

## Longtime Texas lawman dies of cancer

Boutwell famous for trying to stop UT tower sniper, arresting Henry Lee Lucas

The Associated Press

GEORGETOWN — Longtime lawman Jim Boutwell — who buzzed University of Texas Tower trying to stop sniper Charles Whitman and made national news after arresting accused mass murderer Henry Lee Lucas — is dead at 66.

Boutwell, who retired as Williamson County Sheriff in October, died of lymphatic cancer Tuesday night at Georgetown Hospital, officials said Wednesday.

He was elected sheriff in 1978 after working as a pilot for the Department of Public Safety, a Texas Ranger and a deputy sheriff in Williamson County.

While a reserve Williamson County deputy in 1966, he piloted an airplane that flew around the UT Tower — carrying an armed Austin police officer — in an attempt

to stop Whitman and reconnoiter the situation, said Department of Public Safety spokesman Mike Cox.

The plane was hit twice by Whitman's bullets before officers who climbed the tower shot Whitman.

Nearly two decades later, Boutwell's 1983 arrest of Lucas in the murder of a woman found north of Georgetown began an episode that put Boutwell in the national spotlight.

Lucas confessed to more than 360 slayings nationwide during interrogations by Boutwell and others. But the confessions were questioned, and there were allegations that Lucas had been coached by some officers.

Lucas recanted nearly all his confessions, but Boutwell remained convinced Lucas committed numerous murders.

"We know that he lied on occasion and would take a case he didn't do because we tested him," Boutwell said. "But he would also

voluntarily, on many occasions, tell us about a case that we weren't familiar with."

In an interview with the Austin American-Statesman last month, Boutwell said he had planned to retire in 1996, but he didn't count on a second bout with lymphatic cancer.

The original diagnosis in 1991 came as a shock, Boutwell said. "But once you accept it you say, 'Well hell, let's go ahead and see if we can lick the problem.'"

The cancer went into remission and Boutwell ran unopposed for re-election in 1992. The illness resurfaced this year, sending him into retirement.

"Why it came back I don't know. I really suspect probably stress had a certain amount to do with it," he said.

State District Court Judge Billy Ray Stubblefield said that with Boutwell's death, "I've lost a good friend and Texas has lost a great sheriff."

## Cotton Pickin' 12th Man



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The 12th Man statue of E. King Gill, with cotton in hand, stands at the North end of Kyle Field. The Aggies will travel to the Cotton Bowl in Dallas on New Year's Day once again, where they will face the Fightin' Irish of Notre Dame for the second year in a row.

## Police object to rapper's planned participation in charity game

The Associated Press



Broadus

DALLAS — Rapper Snoop Doggy Dogg's planned participation in a charity basketball game has received mixed reviews even before the event.

Snoop Doggy Dogg, stage name for 22-year-old Calvin Broadus, has a top-selling rap album and a murder indictment. The combination is what has some people concerned.

"Kids think, 'Oh I want to be like Snoop Dogg,'" said Marcus Davenport, a Grand Prairie former gang member who now sings for a spiritual rap group.

Snoop Doggy Dogg and two of his bodyguards have been charged in the death of a suspected gang member, with the singer accused of driving a getaway car. The three have pleaded self-defense, saying the dead man had been threatening Snoop Doggy Dogg for months.

Snoop's first solo album, "Doggystyle," debuted as No. 1 on the Billboard magazine chart. His music, a successful expression of controversial "gangsta rap," is said to glorify violence and degrade women.

"It's not an issue so much about the quality of the music but the message of the music," said Derrick Harkins, pastor at New Hope Baptist Church in Dallas.

## Football, graduation weekends see increase in local hotel rates

By Jacqueline Mason

THE BATTALION

Students who invited relatives to recent Texas A&M home football games probably felt the effects of increased hotel prices, and though the prices have since declined, they will increase again for graduation because of the high demand for rooms.

Ronald Fulton, Hotel/Motel Association president for Bryan and College Station, said that while not all hotels raise their rates on busy weekends, the majority do.

"Hotels in seasonal markets do the same thing," he said.

It is a matter of supply and demand, he said. When people come to Bryan and College Station during football game weekends, hotel occupancy is 100 percent, Fulton said.

During the summer and Christmas vacations, however, hotels are not full, and they must make up for lost revenue, he said.

But, Arline Ashby, general manager

of Holiday Inn in College Station, said Holiday Inn has experienced a consistent rate of occupancy every month, except December.

"In the summertime, you have other activities," she said. "We're still busy."

Holiday Inn is one of the few hotels in the area that does not change its rates during busy periods, such as graduation. But, she said she can understand why other hotels change their prices.

"Each hotel has their own guidelines to follow," she said.

On average, College Station hotels will hike room rates by \$24 per night during graduation weekend, December 17-18.

For those people who have attempted to reserve a hotel room for graduation, they may have discovered that most hotels have already filled up. For help in finding available rooms, people can call (409) 260-9999 to find out about hotel and motel vacancies.

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