

Mount Carmel road restrictions approved

WACO (AP) — A county ordinance has been approved that prohibits parking, or even stopping, on or along roads near the place where cult leader David Koresh and scores of his followers died in an April 19 fire.

The McLennan County Commissioners Court approved the ordinance Monday at the end of a hearing attended by about 20 people.

Most of those who were at Monday's hearing were in favor of the ordinance.

"We're tickled to death," said Mark Spoon, whose house is across Double E Ranch Road from where the compound was. "We hope that everything can die and we can get back to a normal life."

The ordinance affects two roads that border the 77-acre patch of land where members of the Branch Davidian sect had lived in a compound known as Mount Carmel.

In the first weeks after the fire, federal and state barricades kept the curious away, and a chain link fence was erected around the property. A Waco security firm was hired last week to patrol the compound property because of repeated reports of people cutting through the fence.



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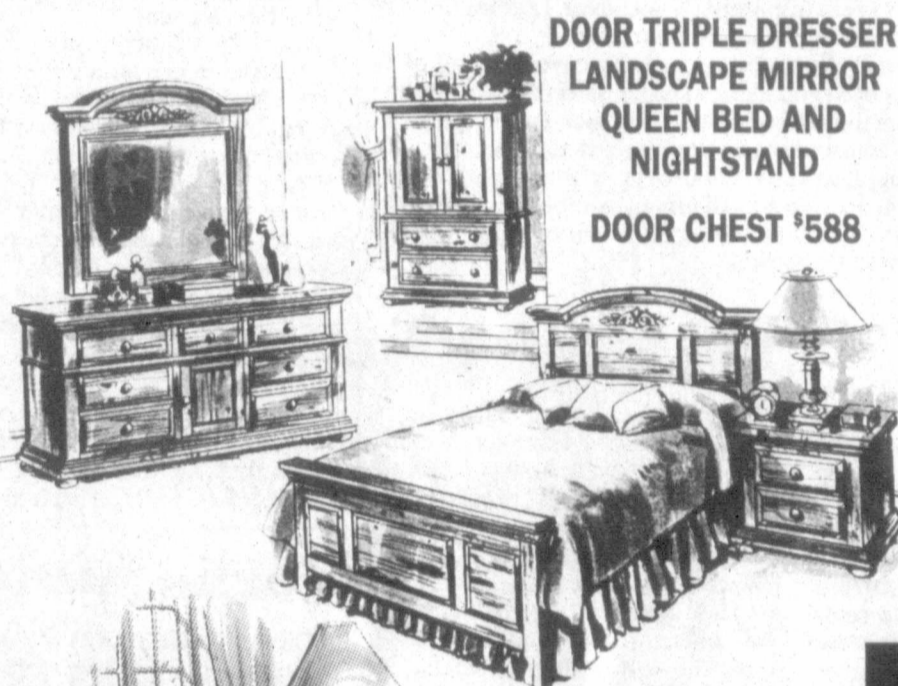
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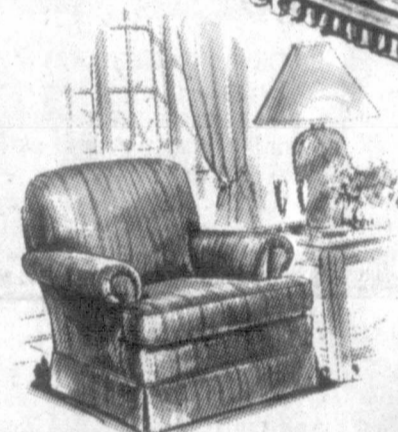
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7 Wretched
13 — and Clyde
14 Former student
15 Cooks in oven
16 Helping
17 Side by side
19 Guys
20 Stupid fellow
21 Chance
23 Sixth sense (abbr.)
26 Dawn goddess
27 Wild goat
29 Arrow poison
30 TV's — Haw
31 Foot part
33 Disclaim formally
36 Recent (pref.)
37 Construction beam (2 wds.)
38 Animal

DOWN

1 Scrape
2 Mistake (sl.)
3 Entanglements
4 Beginning
5 Actress — Hayworth
6 Mrs. Truman
7 Motorists'

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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By Jimmy Johnson

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By Art and Chip Sansom

MARMADUKE

By Brad Anderson

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FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

PEANUTS

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GARFIELD

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your chances for success are enhanced today, provided you do something about your good ideas instead of just expressing them. You've got what it takes to win, but you must apply yourself. Leo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Generally speaking, you tend to be rather lucky today, but the area in which you might be most fortunate relates to finances or material things. Keep your focus there.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Conditions are fortuitous today provided you're the person who calls the shots. Include favorites if you like, but only if they're totally in accord with your thinking.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Helping others could be like second nature to you today. Even though you'll do so for unselfish reasons, handsome rewards are, probably, but not necessarily from those you aid.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You'll have room in your heart for everyone today and that's why you'll be warmly welcomed wherever you go. Good things might happen through special friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Look for assistance today from a key player who is in a power position to make good things happen for you. This individual likes you better than you think and is ready to go to bat for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Mingling with different groups of friends and exchanging thoughts will be fun today. This could also produce some ideas which have profitable applications.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A situation over which you may have less control than you realize looks like it is going to work out to your ultimate benefit today just as though you personally engineered every step.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your greatest asset today is your ability to truly understand what others are trying to tell you and, in turn, to make yourself clearly understood by them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you get involved in a high stakes game today pertaining to your work or career, don't let the other players intimidate you. You could win the pot if you keep a cool head.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Dealings you have with others today on a one-to-one basis could work out remarkably well for both parties concerned. This is because Lady Luck may play a role in your endeavors.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Early developments will have their significance and can't be overlooked, but the events that will really count will be where you're the strongest near the finishing line.



(AP photo)

Truck driver John Ferguson entertains third graders at Gregorio Esparza Elementary School in San Antonio last week with stories about his life on the road.

Elementary students learn from pen pal about the world beyond their school walls

By KEEFE BORDEN
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — John Ferguson was doing what he loves most: telling stories to a rapt audience of third-graders about his life as a truck driver and as a young boy growing up on a Kentucky farm.

The 50-year-old native of Sonora, Ky., uses anecdotes and stories from his life to share experiences with the third-grade class he adopted at Gregorio Esparza Elementary School.

As the class pen pal, Ferguson writes about his experiences on the road at delivery points throughout the country.

Gregorio Esparza is one of two schools with whom he corresponds, although he performs his stories in schools throughout the country.

Wearing dark slacks, an open-collared shirt and dark boots, the tale-spinner started with an impromptu presentation about what he is hauling and where he is going, and then wove in personal anecdotes.

"Truck Driver Tom," "Chicken Stuff," "Chain Man" and "Bloated Beast" are some of his more popular tales, which he concocts on the road.

"There's a message to about every story you can tell," he said.

The themes behind many of his stories are the same teachers try to address: peer pressure, drugs, gang violence, self-reliance, and self-respect.

Schools are beginning to see the value of using stories as an educa-

tional tool, he said, although he rarely gets paid for his work.

"Storytellers are just like other artists. They do what they do because they love to see something happen through the use of stories," he said.

Of all the genres of storytelling from fairy tales to ghost stories, grandfather yarns and personal stories, Ferguson focuses on his personal experiences.

"That gives people the chance to identify with other people's troubles," he said.

Teacher Rebecca Gonzalez-Luna, whose third-grade class has corresponded with Ferguson from points throughout the country, said the technique works.

In the school's hallway is a map of the United States dotted with points from which Ferguson has mailed students a postcard or letter.

"Everyday we'd pull out the map and see where he was, where he's been and try to estimate the miles (Ferguson had traveled)," Gonzalez-Luna said.

In the process, the class gets an introduction to U.S. geography as well as a lesson in products being shipped from one place to another.

Gonzalez-Luna also uses his correspondence as tools to teach creative writing.

"A lot of times, kids will ask 'What am I supposed to say?' or 'What am I supposed to write?' With storytelling, they learn to relax and they learn to say what they're feeling. It just flows out," she said.

"They come up with some good stories once they let go of those restrictions they put on themselves. ... They become more free thinkers and are a little more free in their writing," she said.

The technique has impressed Ferguson, who said he ranks the writing style of the cards he receives from Gonzalez-Luna's students called "Luna Stars" as good or better than a sixth-grade class in Florida.

"I see stories as a bridge between generations, the way to carry culture from one (generation) to another," he said.

The best storytellers, he said, know how to interact with their audience.

"If you don't get up there and feel a bond with the audience, you can't share and communicate openly with them," he said.

If Ferguson's performance last week at Gregorio Esparza Elementary School is any indication, he is comfortable with students. He freely uses gestures, pauses, eye contact even screams to keep his audience's attention.

Along the way, he fields every imaginable question from students interested in his experiences.

"Are you rich?" one third-grader asked after he described the cost of owning and maintaining his truck.

Ferguson laughed, paused a moment, then said:

"Not by most people's standards. I have plenty to eat, a place to sleep, a roof over my head and lots and lots of friends. Yes, I'm rich."

Three policemen detained in child deaths

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Three state policemen have been detained as suspects in the massacre of seven homeless boys who were shot to death as they slept on dirty blankets and cardboard in the shadow of the downtown Candelaria Cathedral.

The boys, who ranged in age from about 8 to 15, died before dawn on Friday. Brazilians were outraged by the killings, and human rights activists planned a demonstration to demand punishment for the killers.

President Itamar Franco called a meeting with Rio de Janeiro state Gov. Leonel Brizola to find a way to get 3,000 children off the city's streets.

Brazil has an estimated 7 million street children who live shoeless, homeless and unclaimed by family members.

Survivors of the massacre identified the three policemen Sunday and the officers were detained, police spokesman Abilio Pinto said Monday. The suspects, whose names weren't released, denied involvement.

However, one man who was wounded in the attack said he had no doubt that the policemen he identified were among the killers.

"I'll never forget it if I live 100 years," Vagner dos Santos said in an interview with the Rio newspaper *O Globo*.

The 22-year-old, who took to the streets as a child and now makes a living watching parked cars for tips, was taken to police headquarters in a wheelchair for the identification Sunday. A bullet was lodged between his skull and spinal column.

"I have nightmares about the killers and my dead friends," he said. "I want justice."

A congressional study last year reported that street children in Brazil were being killed at the rate of more than four a day.

One of the leading critics is Amnesty International, the London-based human right organization. The group has long denounced the systematic killing of Brazilian street kids by "death squads" led by or made up of policemen, often hired by local merchants to clear high-crime areas.

"It was a tremendous blow to our image," Justice Minister Mauricio Correa said of the allegations of police death squads.

Most street kids in Rio can be found downtown or the Copacabana beach district, begging, stealing and sniffing glue to suppress hunger. With no jobs and little schooling, they are widely blamed for rampant street crime.

NASA: More workers afraid to report mistakes

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Most space shuttle mishaps are the result of human error, yet there is a growing sense among workers that they will be punished or even lose their jobs if they report mistakes, NASA said Monday.

This erroneous perception seems to be the result of budget-induced work force reductions and "sometimes exaggerated reporting of incidents by the media," NASA said in a 45-page study of shuttle processing.

"We reviewed all the discipline records and found no evidence that reporting mistakes leads to disciplinary action," said Richard Perry, chairman of the review team and director of NASA's space flight safety and mission assurance. "Rather, we find that intentional violation of procedures ... did receive appropriate disciplinary action."

"But the perception is there on the part of the people, and we've conveyed that to management."

NASA Administrator Daniel

Goldin requested the review April 20, 10 days after a lost pair of pliers was found stuck on a solid rocket booster that had just flown on Discovery. Perry cited the incident as an example of exaggerated reporting.

Perry's team interviewed about 600 shuttle workers at Kennedy Space Center and analyzed 612 mishaps reported by workers from October 1990 through April 1993.

NASA defines a mishap as any unplanned event or series of events resulting in or having the potential to result in death, disabling injury, lost work days, occupational illness or damage or loss of equipment or property.

The team found 78 mishaps were associated with flight hardware.

Sixty-six percent was due to human factors. Equipment failure accounted for 8 percent and procedures 5 percent. The rest was attributed to "other."

Nearly two-thirds of the mishaps resulted in a lost work day due to injury or illness. Seven resulted in at least \$25,000 worth of damage, including one that cost more than

\$1 million — a loss of fuel cell power on Atlantis in 1991.

Launch director Bob Sieck said preparing a shuttle for flight requires about 1 million tasks — "lots of opportunities for mistakes."

"We've sent the message that there will be no reprisals given it's an honest mistake," Sieck said. "But everybody knows that goes on their report card, and people who make a lot of mistakes are not going to get as good a grade as people who don't make any, given that they do the same amount of work."

The shuttle processing work force at Kennedy is down about 10 percent from three years ago, when employment numbered 7,100, Sieck said. Most of those departures were voluntary.

The work force is expected to be reduced by few hundred more over the next year, again because of budget cuts, Sieck said.

Overall, the review team concluded safety continues to be the top priority in shuttle processing even though some workers feel their concerns about hazards are not being addressed.

Rolling Stones' Mick Jagger turns 50 — and keeps on rocking

LONDON (AP) — Mick Jagger turned 50 on Monday and kept right on rockin', cutting a new album with the Rolling Stones.

Jagger already had a birthday party. His wife, American model Jerry Hall, threw a French Revolution theme party two weeks ago with

guests including Monty Python's Eric Idle and former Cabinet minister Paul Channon.

The Stones had their first hit record with "Come On" 30 years ago. On Jagger's birthday they were all in Dublin, Ireland, working on their latest album, due for release next year.

Jagger, as one of his songs puts it, has been "a man of wealth and fame."

He's rich, a grandfather, moves comfortably in the Establishment and looks every day of those thoroughly lived 50 years. But there's no sign of slowing down.

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