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NEWS BRIEFS

Authorities make arrest in bank robbery

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Authorities have made their tenth arrest in last week's bank robbery that left one state trooper wounded and a Normangee woman dead.

Federal agents and Lubbock police arrested Julius Ray Sephus Jr. without incident Tuesday at an acquaintance's home, the FBI said.

The 24-year-old Houston man was scheduled for an initial appearance before U.S. Magistrate J.Q. Warnick on Wednesday.

FBI agents said one suspect remains at large.

The Normangee State Bank was robbed Aug. 23.

Ruby Bottoms Parker was killed and a state trooper wounded after as many as eight robbers took more than \$170,000 from the Normangee State Bank.

Four were captured the same day.

Martin Marietta, Lockheed merge

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The merger of defense giants Lockheed Corp. and Martin Marietta raised fear of layoffs in recession-weary California and other states where the companies are economic mainstays.

The \$10 billion merger is expected to result in some job eliminations, company officials said. Workers wondered — and officials didn't say — where, when and how many.

"I am concerned, not only for my job, but for other jobs here," said Steve Cantrell, an administrative analyst at Lockheed's Marietta, Ga., plant.

The new company, Lockheed Martin, will become the nation's largest defense contractor, with 170,000 employees and \$23 billion in annual sales.

Executives of the companies, which sell defense, space and other high-tech products to government and civilian customers, said the merger will allow them to cut costs.

Top deputy sought by special prosecutor

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hoping to counter criticism, newly appointed Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr is searching for a top deputy with prosecuting experience and no ties to Republican politics, according to lawyers familiar with the effort.

The search comes as the staff of his predecessor, Robert Fiske, has begun its exodus.

With a smooth transition well under way, at least four key Fiske staffers have departed or are preparing to do so.

Starr, a Republican-appointed appellate judge who later argued Bush administration cases before the Supreme Court as solicitor general, has been criticized sharply by Democrats for his ties to the GOP.

Lawyer seeks \$15 billion for Valdez spill

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Exxon Corp. deserves a dose of discipline known as "tough love," said a lawyer seeking \$15 billion to punish the oil giant for the nation's worst oil spill.

But an Exxon lawyer said in his closing argument that the company has already learned its lesson from the 1989 Exxon Valdez wreck, which spilled nearly 11 million gallons into Prince William Sound.

Jurors in the federal lawsuit got the case late Monday and deliberated about a half hour before retiring. They were to resume today.

Brian O'Neill, representing more than 10,000 Alaska Natives, fishermen and landowners, said the \$15 billion in punitive damages was justified since Exxon nets an average of \$5 billion in profits each year and company stock was valued at \$20 billion.

Sugg resigns as Physical Plant director

Operation will undergo transition

By Michele Brinkmann
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Texas A&M's former Physical Plant director said he resigned Monday because he thinks it is time for him to move on.

Joe Sugg said he decided to resign over the summer, but just informed his staff and his boss, Dr. Jerry Gaston, interim vice president for finance and administration, last week.

Gaston said that Sugg cited his desire to seek new challenges as his reason for resigning.

Sugg, a retired Air Force officer, took over as director of the Physical Plant in 1990.

Sugg said while all of his past jobs represented new challenges, he is not one to

stay in one place for a long period of time.

"I move often," he said. "This has been the longest job I have ever had."

"It's in my blood. I am a person who has never stayed in a job long; I set up this routine when I was 17."

Sugg said his job at A&M was a challenge because it was in higher education.

"It has been a growth experience and it has been challenging," he said. "In return it has also been rewarding."

"I have a tremendous respect for higher education that I would not have if I hadn't come here. I am proud of the opportunities I have had to be a part of this institution."

Dr. Jerry Gaston, interim vice president for finance and administration, said Sugg will move Sept. 1 to the Administration Building to assist him in learning about the Physical Plant. Sugg will remain there until he leaves the University in January.

Sugg said he offered his services to

Gaston appoints interim director

By Michele Brinkmann
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Gene Ray, deputy director of Texas A&M's Physical Plant, will serve as interim director beginning Sept. 1, an A&M official announced Tuesday.

Dr. Jerry Gaston, A&M's interim vice president for finance and administration, said Ray accepted his request to serve as interim director Tuesday after-

noon.

"Mr. Ray was highly recommended to assume these duties on an interim basis by his colleagues in the Physical Plant Department," he said. "I look forward to assisting him as we search for a permanent executive director."

Ray will serve as interim director until a search committee sends a recommendation to Gaston for a permanent replacement.

Gaston because he thinks the Physical Plant is the biggest operation Gaston has to work with.

"From a broad perspective, we will be looking at where Physical Plant needs to go in the future," he said. "I think we are at a critical transition period."

Gaston said, "I look forward to working with Mr. Sugg," he said. "I know he will provide invaluable assistance to me."

Gaston appointed Gene Ray, deputy director of Physical Plant, as interim director on Tuesday, and said he would choose a search committee on Sept. 1 to conduct a search for a new director.

Sugg said that while he served as director, a heightened level of understanding and commitment to customer service

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Lights installed to lessen congestion

By Angela Neaves
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The city of College Station is attempting to control traffic problems on East University Drive with the installation of several new traffic lights.

Lee Robinson, College Station traffic system manager, said the lights, which will operate at the intersections of East University Drive, East Tarrow Drive and Spring Loop, are expected to be fully activated in the next few months.

Over the years College Station has steadily grown in that area, with the construction of Randall's, the College Station Hilton and Conference Center and the expansion of Scott & White Clinic.

Timber Creek Apartments and numerous duplexes and fourplexes, housing college students, are also located in the area, contributing to the area's traffic congestion, he said.

Robinson said the new traffic lights are necessary because of the city's continuing growth and the danger caused by the congestion.

"Safety is our main concern," Robinson said. "There have been numerous accident reports in the area, primarily because University is such a wide street and is used as an outlet to many dwellings in the area."

Although the traffic lights are essential to controlling traffic, construction was slow because of funding problems, Robinson said.

The state would have been responsible for financing the new traffic lights if College Station's population had remained below 50,000, he said.

"When College Station became a 50,000-plus city, the state did not have to cover the traffic light costs," Robinson said. "The city had to pay for them, so it took several months for funding and engineering."

Monica Patke, executive secretary for the Hilton, said the traffic lights should help decrease the number of accidents occurring around the Hilton.

"There have been quite a few accidents turning off of Spring Loop onto University," Patke said. "Although the hotel has not to my knowledge specifically requested traffic lights, they are needed and will hopefully help the situation."

Robinson said the city also plans to change Tarrow Drive and East Tarrow Drive streets to one-way operations this fall.

"Almost 80 percent of University Drive traffic takes East Tarrow into Bryan, so the changes won't influence operations very much," Robinson said. "Overall, we think the changes will make traffic flow safer and smoother."

Senate passes crime bill amid opposition

\$32 billion price tag under attack

By Amanda Fowle
THE BATTALION

President Clinton's widely-debated crime bill passed the U.S. Senate Thursday despite the Republican opposition's claim the bill is full of "pork."

The pork, the bill's opponents said, is wasteful social spending for non-crime provisions in the \$30.2 billion bill.

Among the non-crime provisions of the bill which opponents found questionable were \$567 million for arts and crafts classes, dance classes and basketball programs for inner-city kids and \$2.7 million to track missing Alzheimer's patients.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison said the crime bill will not decrease crime, but will increase the federal deficit.

"The crime bill the Senate approved last November would have made a real difference in the fight

to take back our streets and communities," she said. "The crime bill approved Thursday will do less to help communities and police departments stem the tide of violent crime, but it will add \$13 billion to the federal deficit to finance a wide variety of social programs that do not belong in a crime bill."

The bill was also opposed by the National Rifle Association for its ban of 19 semi-automatic assault weapons.

Also included in the crime bill package is \$13 billion for law enforcement, \$10 billion for prisons and \$7 billion for crime prevention programs.

U.S. Rep. John Bryant said the crime bill may benefit the Brazos County.

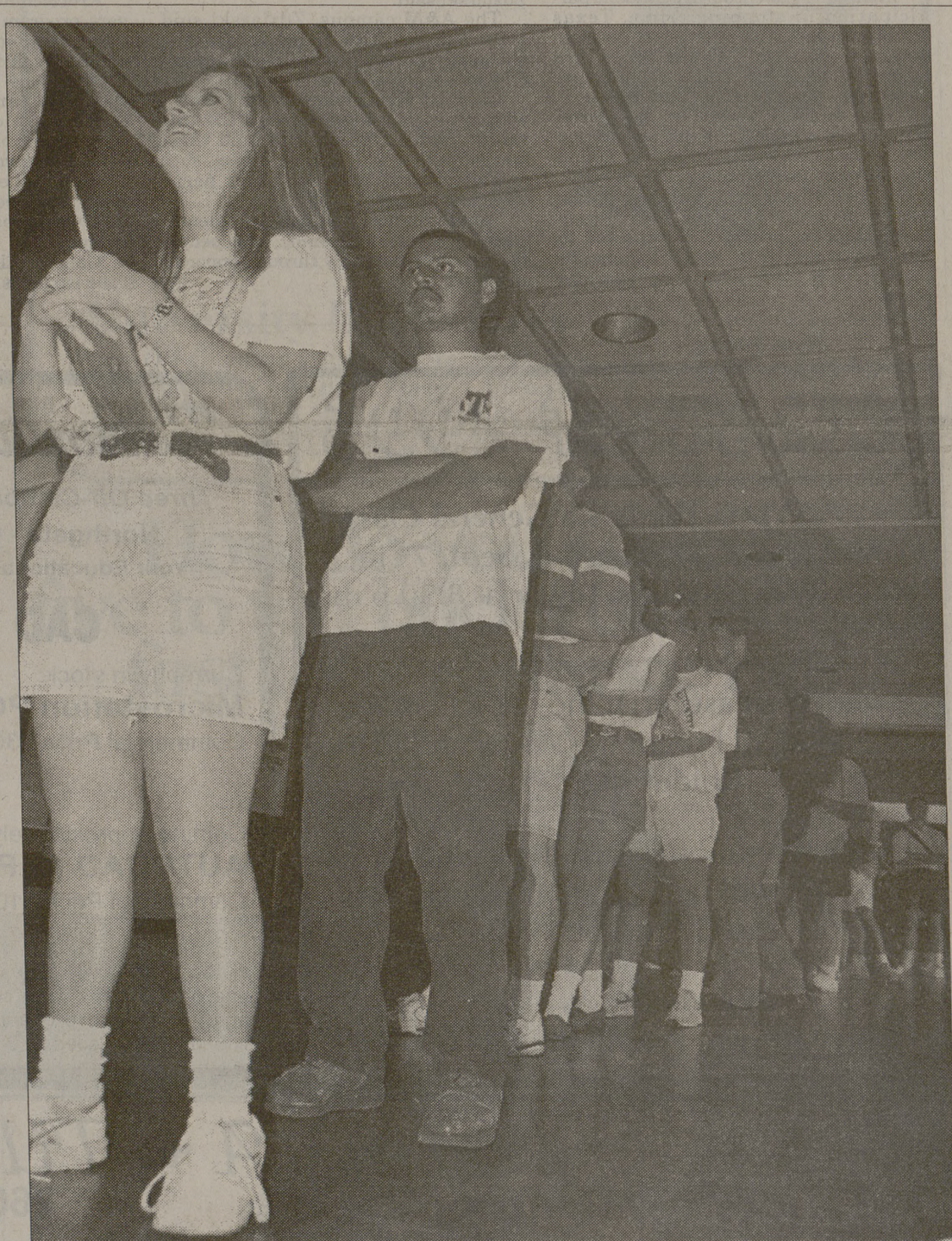
He said Brazos County will be eligible for up to \$365,630, the city of College Station eligible for up to \$326,378 and the City of Bryan eligible for up to \$402,984.

Brazos County, he said, should also get a share of the 10,000 new police officers Texas will receive under the act.

The Aggie Democrats are pleased the bill passed, President Eric Gruetznar said.

"We are proud that Clinton got the bill passed," he said. "This is a promise he made early in his

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Now serving number one

Sophomore Journalism major Amy Harris (left) of Mesquite stands in line to pick up her bus pass. Many students had to wait an hour or more for the pass.

Mother of civil rights assaulted

Rosa Parks hospitalized with facial injuries after robbery

DETROIT (AP) — Rosa Parks, whose refusal to give up her bus seat to a white man sparked the modern civil rights movement, was assaulted in her bed at home Tuesday night and hospitalized with facial injuries.

Parks, 81, was taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital, where she was being examined late Tuesday. Her condition wasn't immediately known, said hospital spokesman Dennis Archambault.

Parks was attacked in her bed between 8 p.m. and 8:20 p.m., said Lt. V. Coraci. The back door was kicked in, some money was taken but her home was not ransacked, he said. Police were on their way to the hospital to interview her.

No arrests had been made late Tuesday. Parks was 42 when she committed an act of defiance that was to change the course of American

history and earn her the title "mother of the civil rights movement."

At that time, Jim Crow laws enacted after the post-Civil War Reconstruction required separation of the races in buses, restaurants and public accommodations throughout the South.

The Montgomery, Ala., seamstress, an active member of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was riding on a city bus Dec. 1, 1955, when a white man demanded her seat.

Parks refused, despite rules requiring blacks to yield their seats to whites, and was jailed.

The arrest triggered a 381-day boycott of the bus line, which resulted in the desegregation of the buses.

The Montgomery bus boycott, which came one year after the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark declaration that separate schools for blacks and whites were inherently unequal, marked the start of the modern civil rights movement.

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