

What's Up

Friday

TAMU SAILING CLUB: Will have a sailing outing all weekend at Lake Somerville. For more information call Kevin Borden at 764-0688.
TEXAS A&M RUGBY CLUB: Will meet Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Rugby and Polo Fields for the 12th Annual Summer Sevens Rugby Tournament. For more information call the Day Street Rugby House at 846-9772.
DEPT. OF HUMAN NUTRITION: Will have a free cholesterol screening from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. in 145 MSC. For more information call Suzy Clay at 845-0955.

Sunday

TAMU INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS: Will teach beginning and intermediate dances from around the world. Singles and couples welcome. For more information call Ellen at 822-2415.

Monday

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL: Will meet at 7 p.m. in 308 Rudder to watch a film on torture in Guatemala. For more information call Jill at 690-0909 or Steve at 268-3223.
TEXAS GRASS ROOTS COALITION: Will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. at 909 Foster Ave. East. This is an informative Christian political organization designed to influence the Texas government by prayer and constituent input. For more information call Lee Taylor at 693-6642.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, 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 run 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.

Judge throws out confession given by murder suspect

HOUSTON (AP) — Prosecutors plan to proceed with the case against a woman accused in the 1985 beating deaths of two men even though a judge has thrown out a confession she gave after being intensely interrogated for hours without an attorney.

State District Judge Donald K. Shipley dismissed the confession given by Kelly Jo Koch, 21, on Wednesday following a two-day hearing on the case.

"I'm not sure a cow booster (cattle prod) wouldn't have been better," Shipley said, referring to the interrogation methods used on Koch. Koch's intense, videotaped interrogation in connection with the 1985 beating deaths of two men was the subject of a "60 Minutes" broadcast on CBS television last fall.

Assistant District Attorney John Petrucci said he will go ahead with prosecuting Koch, but he added she may need to be re-indicted on murder charges.

Without the statement, in which she said the pair were killed with baseball bats, prosecutors now must alter the document to say the victims died due to blows from an "unknown blunt object."

The case dates to March 29, 1985, when the beaten bodies of Wendell Ray Birdsong and Gregory Elswick were found.

Koch, then 18, was arrested by Harris County sheriff's deputies and accused of capital murder. Authorities alleged she got two youths to

kill the pair, but charges against the two youths were dropped because of insufficient evidence.

Petrucci said Koch was mad at Birdsong, her boyfriend since she left home at age 14, for beating her and for taking her mother to see Koch dance topless.

Her attorney, Mike DeGeurin, told Shipley his client asked for a lawyer soon after her arrest but that almost a week passed before one was formally appointed.

The interrogation came just after she was taken to polygraph examiner Morris Covin for a test.

The tape played Tuesday for Shipley shows Covin and sheriff's Lt. Alfred Diaz alternately being kind to her and then menacing her with the prospect of going to death row.

Present during the showing in Shipley's court was psychiatrist Richard B. Pesikoff. Viewing her hysteria during questioning, rocking back and forth in her seat and crying, he said it was an example of a teen-ager literally being driven into a psychotic state.

Koch had recounted a "dream" in which she saw Birdsong wearing a plaid shirt and lying with his arm on a coffee table. Diaz told the woman that was exactly how the body was found, but pictures of the murder scene showed Birdsong was not wearing a plaid shirt and had his arms folded on his chest.

DeGeurin pleaded with Shipley to rule the statement — given not long after the interrogation — inadmissible.

Border crackdown catches tax-dodgers

EL PASO (AP) — Liquor-tax dodgers who drive across the Rio Grande and past the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission booths can find they've uncorked a big bottle of trouble.

People trying to avoid paying taxes on Mexican-bought beer, wine and liquor can be fined up to \$1,000 or jailed up to a year. They can have their car confiscated.

It's all for trying to avoid a tax that amounts to 94 cents for a case of beer, 61 cents for a fifth of wine or a six-pack of beer and \$1.10 for a quart of liquor.

Those taxes added up to about \$600,000 collected last year at the three bridges in El Paso carrying traffic from Mexico, said Ruben Pena, assistant director of the commission's ports of entry in Laredo.

Pena was in El Paso earlier this week to help start up an aggressive enforcement program designed to catch liquor tax scofflaws. He said better enforcement might bring in up to \$60,000 more in taxes each year.

"We are going to perform sporadic 24-hour watches to catch these evaders," Pena said while visiting El Paso to help implement the enforcement program that began Tuesday.

"We are warning them not to run by our tax booths because we'll catch them."

Between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday, 75 people declared liquor to U.S. Customs after crossing the Cordova Bridge east of downtown El Paso. Nine tried to drive past the TABC booths about 100 yards past the Customs booths, but they were nabbed, Pena said.

Customs inspectors helped commission inspectors detect which cars were carrying liquor by using hand signals, Pena said.

Of the nine vehicles stopped, seven were from Texas and two were from out of state. State residents are issued a citation to appear before a justice of the peace and face fines of \$100 to \$1,000 or up to a year in jail.

Out-of-state residents were arrested, taken to the county jail and released on \$500 bail, Pena said.

Computer eats keynote speech for convention

AUSTIN (AP) — A draft version of state Treasurer Ann Richards' keynote speech to the Democratic National Convention was lost in a computer glitch.

"I don't trust machines and never have," Richards said.

The speech, which was about 95 percent complete, disappeared Tuesday while being revised by a speech writer for the Democratic National Committee. Working from earlier drafts and Richards' notes, speech writer John Sherman of Virginia reconstructed the half-hour address, and late Wednesday the speech was electronically transmitted to the Austin Democrat.

Richards began practicing her speech Thursday in preparation for the Monday night address.

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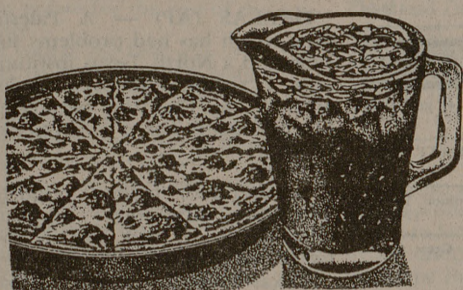
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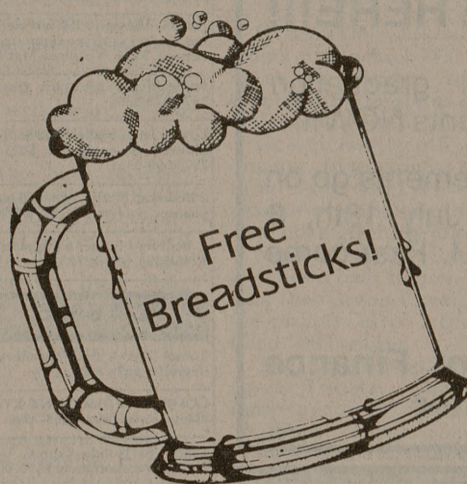


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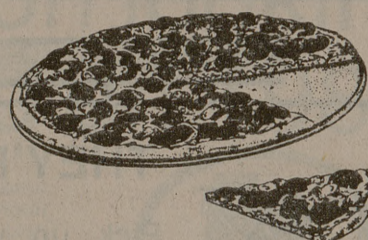
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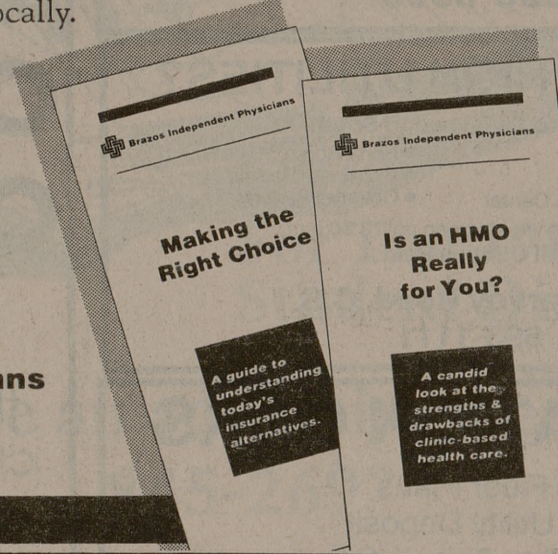
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