

# What's Up

Thursday

**POLITICAL FORUM:** Judge Wesley Peyton and Justice Bob Thomas, candidates for Chief Justice of the 10th Court of Appeals, will debate at 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder.

**FACULTY FORUM:** Dr. Manuel Davenport will discuss "Is There Really a God?" at 12:30 p.m. in 308 Rudder.

**INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM:** Dr. Norbert Dannhaeuser will speak about "Development of Consumer Market Places in India" at 8:15 p.m. in 510 Rudder.

**INTRAMURALS:** will have a meeting for volleyball team captains at 5 p.m. in 701 Rudder.

**THE PLACEMENT CENTER:** will have a workshop on resume writing at 5 p.m. in 308 Rudder.

**ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS:** call the center at 845-0280 for details on today's meeting.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** call the center at 845-0280s on today's meeting.

**UNIVERSITY ART EXHIBITS:** Dr. James Rosenheim will lecture about "The English Collection in Historical Perspective" at 7 p.m. in 201 MSC.

**LATIN AMERICAN CATHOLIC STUDENTS:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center.

**SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS:** will meet to discuss the sports panel and the national convention at 3:30 p.m. in 014 Reed McDonald.

**TAMU ANTHROPOLOGY SOCIETY:** will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Flying Tomato.

**SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS:** will meet at 6 p.m. in 203 Zachry.

**TAMU INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS:** will demonstrate and teach folk dances at 6:30 p.m. at Rudder Fountain.

**MANAGEMENT SOCIETY:** Richard Williford of Williford Energy Co. will speak at 7 p.m. in 150 Blocker and a mandatory meeting will follow.

**AIAA:** Mr. Jim Franks of General Dynamics will speak at 7 p.m. in 103 Zachry.

**HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL:** Dr. Ivie will speak about new honors courses at noon in 228 MSC. Club pictures for the Aggie land will be taken at 6:15 p.m. on the steps of Zachry.

**BIG EVENT:** will have a general committee meeting at 8 p.m. in the Corps of Cadets conference room.

**MEXICAN AMERICAN ENGINEERING SOCIETY:** will meet to take the year-book picture at 7:30 p.m. in the Zachry lobby.

**FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS:** will have a Bible study at 7 p.m. in 507 Rudder.

Friday

**WESLEY FOUNDATION:** will have a scavenger hunt at 8 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation.

**TAMU SPORTS CAR CLUB:** will have a night rally at 7 p.m. in the Zachry parking lot. Everyone is invited.

**INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:** Mrs. Prowett will speak about the Holy Spirit at 8 p.m. in 410 Rudder.

**AMERICAN MARKETING ASSOCIATION:** will have registration for the Southern Regional Conference in the Blocker lobby.

**COLOMBIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** will have a general meeting at 7 p.m. in Rudder Tower. Check the monitor screen for the room number.

**VIETNAMESE AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** will play volleyball from 8:30-11:30 p.m. on the fourth floor of the Reed Building.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** call the Center for Drug Prevention and Education at 845-0280 for details on today's meeting.

**MANAGEMENT SEMINAR:** Mr. Williford of Williford Energy Company will discuss aspects of his company at 10 a.m. in 112 Blocker.

**CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST:** will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 108 Harrington.

**UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES:** will have a Bible study at 6 p.m. at A&M Presbyterian Church. There will be a peanut butter fellowship at 11:30 a.m. at Rudder Fountain.

**LATTER-DAY SAINTS STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** President Hatch, second counselor in stake presidency, will speak at the sandwich seminar at noon at the Institute Building.

**AGGIE ALLEMANDERS:** will have a reunion dance from 7:30 - 10 p.m. in the Pavilion.

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.

# Salutes

Faculty/Staff

**Suzanne Mustard** of Coopersville, Mich. has won the Non-Pro Weanling filly class with her unnamed filly at the Michigan Quarter Horse Breeders' Futurity. Mustard competed against 104 entries to win.

**Dr. Ralph L. Disney**, an industrial engineering professor, has received the E.D. Brockett Professorship for 1988-89 from Texas A&M's College of Engineering. He is considered an international authority in the field of theory and application.

**Dr. David Allen** and **Dr. Leland A. Carlson**, aerospace engineering professors; **Dr. Rayford G. Anthony**, **Dr. Kai Chang** and **Dr. Phillip T. Eubank**, chemical engineering professors; and **Dr. Carl A. Erdman**, a nuclear engineering professor, were named Halliburton Professors in honor of their contributions to teaching, research and service. Texas A&M's College of Engineering presented the award.

**Dr. Richard Feldman**, an industrial engineering professor, was given the General Dynamics Award for Teaching Excellence by the College of Engineering.

**Dr. Mildred J. Fox**, an industrial engineering professor, was named the first recipient of the new Fred J. Benson Award. The award was established by the Doctor of Engineering Society at Texas A&M to acknowledge the important role that faculty members play in supporting engineer graduate studies.

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.

# Local Briefs

## Book collection contest entries close Friday

The entry deadline for the 16th Annual Student Book Collectors' Contest is 5 p.m. Oct. 14.

The contest is open to students who want to submit a personal book collection along with a summary of the collection.

Entry forms and brochures are available in the Sterling C. Evans Library.

Awards of more than \$1,200 will be presented to six winners in a program at 2 p.m. on Nov. 4 in 204C MSC.

# Commission study of Lubbock wells reveals chemicals

LUBBOCK (AP) — Water wells serving residents in two outlying communities show higher than desirable levels of nitrate, chloride and sodium due primarily to contamination from Lubbock's wastewater disposal facility, a Texas Water Commission study said.

The level of dissolved chemicals did not appear to present a health risk to adults, but infants could be affected adversely, the report said.

The study, undertaken in March at the urging of residents of the communities, blames the city's long-term over-application of sewage effluent at the Frank Gray Farm, the disposal facility located east of the city.

Although the facility has been expanded over recent years, the growth was not enough to keep pace with Lubbock's ever-increasing wastewater discharge, the report said.

The farm has been used to dispose of the city's wastewater since the 1930s. Some treated sewage water is used for irrigation.

Sam Arnett III, who owns a ranch just south of the sewage farm, said his family is forced to bring in drinking water from outside of the ranch.

Overflowing wastewater from a holding tank at the farm has seeped onto his property, Arnett said.

"I guess my concerns are that the city has more effluent water than they can handle," he said. "Despite their good intentions — if they have good intentions — they are going to have spillages."

The report recommends close monitoring of water quality at the municipal wells serving Buffalo Springs Lake and Ransom Canyon.

A TDH regional engineer, Linda Wyatt, said that a Texas Department of Health sampling of water from wells at Buffalo Springs Lake showed three wells which exceeded the recommended nitrate-as-nitrogen level of 10 milligrams per liter.

High nitrate levels can result in infants born with so-called "blue baby" disease, where crystalline material in the blood interferes with the transfer of oxygen.

Larry Smith, Lubbock district manager for the TWC, said that as a result of the TWC study findings, the city of Lubbock could face penalties.

"Some type of action will be taken, and it will be up to the commission to decide which action," he said to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

The city has applied to the TWC for a five-year renewal on its permit for the sewer farm, and that request will be considered separately, Smith said.

City manager Larry Cunningham said the city already has begun addressing the seepage problem.

A \$5 million wastewater storage facility is scheduled for construction, and the farm's usual cotton crop will be substituted with a crop that requires more water and nutrients to absorb more wastewater. The city has owned and operated the farm since 1986.

# Texas population increases despite oil-boom pattern

WASHINGTON (AP) — More people left Texas than migrated to the Lone Star State in 1987, reversing the decade's oil-boom pattern, according to Census Bureau figures released Wednesday that show the population still managed to grow 0.6 percent.

The 1987 county-by-county estimates show greatest population growth along the central corridor between Dallas and San Antonio and troubling losses in rural counties.

For the first time this decade, the state had a net outmigration of about 90,000 people.

Births in the state helped make up the loss and also accounted for the growth, the census shows.

The population increased by just 100,000 between July 1986 and July 1987 for a total population of 16,785,000.

Texas lagged behind the national growth rate of 1 percent, said Census Bureau demographer-statistician Ed Byerly.

Texas is still the third most populated state, after California and New York.

This year marked the state's slowest growth of the decade, Byerly said.

The population dropped dramatically from the high of 4.1 percent at the height of the oil boom in 1981-1982 and dipping from the 1.8 percent increase in 1986.

Demographers say the Texas slowdown mirrors downturns in oil, agriculture and service industries, just as the oil boom in the early part of the decade accounts for a parallel population spurt that put the overall growth rate between 1980 and 1987 at a substantial 18 percent, an increase of 2.6 million.

Demographer Steve Murdock, a professor of rural sociology at Texas A&M, said the 18 percent growth rate is deceiving because of losses in recent years.

"It's the half-empty, half-full glass routine," said Murdock, who works with the Census Bureau.

Murdock said 53 percent of Texas' 254 counties lost population in 1987 and 64 percent had net outmigration.

Rural counties and especially the Panhandle are suffering extensive problems in population retention while the suburbs appear to be doing the best at keeping their population.

Some of the shift could reflect a flow back to the Rust Belt of migrants who headed into Texas to find work in the oil patch, Byerly said.

Murdock said the decline of the past few years has been pervasive and reverses growth patterns of the 1970s and early 1980s, bringing the state closer to trends of the 1960s, when 57 percent of counties had population declines and 71 percent had outmigration.

In the 1970s, 17 percent of counties had population declines and 33 percent had outmigration while from 1980 to 1982, only 12 percent of counties had population declines and 18 percent had net outmigration.

While growth has continued along the central corridor, Murdock said even those increases have been substantially reduced and appear healthiest at each end.

Elsewhere in the state, counties have either retained population or had small declines.

Even Harris County, home of Houston, lost population last year, falling

from 2,828,100 in 1986 to an estimated 2,793,500.

Nevertheless, Harris is still the nation's third-largest county, behind Los Angeles County and Cook County, Ill., home of Chicago, Ron Prevost, regional analyst for the Census Bureau said.

Texas' second-biggest county is Dallas, with 1,852,000 in 1987, up from 1,841,000 in 1986.

In third place is Bexar, with 1,196,800, up from 1,174,200.

Tarrant County the fourth-largest, with 1,110,400, up from 1,084,100.

At the other end of the scale is Loving County, tied with Yellowstone National Park, Mont., for the nation's smallest county. Each has 100 residents.

Because the Census Bureau rounds figures to the nearest hundred and doesn't release exact numbers in its estimates, it's impossible to say which is smaller. But in the 1980 Census, Yellowstone had 66 and Loving had 91, Prevost said.

"But with the problems with the forest fires, I imagine Yellowstone National Park is definitely the smallest county, unless you count the firefighters," Prevost said.

# Woman uses old whistle as protection

HOUSTON (AP) — Twenty-five years after her husband gave her a whistle to use for protection, attorney Patsy Young used it when a would-be car thief attacked her in a downtown garage.

Young, now a 51-year-old grandmother, was getting out of her car when a man grabbed her right arm and found himself embroiled in a fight.

"He said he needed to borrow my car," she said. "He started pulling me out of the car. I started struggling, screaming and hitting."

"I kept trying to knock his glasses off, and I was screaming at the top of my lungs."

The man bolted and ran away, and Young began blowing her whistle.

"It seemed like I was blowing for a really long time," she said. "A woman heard the whistle and found five or six policemen who came running in."

"I pointed out the direction he ran and one of the policemen stayed with me while the others went looking for him," she said. "A few minutes later, they came back with him."

"I made a decision a long time ago nobody was going to intimidate me," she said.

"They may kill me, but they're not going to intimidate me. I'm going to fight for what's mine."

The suspect, 36, was apprehended by security guards when he ran into a nearby office building "looking nervous," as if he was looking for a place to hide, Robery Lt. Allen Tharling said.

"What this lady did is a perfect demonstration of what women should do when they are getting out of the car in a parking garage," Tharling said. "She looked around when she got out of the car and was prepared. People said that whistle could be heard all over the place."

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