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Paper says FBI looking into mistrial

DALLAS (AP) — The FBI is investigating the possibility of jury tampering in the mistrial of the nation's largest savings and loan fraud case to go to trial, a newspaper reported Monday.

A mistrial was declared Sept. 15 after jurors said they were hopelessly deadlocked in the trial of D.L. "Danny" Faulkner and six others.

The *Wall Street Journal*, quoting people "familiar with the investigation," said the Federal Bureau of Investigation opened its inquiry into possible tampering shortly after the mistrial was declared by U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings in Lubbock.

Faulkner's attorney, Cheryl Watley, told the *Dallas Times Herald* on Monday that she had been told of an

FBI jury tampering investigation, but declined to say who told her.

"I've obviously heard those rumors that the FBI is looking into something," Watley said. "It would surprise me if there were any merit to the investigation. It would shock me."

FBI spokesman Woody Specht in Dallas on Monday would neither

confirm nor deny the report.

The jury in Lubbock deliberated 17 days after hearing more than six months of testimony in what became known as the I-30 condo case. A prosecutor said jurors told the judge they were deadlocked 11-1 in favor of conviction on the 88 counts.

The seven defendants were accused of bilking five thrifths in Texas and Arkansas of \$135 million in land swindles involving condominiums along Interstate 30 east of Dallas.

The trial was moved to Lubbock because of pre-trial publicity in Dallas.

"It does not surprise me that they would grasp at any straw to explain the jury's inability to reach a verdict," Watley said. "The government would never face up to the fact that their evidence was inadequate."

Video yearbook begins student editor search

By Selina Gonzalez

Of The Battalion Staff

The Texas A&M video yearbook Aggievision will begin its search for a student editor-producer this week.

Applicants should be able to shoot and edit VHS video tape, said Randy Hines, student publications coordinator. Student Publications Board policy requires all applicants to have at least a 2.0 GPR.

Hines said YearLook Enterprises, which is recognized as the video yearbook industry leader by *Time* magazine, *USA Today* and

the *New York Times*, will be the company producer this year.

"YearLook Enterprises is the largest and oldest college video company in the country," Hines said.

Video yearbooks are growing in popularity and he hopes this year's Aggievision is a big success, he said.

YearLook Enterprises will have an on-campus representative to advise staff members, Hines said.

Interested students should obtain an application from 230 Reed McDonald. The deadline is 4 p.m. Thursday. Applicants will be interviewed during a Student Publications Board meeting at 9:30 a.m. Oct 2.

Counseling Clinic addresses problems through close communication in groups

By Mia B. Moody

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The Texas A&M Counseling and Assessment Clinic holds four special therapy groups, including one for male batterers and one for members of stepfamilies, which enable participants to talk to counselors and others who share their concerns.

Lisa Lasater, a counselor at the clinic, said the groups are led by graduate students in the educational psychology department and are open to an income-based fee to students and community members.

Lasater said the Alliance for Violence-Free Adult Life Experience Group serves as an outlet for men who batter their girlfriends or wives because it teaches the participants how to cope with anger.

"We work on teaching the participants how to release anger in a non-violent way by telling them the importance of communication and stress release before they reach the point of destruction," she said.

Lasater said the Younger Children's Problem Solving Group and Parent Support Group will give children

ages 7 through 9 the opportunity to improve their friendship-making skills while their parents attend a support group.

"We will work with children who are shy or too aggressive to get along with other children," Lasater said. "We will offer suggestions on how to work out everyday relationships with adults and children."

Lasater said the Strengthening Stepfamily Group, a group for step-parents with children of all ages, focuses on the difficulty of gaining instant bonding with stepchildren.

"We make union of two families easier," she said. "For instance, many times step-parents don't want to discipline their spouse's children. We allow them to discuss this openly in the session."

Lasater said the Children's Divorce Group is for children ages 9 through 12 and requires that its participants' parents have been separated or divorced within the past three years.

Lasater said the group encourages siblings to join the group to work out feelings of anger or sadness.

For more information on the groups, call the Counseling and Assessment Clinic at 845-8021.

National literary conference comes to Hilton Wednesday

By Andrea Warrenburg

Of The Battalion Staff

A national literary conference will be at Texas A&M Wednesday through Friday to address the influences of historical, social and political conditions on the reproduction

of written and visual works.

"There is a new interest in the role history plays," Dr. Larry J. Reynolds, professor of English and member of the Interdisciplinary Group for Historical Literary Study steering committee, said. "We're interested in the production of texts as they are located within time and within the system of beliefs and values of that time."

"(Re)producing Texts/(Re)presenting History" was organized by the A&M IGHLS in response to the growing concern in higher education with the historical, social and political conditions surrounding literary production and interpretation.

Scholars, critics and writers from the United States, England and Canada will gather at the College Station Hilton to discuss texts as cultural artifacts and as visions or revisions of history.

"Changes in social situations change art, history, etc.," Reynolds said. "Every writer has his own pred-

judices and biases, so versions of texts change as time goes by."

The conference climaxes a two-year project by IGHLS, a group of more than 70 A&M faculty members and graduate students interested in literary theory and historical issues.

Hortense Spillers of Cornell University will deliver the opening address, titled "In the Flesh: A Situation for Feminist Inquiry," Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Hilton.

Registration for the conference is \$60, which includes three meals. Student registration is \$10, which includes admission to the sessions.

A public reading and discussion by Rudolfo Anaya of the University of Mexico will be held Thursday at 8 p.m. in Rudder Forum.

For more information contact Dr. Katherine O'Brien O'Keefe, conference chairman, at 845-3452.

Texas 'beach buddies' take out 156 tons of trash

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas "beach buddies" swept the coast of more than 156 tons of trash, most of it dumped by ships. The garbage included plastic bottles of toilet cleaner from Italy, an unopened Japanese food ration packet and plastic beach bottles with Spanish writing, officials said.

"This was an excellent turnout," said Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro of the Saturday cleanup which drew 8,762 volunteers to Texas beaches.

The cleanup was sponsored by the Texas Adopt-a-Beach program, and the Center for Ma-

rine Conservation. Volunteers also picked up syringes, plastic milk and egg cartons, a motorcycle helmet and a television.

"The items our volunteers pick up proves that most of the trash on the beach comes from ocean dumping," Mauro said.

He said ships should be banned from dumping in the Gulf of Mexico.

"The Bush administration has told me that they are behind our effort. Hopefully, we will see movement soon," Mauro said of his call to prohibit dumping through the International Maritime Organization.

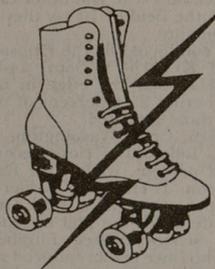
The Texas Coastal Cleanup was part of a beach cleanup in 24 other states and several foreign countries.

CMC held the state's first cleanup in 1986, with 2,772 volunteers. The Adopt-a-Beach program, started by Mauro, began its first cleanup in 1987. Adopt-a-Beach also sponsors a cleanup in the spring.

So far, 38,762 volunteers have picked up 1,193 tons of trash in Texas cleanups, Mauro said.

Linda Maraniss, regional director of the CMC, said, "It is always a beautiful day when people work together to help protect the environment."

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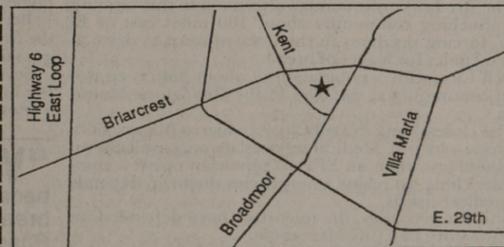
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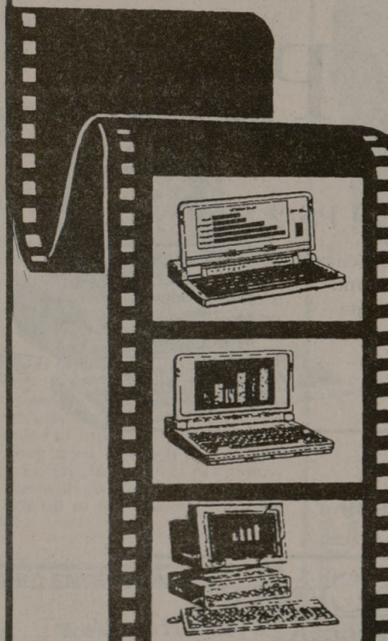
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