

## A trot to the doc's



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Dr. Matt Miller, (in foreground) a cardiologist at the Large Animal Clinic performs an ultrasound on Charlie, a foal that was born with heart problems including a heart murmur, abnormally slow growth and intolerance of exercise. Dr. Debbie Kemper (left) and Sandy Nunn (right) observe the procedure with the owner.

## Prison gang threatens Texas town

DALLAS (AP) — Authorities say a racist prison gang is threatening to gather in Jasper on the anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing and Branch Davidian fire.

Jasper County District Attorney Guy James Gray said Texas prison officials told his office that they intercepted letters from members of Aryan Circle, one of 11 prison gangs considered security threats.

The letters were sent by an inmate who served time with two ex-convicts accused of dragging a black man to death in Jasper last June, *The Dallas Morning News* reported.

Coded messages in the letters referred to "a family reunion and annual Jasper tractor pull and drag racing event" on April 19, Gray said.

"It's serious enough that we're devoting a lot of energy looking into it," he said. "The language itself doesn't say something violent. These guys know their mail is monitored. But knowing their history and thought processes, you'd almost have to assume it was going to be violence."

## Semper Fidelis Society to host traditional Marine dinner

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The Battalion

Texas A&M students planning to attend a dinner and be addressed by former State Sen. Jerry Patterson tonight at the Semper Fidelis Society's annual Spring Dining-In at 7 p.m. at the Ramada Inn in Collier Station.

According to the constitution of Semper Fidelis Society, the purpose of the organization is to protect the interest in the Marine Corps among A&M students, to prepare them for future training and to assist them in understanding the responsibilities of a Marine Corps officer. Members include those who are seeking a commission through programs such as the Platoon Leader's Course (PLC) and the Off-Training Candidates Course (OCC), as well as cadets in the Navy ROTC

program of the Corps of Cadets. Students with an interest in the Marine Corps are also included.

John Hunt, president of Semper Fidelis Society and a senior agricultural systems management major, said one purpose of the Dining-In is to honor a tradition of the Marine Corps.

"The Dining-In is our way of having the traditional Marine Corps Mess Night," Hunt said. "An all-servicemen affair, the Dining-In follows a distinct protocol and etiquette. The only difference is that we allow dates, which gives girlfriends and wives a chance to see what the Marine Corps is all about."

Marine Corps 2nd Lt. Mike Erickson, Class of '97 and also an adviser for the Semper Fidelis Society, said the Dining-In is a chance for Navy ROTC cadets, Marine officer candidates and active-duty Marine staff members to get together.

"It is usually a formal event with

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Semper Fidelis Society president

a sequence of events and a staff of individual characters," Erickson said. "Traditional bantering between members of the audience takes place, and fines are assessed to raise money for the society."

Mike Roundtree, treasurer of the Semper Fidelis Society and a junior agricultural development major, said anyone with an affiliation to the Marine Corps is encouraged to attend the Dining-In.

"If you have an interest in the Marine Corps, you should attend

because you will be attending many of them as an officer," Roundtree said. "Anyone who has an appreciation for the Marine Corps and our history is also encouraged to attend."

Roundtree said the Dining-In is a celebration of Marine Corps heritage.

Hunt said Patterson was asked to speak because of his affiliation with the Marine Corps.

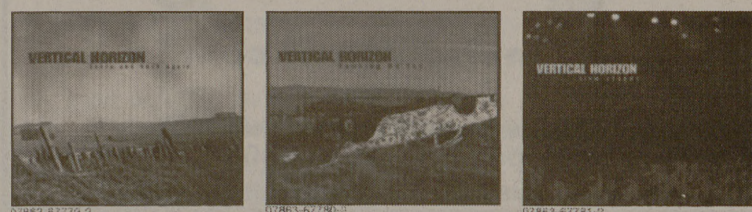
"Mr. Patterson is a father of one of the PLC candidates and a retired lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps," Hunt said. "He also had an active career in the Senate where he authored the Texas concealed handgun law."

Tickets can be obtained for \$25 at the door.

Dress for the evening will be coat and tie for civilian men, evening gown for civilian women, Dress Blue Alphas for Marines and Midnights for cadets.

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