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## State court grants hearing in libel case

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court on Wednesday granted a hearing in a libel case between two former mayors of South Houston.

Former mayor Lynn Brasher filed a suit against Walter Carr and another former mayor, Al Thiel, saying they libeled him in political brochures that were published in 1985.

A Harris County state district court judge dismissed the suit, but the 14th Court of Appeals reversed that ruling and ordered the trial court to reconsider the case.

Carr, the author of the pamphlets, and Thiel, who printed the brochures, appealed to the state Supreme Court which will hear oral arguments on the case Jan. 18.

The trial court dismissed the suit, agreeing with Carr and Thiel that the pamphlets were protected by the First Amendment right of free speech.

The court also ordered Brasher to pay \$500 in sanctions and costs to each defendant.

But the 14th Court of Appeals disagreed.

In analyzing the brochures, the appeals court said some of the opinions were written in a way to imply fact and criminal wrongdoing on the part of Brasher.

Thiel also argued that Brasher did not file his suit before the one-year statute of limitations had expired since the publication of the brochures.

## In Advance

### AIDS expert will hold lecture Friday

The head of a national college task force on AIDS will discuss the prevalence of the acquired immune deficiency syndrome on college campuses Friday from 2:30-4 p.m. in 601 Rudder.

Dr. Richard P. Keeling, chairman of the task force on AIDS for the American College Health Association, will give the lecture, titled "UPDATE: AIDS on the College Campus."

Nancy Thompson, head of the Student Affairs Professional Development Committee, said that Keeling will give current information about AIDS, as well as advice on how colleges and students can deal with AIDS in the future.

"We originally planned this as a seminar for staff and faculty members, but when we found out what he had to say, we realized it was something the students needed to hear," Thompson said. Keeling also is president of the American College Health Association and associate professor of medicine and director of the Department of Student Health at the University of Virginia.

"Dr. Keeling is the foremost authority in the country on AIDS on college campuses," Thompson said. Keeling's presentation will include a slide show and a question-and-answer period. An informal reception will follow the discussion.

## What's Up

### Thursday

**DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY/JUNGIAN SOCIETY:** will present "Drawing on Images from Within: Introduction to Art Therapy" at 7:30 p.m. in 302 Rudder.

**BLACK AWARENESS COMMITTEE:** will have a fashion show rehearsal at 8:30 p.m. in 226 MSC.

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

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

**TAMU AMERICAN MARKETING ASSOCIATION:** Marsha Herring will talk about hospital promotions of Humana and the industry at 7:15 p.m. at Humana Hospital.

**SOCIETY OF FLIGHT TEST ENGINEERS:** invite engineering, math or science majors to watch the flight test videos and eat pizza at 7:30 p.m. in 202 Old Engineering.

**BIOCHEMISTRY SOCIETY:** will have a symposium, "Graduate Opportunities in Biochemistry," for students in the life sciences from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in 212 MSC.

**ETA KAPPA NU:** will take its Aggieland pictures at 5:30 p.m. in the MSC flag room. There also will be an induction ceremony at 6:15 p.m. in 301 Rudder.

**SWAP:** Dr. A. Stranges will discuss creationism and evolution at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder.

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

**CLASS OF '89:** is accepting pictures/negatives in the student programs office through Nov. 18 for the senior banquet slide show.

**CO-OP STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** will elect summer officers and bowl at 6:30 p.m. at Chimney Hill Bowling Alley.

**ALPHA EPSILON DELTA/PREMED HONOR SOCIETY:** will meet and elect officers at 7 p.m. in 602 Rudder.

**TAMU INVESTMENT CLUB:** will take Aggieland photos at 7:15 p.m. on the steps of Zachry and then go to happy hour.

**UNDERGRADUATE BIOCHEMISTRY SOCIETY:** Representatives from medical and graduate schools will answer questions from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. in 212 MSC.

**MEXICAN AMERICAN ENGINEERING SOCIETY:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 104 Zachry.

**SIGMA ALPHA MU:** will bounce basketballs for 33 hours for the American Heart Association from 10 a.m. today to 7 p.m. Friday at Rudder fountain.

**ASIAN AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** will have a slave auction and meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 401 Rudder.

### Friday

**UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES:** will have a Bible study at 6:15 p.m. at AAM Presbyterian Church.

**HOMETOWN CLUBS:** Corpus Christi, Ft. Worth, Austin, Beaumont, Deer Park, Kilgore, Luling and West Bell County clubs will have a volleyball tournament from 5-7 p.m. in 304 Reed.

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

**HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL:** will have a brown bag lunch at noon in 138 MSC. Dr. Tau Tsui will speak about a new biochemistry class.

**CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** will discuss courtship and marriage at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center.

**COLOMBIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder.

**PI SIGMA EPSILON:** will have a new car show all day behind the Academic Building.

**MINORITY FRESHMEN ORIENTATION '89:** applications for associate director of the Minority Freshmen Orientation '89 will be accepted until 5 p.m. Friday.

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.

## Police Beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department from Nov. 8 through Monday:

### FELONY THEFT:

• Officers obtained a warrant for the arrest of a Bryan man who is charged with stealing a horse from the Polo Barns Oct. 14.

Bob Wiatt, director of University police, said Luther Flowers was accused of trying to sell the horse. The horse would have been turned into glue and soap, Wiatt said, but the buyer saw that the horse was in good condition and contacted the police.

Wiatt said Flowers already was in Brazos County Jail on unrelated charges of felony theft and escaped when the warrant was issued.

• A student reported that someone stole his 1977 Datsun 280-ZX. The car was found four days later behind the Social Security office in Bryan.

• A woman reported that someone stole her wallet from her pick-up truck.

• Someone stole a personal computer and a color monitor from the Harrington Classroom Building.

• A student reported that someone stole the T-tops from his Datsun 280-ZX.

**MISDEMEANOR THEFT:**

• One moped, seven bicycles and two unattended backpacks were stolen from various locations around campus.

• A student reported that someone stole two pairs of swim trunks from his locker in DeWare Field House.

• A student reported that someone stole both license plates from her car.

• Two students reported that someone stole several pieces of clothing from the second-floor laundry room in Krueger Hall.

• A student reported that someone stole several pieces of clothing from the Corps laundry room.

• A student reported that someone stole her textbook from the Remote Computing Center.

• A man reported that someone stole his wallet from his office in the Military Sciences Building.

• A man reported that someone stole a water cooler and two cup holders from the 13th tee of the golf course.

**HARASSMENT:**

• A student reported that she had been receiving annoying phone calls for several days.

**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:**

• A student reported that someone damaged her vehicle by pouring sugar into the gas tank.

• A student reported that someone threw several aluminum cans and a golf ball at him and damaged a section of wet-cement sidewalk. The students were identified, and the investigation was referred to Student Affairs.

• A man reported that someone stole several letters from an office door and tore a bulletin board off the wall in Teague Research Center.

• Someone broke several campus "lollipop lights."

• Two students reported that someone slashed two tires on their vehicles on Avenue B. A third student reported that someone slashed one of his tires on Avenue A. A fourth student reported that someone let the air out of three of his tires on Avenue A.

The first three incidents apparently occurred in the same eight-hour period early Monday morning. The fourth incident happened 12 days earlier.

**PUBLIC INTOXICATION:**

• An officer saw a student jump on top of a vehicle and then walk across several others. Several vehicles were damaged.

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## Worker finds Texas banker shot in head

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TYLER (AP) — Fred T. Brooks Sr., founder and former chairman of Tyler's Bank of East Texas and a former Texas Banker of the Year, was found shot in the head Wednesday morning, a justice of the peace said.

An employee reporting for work about 8 a.m. Wednesday found Brooks' body in a hangar barn near Edom, Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace C.A. Jordan said.

Brooks' wound in the temple appeared to be self-inflicted, but an autopsy would be performed to be on the safe side, Jordan said.

Brooks, the former president of Independent Bankers Association of Texas and Independent Bankers Association of America who made his name in the Dallas banking industry, was found a short time after he died, Jordan said.

Jordan gave no other information about Brooks' death.

Brooks resigned as chairman of Bank of East Texas, Tyler, earlier this year and was the current chairman of Canton-based Bank of Van Zandt, formerly known as Traders State Bank. He was one of the founders of Texas Independent Bank of Dallas and was a longtime president of Merchants State Bank of Dallas.

He was "Texas Banker of the Year" in 1978.

## Energy plant construction to start in '89

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) Construction of a \$104 million gas reprocessing plant that will turn refinery refuse into usable products is expected to begin early in 1989, a project spokesman said.

The Javelina gas processing plant on a 26-acre site here will be managed by Coastal Corp. in a joint effort with two other firms.

It will use what the industry calls "off-gas," or gas byproducts produced during oil refining, W.E. Spencer, senior vice president of Coastal said. Such gases otherwise are burned in refinery boilers or flared into the atmosphere.

Project officials said the plant's net effect would be to capture lost profit potential while reducing air pollution.

Houston-based Coastal will be 40 percent owner through its subsidiary, Coastal Javelina Inc., Spencer said. He said another 40 percent will be held by K-M Javelina Inc., a subsidiary of Kerr-McGee Corp. of Oklahoma City; and Valero Energy will hold a 20 percent interest in the plant through its subsidiary, Valero Refining Off-Gas Processing Co.

"Javelina represents a new thrust for our industry," Spencer said Tuesday night at a gathering to announce the project. "To our knowledge, this is the first plant of this type to be built as a joint effort by three separate companies."

Production could reach as high as 26,000 barrels of liquifiable hydrocarbons daily, with principal products to include ethylene, ethane and propylene.

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