

### In Advance

## Lecture to discuss importance of Christ

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The similarities and differences of how Jesus is viewed in the Moslem and Christian faiths will be discussed in a question-and-answer lecture **Friday at 7 p.m. in 601 Rudder.** The lecture, sponsored by the Muslim Students Association, is free and open to the public. "Dialogue on Jesus: A Common Link Between Moslems and Christians" will feature speakers from both religious faiths, including Dr. Jamal Badawi, the founder and chairman of the Islamic Information Foundation, and Ray Muenich, the head of Great Commission Students of College Station. Hisham Youssef, president of the Muslim Students Association, said equal time would be devoted to both religious faiths, and that the main idea of the lecture is to inform people on how both faiths view Jesus. "It is mostly about Jesus and how Moslems and Christians view him," Youssef said.

## Make plans now for Parents' Weekend

Parents' Weekend is not until April 29-31, 1989, but plans already are underway for the event. Hotel rooms are now being reserved and the Parents' Weekend Committee urges students to make their reservations now.

## OPAS to present "The Little Tailor"

MSC OPAS will present "The Little Tailor," a classic Grimm's fairy tale on Sunday. The Lynda Martha Dance Company will perform the tale of a tiny superhero, a princess, giants, dragons, and unicorns. The two performances will be at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. in Rudder Theater. For ticket information, call the MSC Box Office at 845-1234 or Ticketron in Dillard's. Tickets cost \$5.

## Fraternity to provide free babysitting

Alpha Phi Omega will sponsor "Parents' Night Out" on Oct. 28 and Nov. 2 from 7-10:30 p.m. Free babysitting will be provided in 301 and 302 Rudder on Friday and 301 and 308 Rudder on Nov. 2.

## Rudder Theater to host piano concert

Pianists Stephen Nielson and Ovid Young will perform at **8 p.m. tonight in Rudder Theater.** The concert is part of the MSC-OPAS-Stark Series. Tickets for the concert are available at the door for \$3 for students and \$5 for non-students.

# Toxic substance suspected in deaths of 4 cocaine users

HOUSTON (AP) — Homicide detectives were continuing their investigation into the source of tainted cocaine believed to have caused the deaths of four and hospitalized another during an 18-hour period. Police expressed alarm at the possibility cocaine mixed with a toxic substance is still being sold and may claim more victims if the dealer is not located. Roger Widmeyer, spokesman for Ben Taub Hospital, said, "It's a bad situation. We have got some cocaine out there that is playing Russian roulette with bullets in all the chambers." A Harris County medical examiner spokesman said Wednesday autopsy results on all four deaths were delayed pending further toxicology tests. Authorities had not determined if the four deaths were related. Police spokesman Dan Turner said investigators were waiting on the toxicology reports to determine what toxic substance was in the cocaine. "At this point, we have no idea what's killing these people," Turner said. The first victim, Steve Ridley, 37, died at 11 a.m. Monday on arrival at Ben Taub Hospital. Johnny Johnson, 38, died at Hermann at 5:41 p.m. Monday. Widmeyer said William Small, 45, died at Ben Taub at 11:50 p.m. Monday, while Edith Harris, 40, died at 4:45 p.m. Tuesday — all unofficially from cardiac arrest and renal failure. "All five knew each other and two of them said they all bought cocaine at the same place," he said. Dr. Janice Zimmermann, associate director of medicine at Ben Taub's emergency center, said all the victims suffered symptoms of nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, shortness of breath, and hyperventilation, followed by cardiac arrest. Widmeyer said an unidentified 42-year-old man was listed in stable condition Wednesday at Ben Taub Hospital after being admitted Tuesday. "We have our fingers crossed and are thankful he has lived this far," he said of the patient who had been in critical condition Tuesday. Zimmermann said, "The only reason this gentleman is still alive, the only reason he said he came in was

# Menudo's session causes teen melee in shopping mall

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Security around the teen rock group Menudo will be beefed up for a concert Thursday because an autograph session turned into a melee when fans jumped on a stage and began tearing the musicians' clothing, officials said. The six members of the Puerto Rican rock group are to perform at 8 p.m. Thursday at Freeman Coliseum and security will be much tighter there than at an autograph session, said Menudo manager Jackie Kaplan. "Everything will go as scheduled and we will have a security meeting to increase it and this is not likely to happen again," Kaplan said. "I don't want to scare people away and I don't want mothers to be scared." On Tuesday, more than 1,200 teen-agers had gathered at Ingram Park Mall for an autograph-signing session and were getting rowdy before the group even appeared. When the group made it onto a stage, the crowd got more rowdy. After failed pleas from the singers for the crowd to calm down, the musicians were forced to abandon the stage about 6:45 p.m. The teen fans overpowered the 15 mall security guards and about 30 police officers were called in to help quell the disturbance. It took police about 15 minutes to disperse the crowd. One girl who wouldn't let go of one of the singers was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct and taken to the juvenile detention center and later was released. Three others were taken to hospitals after suffering minor injuries. Group member Sergio Gonzales, 15, who lost a \$75 pair of sunglasses and whose T-shirt was ripped from his body, said the group had encountered similar incidents in Mexico, South America, New York and El Paso. Another fan tried to take off the boots of 15-year-old group member Ruben Gomez, who crawled on his belly under the stage and surfaced on the other side. "I felt like I was in the Army," he told the San Antonio Light. Menudo singer Rickie Martin, 15, said someone pulled his ear, trying to get

to his earrings. Angelo Garcia, 11, the youngest group member, said he was frightened by the incident. "I was super-scared," Garcia told the Light. "When all the girls jumped on the stage, the choreographer thought at first I was laughing, but I had started to cry." Some stores near the area closed their doors to avoid the melee. "These girls go crazy because Menudo is their idol," Kaplan said. "They read about them in the magazines and see them on TV and when they get the chance to see them, they cry, pass out and then it's not like they want to touch them or hug them or kiss them nicely, it's like they want to get a piece of them." Kaplan criticized Ingram Park Mall officials for not setting up quick entry and exit paths to the stage. "I went to scope out the situation prior to them leaving the holding room. Had I seen how it was set up, I would have tried to make some changes, but by the time I turned around, someone had already told them to go out," Kaplan said. But Bill McFadden, assistant property manager at Ingram Park Mall, said Menudo officials originally had requested only eight security guards, but that he asked for seven more after the crowd size increased. He also said that Menudo officials were told where the band would be signing autographs.

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# Tenneco aims to rebuy oil stock

HOUSTON (AP) — Tenneco Inc., which earlier this month sold its Tenneco Oil Co. for \$7.3 billion, initiated a cash tender offer Wednesday to buy back 18 million shares of its own stock in a move to increase the stock's value. The proposed repurchase of 12.18 percent of Tenneco's total outstanding stock is expected to cost nearly \$1 billion. Under the Dutch auction launched by Tenneco, shareholders specify the price at which they are willing to sell their stock back to the company, within a range established by the buyer. Based upon the number and price of the shares tendered, Tenneco officials said they will determine the single per share price within a specified \$50-\$55 range that will permit the company to buy all 18 million shares. Tenneco then will buy the stock tendered at that price or less, subject to possible proration. Tenneco officials said the cash sales will not be subject to the usual transaction costs associated with open market sales.

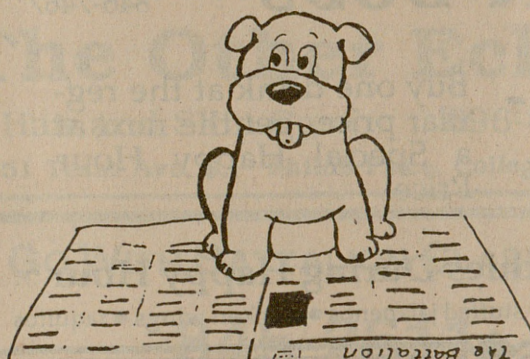
Some on Wall Street were expected to view the terms of the share repurchase as disappointing. John Olson, an analyst with Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc., said a Dutch passing up a "God-given opportunity" to build the strongest balance sheet in years. "Buying back stock may be attractive to some shareholders, but it doesn't aug-

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ment the company for the long term," Olson said. He attributed that buy-back decision to Tenneco's management being under pressure to "do something for the shareholders." "They sold off their crown jewel (Tenneco Oil)," Olson said. "That gives them a great opportunity to go into the next business downcycle with a strong balance sheet and golden opportunities to acquire companies in related areas that would be hard hit by any recession." Tenneco Chairman James L. Ketelson said the sale of Tenneco Oil and the buy back plan demonstrates the company's commitment to increasing shareholder value by concentrating its resources on its "most promising" opportunities. Tenneco's offer is not conditioned upon any minimum number of shares being tendered. The only condition, company officials said, is that Tenneco receive at least \$1.5 billion in proceeds from its \$7.3 billion sale of Tenneco Oil. The tender offer is set to expire at midnight Nov. 28. After paying for the stock, the company will use the remainder of the proceeds to reduce its hefty debt of \$8.5 billion. With the sale of its oil and gas properties, Tenneco's biggest units will be the profitable natural gas pipeline and its Case IH farm equipment manufacturing sector. In addition, Tenneco maintains shipbuilding, automotive, packaging and chemicals units.

because he was told his other two friends had died and he was scared." The victims obtained the tainted drug, which they later injected, at a known haunt for drug dealing near the Houston Ship Channel, a Ben Taub physician said. Zimmermann said she has been told that boric acid and baking soda is being used to "cut" or increase the volume of cocaine before it is sold. Boric acid is a white crystalline compound and is used as a mild antiseptic, to manufacture cements and enamels, and to kill roaches. Experts said it is considered harmful and can cause cardiovascular shock. Zimmermann said the deaths led her to believe other recent cocaine-related deaths may have been caused by a boric acid content. "In retrospect, we've seen something similar to this maybe once a month," she said. "People will come in with similar problems, and then die quickly. Then we have this cluster of patients. It wasn't until Monday evening that things started to click."

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