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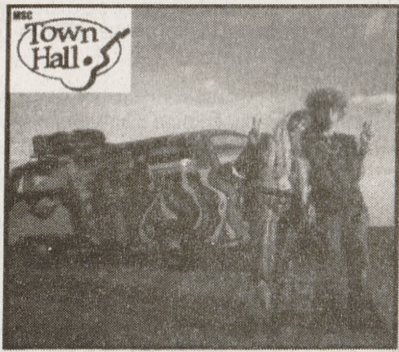
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News in Brief

Scholarship named for Kerry Kujawa

A scholarship fund has been established in the name of Kerry Kujawa, the Texas A&M junior who was kidnapped and shot to death last month. Robin Murphy, one of the scholarship's founders, said the fund will be used to "perpetuate Kerry's memory and his commitment to academic excellence," and to help console Kujawa's mother. "Mrs. Kujawa is a much re-

spected fifth grade teacher here in [Richmond], and we are hoping that this scholarship fund will give her some measure of comfort during this difficult time and in the years to come," Murphy said.

Those wishing to contribute to the fund may send donations to: The Kerry J. Kujawa Scholarship Fund
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the incidents so far. The three are also being charged with possession of stolen property, credit card abuse, engaging in organized criminal activity and possession of marijuana.

"They had only a small amount of [marijuana] in their possession when the officers confronted them. But the officers got a warrant and when the apartment was searched, more was found," Scott said.

The suspects are being held in the Brazos County Jail with bail set at \$15,500 each. Scott said that an upswing in car break-ins encourages car owners to be safer when leaving their vehicles unattended.

"Mainly, just use common sense when leaving your vehicle," Scott said. "Don't leave valuables in your seat in plain view of those looking in through the window. Take your things with you or hide them. Make sure your cars and windows are secure and park in a well-lit area."

Keep Your Car Safe

- Lock doors and roll up windows
- Park in well-lit areas (preferably in parking garages)
- Hide or remove valuable items from your car



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REPORT

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side — top first. In about seven seconds, the momentum created a domino effect, and the entire stack toppled to the northeast, creating four piles in two relatively independent areas."

Students trapped underneath the structure were "killed, subsequently died or suffered varying degrees of injury, from minor to critical."

Phase one, the rescue and transport of survivors, began immediately after bonfire fell. According to the report, this initial treatment was performed by the Texas A&M EMS and the Texas A&M Emergency Care Team who had a paramedic, two EMTs, and two with training in CPR and first aid on site that night.

Those emergency workers did what they could until the arrival of the first rescue crew at 2:44 a.m. Within one hour of the operation's inception, 23 injured students had been transported to two area hospitals.

A structural engineer arrived at the site at 6:21 a.m. He assessed the situation and concluded that the structure was stable as it lay, but logs would have to be removed one at a time to prevent movement or possible collapse of other logs. He also concluded that the stack had split into two regions that were "relatively independent of each other," which allowed rescue workers to perform separate rescue and recovery operations.

Also detailed in the Committee's report is the support received from the community, especially the student body, surrounding businesses and local stores. Support also came from around the country and "since mid-February, only one bill has been submitted out of the tens of thousands of dollars worth of goods that poured in."

The report delves into the support the rescuers got during the operation. Rescue workers and students "developed a process in which an engineer at each work site would decide which logs to remove, then team leaders would direct the team to sling the log and cut the wires, and a crane would lift the log. Once the log was on the ground, students would carry the log away."

An after-action review of the rescue and recovery operation listed reasons for the operation's success, such as the cities of Bryan and College Station using mutual aid, extensive pre-planning and training, safety being placed as the highest priority, crane and truck operators working well with rescuers, the Texas A&M Emergency Care Team being on site at the time of the collapse, the system of dispatching the USAR team working smoothly, resources being available and the work flowing as well as possible.

Also mentioned in great detail were areas in which improvement was needed.

Crowd control and perimeter security were problematic, with many unauthorized individuals being admitted into the outer perimeter since police had difficulty knowing whom to let in or keep out.

There was a lack of regular briefings and updates in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), and there was a lack of radios and cell phones, meaning "supervisors and command staff had to use their personal phones."

In the aftermath portion of the report, the financial support given to the families was discussed. Texas A&M made restitution in the form of \$20,000 to each victim's family, half of which was provided by insurance, and the other half was provided by the Association of Former Students.

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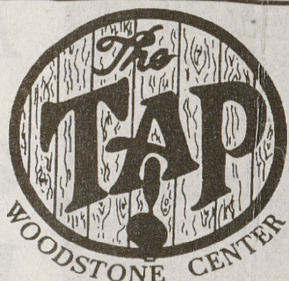
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