

## Police Beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department from Nov. 18 through Sunday:

**BURGLARY:**  
 • A student reported that someone stole her cassette deck from a room in the Biological Sciences Building.

• A student reported that someone stole the stereo system from his car.

• An officer caught two Tarleton Station residents with a stolen microwave oven and a stolen bicycle on Church Street in College Station.

The microwave had been stolen from a residence on Second Street and the bicycle had been stolen from Hart Hall.

**ATTEMPTED ROBBERY:**

• A Dallas man reported that while he was attending a high school football game at Kyle Field, a male tried to steal a gold chain from around his neck. The man said the would-be robber ran away after he fought him off.

**MISDEMEANOR THEFT:**

• A student reported that someone stole his 250-cc motorcycle while it was parked on Coke Street.

• One moped, two backpacks, two bicycles and a front bicycle tire were stolen from various locations around campus.

• A student reported that someone stole the license plate from his vehicle.

• A student reported that someone stole two gold rings that she left in a restroom in the Biological Sciences Building East.

• A woman reported that someone stole the contents of her purse, including her wallet, at a nurse's station in A.P. Beutel Health Center.

• Someone stole a digital balance from the Veterinary Diag-

nostic Laboratory.  
 • Someone stole the *Wall Street Journal* newsstand near Sbisa Dining Hall.

• A student reported that someone stole his duffel bag from in front of the president's house on Throckmorton Street.

• A student reported that someone stole his 2-foot, 10-inch Burmese python from his room in Hart Hall.

**PUBLIC INTOXICATION:**

• One Texas A&M student and three non-students were arrested for public intoxication at various locations around campus last week.

**MINOR IN POSSESSION:**

• An under-age College Station resident was caught with beer on campus.

**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:**

• While responding to a report of someone driving on the grass in the Research Park, an officer found a student who said he was unfamiliar with the area and had gotten his vehicle stuck in the ditch next to FM 2818 while trying to leave the park.

• An Aston Hall resident reported that someone broke his dorm window.

• An officer caught two teenagers damaging vehicles on campus. The teenagers' parents were notified.

• Someone reported that the tires were slashed on a car at Rudder Fountain that was to be used as an object of aggression and be beaten to smithereens in the Circle K International fraternity "Car Bash".

**INDECENCY WITH A CHILD:**

• A woman reported that her son was confronted by two men in the Married Student Housing Playground. The woman said one of the men bared his buttocks and anal cavity to her son.

# Lions Club takes aid to Guatemala despite day delay

REYNOSA, Mexico (AP) — A Lions Clubs convoy carrying 14,000 pairs of eyeglasses and other humanitarian aid to Guatemala left the Texas-Mexico border Wednesday after a delay that began when the group said it refused to pay Mexican officials \$6,000 to pass through the country.

The 38 club members continued their southward journey Wednesday afternoon, ending an unscheduled 24-hour stop. Their trip resumed after they negotiated to pay \$800 for a Mexican customs inspector to accompany their 12 vehicles to the Guatemalan border.

Their convoy of six ambulances, two fire trucks, a school bus, a car and a pickup truck to be left in the impoverished Central American nation originated in Indianapolis, Ind., on Saturday. The convoy includes club members from Indiana, California, Sweden and Texas.

They crossed the Rio Grande at Hidalgo into Reynosa on Tuesday morning, but spent the day in a customs lot after they said officials told them it would take three custodians at \$2,000 each to travel with their caravan. The group turned back and spent Tuesday night in a motel in McAllen before returning Wednesday to Reynosa.

This marks the fourth year the Lions have traveled with humanitarian cargo for Guatemala, James Cameron, 56, of Urbana, Ind. said.

"We've had a problem every year here at this border," Cameron said.

Last year, he said the Lions only paid \$30 per vehicle to cross Mexico.

"It's real discouraging, because we're all volunteers, and we're just

trying to help people down in Guatemala, and we're trying to improve international relations instead of running them down," Cameron said.

Customs officials with the Mexican government said Wednesday that there had been a misunderstanding Tuesday between the Lions group and customs employees at the international bridge.

"Some of the customs agents must have been misinformed if they quoted that price (\$6,000)," Jorge Martinez Galvan, assistant Mexican customs chief at Reynosa, said.

"This fee (\$800) for the customs inspector is to ensure that none of the cargo stays in Mexico," Martinez said.

Jim Ross, 62, a Lions member from Indianapolis, Ind., said getting through Mexican customs has been the greatest obstacle in the three previous years the group has taken glasses to Guatemala.

"Once we get through this part of it and get into Guatemala, people are so grateful for what we're bringing down," Ross said, adding that people in the interior of Mexico also have been helpful in past years.

In addition to the used glasses, the group also is hauling 15,000 articles of clothing, 76 pairs of crutches, 26 walkers, six wheelchairs, 11 portable toilets, 19 pairs of wrist-support crutches and 200 hand-made stuffed animals for orphans.

The used glasses gathered from donations around the United States are marked for the prescriptions they match. Most Guatemalans cannot afford the \$100 a pair would cost in the Central American nation, Cameron said.

# Key witness in 1976 murder trial declares convicted man innocent

DALLAS (AP) — The key witness against Randall Dale Adams in his 1977 capital murder trial testified Wednesday that Adams is innocent in the killing of a Dallas police officer.

Death row inmate David Ray Harris, called as a witness in Adams' hearing to seek a new trial, said he was alone in a car stopped by Officer Robert Wood, who was killed in the incident Nov. 28, 1976.

Harris acknowledged his finger was on the trigger when Wood was shot, but stopped short of saying he killed the officer.

But based on Harris' testimony, State District Court Judge Larry Baraka said he would determine that Harris had admitted to the killing. Baraka did not rule on Adams' request.

Adams was convicted of killing Wood and sentenced to death, but the sentence later was commuted to life in prison. He has maintained his innocence and his conviction was questioned in the Errol Morris movie *The Thin Blue Line*.

Harris testified he was biased in favor of the prosecution when he first implicated Adams. Harris said prosecutor Doug Mulder had promised "to take care of" other criminal charges pending against him in return for his testimony.

"Did Randall Adams kill Robert Wood?" attorney Randy Schaffer asked Harris, who was wearing an orange jail uniform, handcuffs and shackles.

"No, he did not," Harris replied.

"Randall Adams knew nothing

about this offense and was not in the car at the time (Wood was shot)."

Harris had initially said he and Adams were both in the car when it was stopped by Wood and Officer Teresa Turko. Harris said he crouched down in the car as Adams shot Wood.

But Wednesday Harris changed his story and said he was alone.

In court testimony and in a taped television interview presented as evidence at the hearing, Harris stopped short of saying he killed Wood.

"You can draw your own conclusions," Harris said in an interview for Fox Television. "I'm not going to sit here and tell you that I did it . . . Why should I?"

The interviewer asked Harris if his finger was on the trigger. "Yes, it was," Harris said.

Under questioning from prosecutors, Harris said again that he is not admitting he killed Wood.

But Baraka said, "As far as the court is concerned, he is telling me that he did."

# Eight men indicted for mail fraud

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Eight men have been indicted on mail fraud and money laundering charges after consumers complained they were promised fishing boats, but got rubber rafts instead.

The 34-count indictment returned Tuesday was the result of an investigation by U.S. Postal Service inspectors and includes 30 counts of

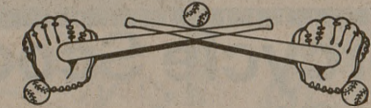
mail fraud and four counts of money laundering.

The indictment alleges that people were contacted by mail and led to believe that they were chosen to receive a valuable prize, such as a fishing boat or a wide-screen television.

When consumers called the company to claim the items, they re-

ceived a sales pitch for specialty items and were told they had to make a purchase to claim the items, the indictment alleges.

When the consumers discovered the items were not what they were led to believe. The fishing boat was an inflatable raft and the wide-screen television was a magnifying lens.

  
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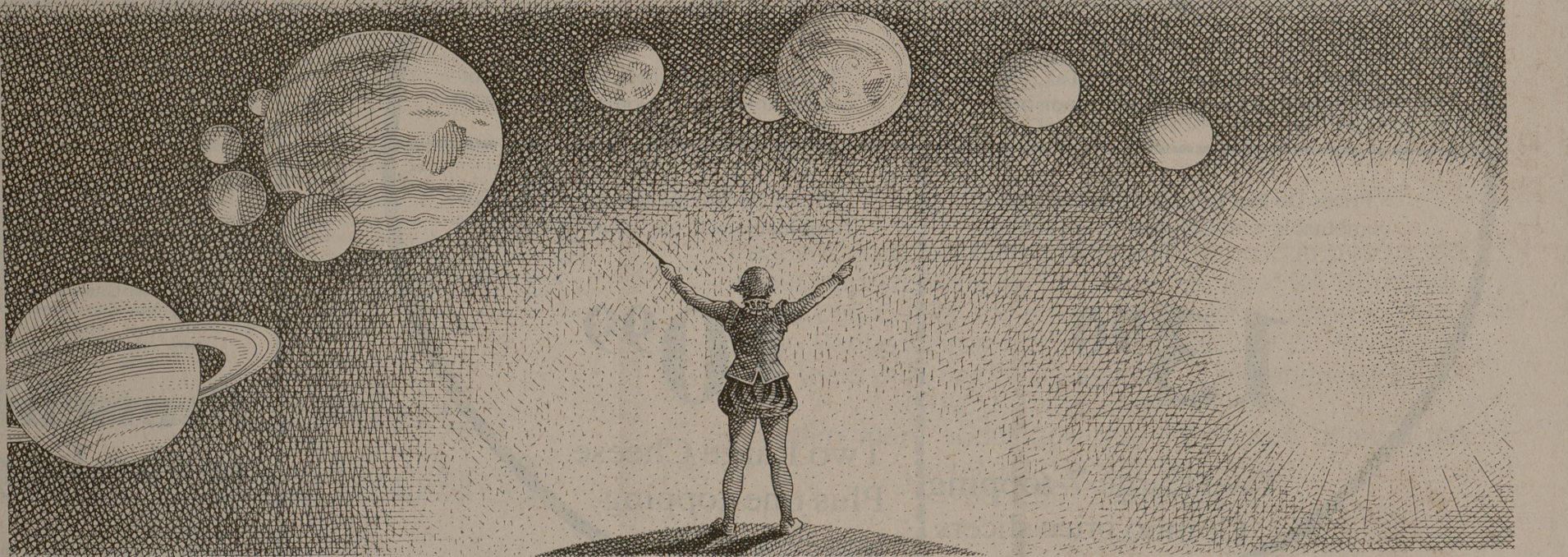
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