform better in honors classes than in their other classes," Knobel said. "The better grades are a result of the students attending classes well prepared and informed about the material."

The students must be prepared to participate in class because of the hands-on learning and graduate seminar format of the classes.

The increased interest also comes from students' attempts to make themselves more attractive to employers or upper-level schools.

"Students are beginning to realize that a high GPR is not assurance of admittance into graduate, law or medical school," he said, "nor will a good GPR alone guarantee a good job right out of college."

Knobel said a student who has a high GPR and has taken honors courses shows he has achieved academic success with a difficult course load.

## Ill-gotten gains sell for millions at Hart Gallery

HOUSTON (AP) — A 9.49-carat diamond ring sold for \$147,500 at an auction Wednesday where the ill-gotten gains of a convicted Florida drug dealer brought in a total of \$1.25 million.

About 750 people attended the 3-hour auction at trendy Hart Galleries where 195 items worth an estimated \$2 million were sold to the highest bidders.

The jewels and other items sold Wednesday once belonged to Bruce Emery "Pee Wee" Griffin, who was convicted of marijuana possession and is now on parole from prison.

U.S. Marshal J. Keith Gary described Griffin as a Florida drug dealer who used a ranch in Aubrey — north of Dallas — to launder drug money. Griffin once told authorities he was making \$20 million to \$25 million a year.

Money raised from the auction goes into the federal fund to combat dealers of illegal drugs, Gary said.

The 18-karat gold ring embellished with a 9.49-carat emerald-cut diamond surrounded by 56 other diamonds was expected to bring in about \$130,000, but it sold for \$147,500 to S. Rudnick, a New York dealer who phoned in his bid, said gallery spokesman Clive Watson.

## Drug rehabilitation program fights to retain state license

EL PASO (AP) — An embattled drug rehabilitation program still faces a fight to keep its state license following a judge's order to allow the center to remain open temporarily.

District Judge James Myers of Travis County ruled Tuesday that KIDS of El Paso Inc. should remain open while it fights a license revocation by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

"We've lived through a nightmare having to defend our rights as parents," Melanie Najera, mother of a

17-year-old boy in the program, said after Myers' decision in Austin.

Another parent, Vicki Ikard, said: "My son has a chance to be somebody. I am very happy."

The program, which is a blend of "tough-love" practices and a 12-step program such as the one set forth by Alcoholics Anonymous, had its license revoked June 2 after an investigation by the drug and alcohol commission.

The commission found that some of the young people in the program

were held against their will, denied medical attention and privacy while bathing and using the bathroom, badgered for being homosexual and placed in the care of other clients.

About 70 El Paso parents packed Myers' courtroom during more than 20 hours of testimony. Two of them, Anna Ziemski and Patricia Garner, said they were mothers of former KIDS patients and that they plan to testify against KIDS in a future hearing to determine whether the license should be taken away for good.

## Baptist minister charged in series of sexual assaults

DALLAS (AP) — A Southern Baptist minister was charged Wednesday in connection with five of the so-called "Village Rapist" assaults, authorities said.

Gregory Charles Goblen, 28, was in the Lew Sterrett Justice Center on four counts of sexual assault and one count of aggravated sexual assault on bonds totaling \$700,000, Dallas County Sheriff's spokesman Jim Ewell said.

Goblen was arrested late Monday

in connection with an attempted burglary after an apartment resident reported that someone was trying to break into his apartment, Dallas police Sgt. Larry Lewis said.

Goblen is a minister at the Outreach Baptist Church in Garland, one of 28 mission churches sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Dallas, according to the Rev. Lanny Elmore, who is Goblen's supervisor. Elmore is supervisor of outreach mission work for the nation's largest Southern Baptist church.

Elmore, who said Goblen has been pastor of the church for two years, said he was "extremely stunned and shocked" about the arrest.

"It still will not enter my mind," said Elmore, who described Goblen as "an outgoing, personable, evangelistic young man who was doing a good job in outreach."

He said Goblen has established a bus ministry and the congregation has grown to a membership of 85 in the two years Goblen has been there.

The "Village Rapist" is the name used for a serial rapist believed to be responsible for a number of attacks in the sprawling North Dallas apartment complexes known as The Village.

Attacks date back to 1986, Lewis said. Police said that since about last June, nine rapes have been reported in the area.

Neighbors of Goblen said Tuesday night that they were shocked by his arrest. They described him as a well-

mannered man who often sat in front of his house and read the Bible.

"From my observation, they (Goblen and his wife) are . . . very nice, genteel people and I never would have suspected him of any bad acts of any kind," neighbor Frank C. Tomlinson told the Dallas Morning News.

Goblen also has been charged with attempted burglary on \$3,500 bond, Ewell said.

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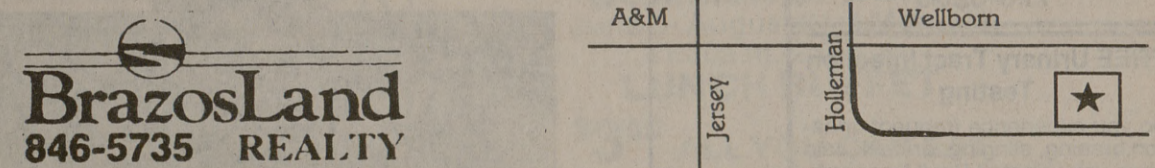
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