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VETERAN RECOGNIZED - H.R. Sullivan is shown being presented a special plaque from a member of the Audie Murphy Club of Fort Sill, Okla. The presentation took place during

Iowa Park's Veteran's Day observance, held Friday in Hawk Stadium. Sullivan was a distinguished glider pilot during the World War II invasion of Europe.

TO STAGE FOUR

Council changes order on water

Because of recent rains and improving conditions of the city's lakes, the city council Monday night approved returning to Stage Four of its Drought Contingency Plan.

Also, at the same time, rates charged for water were lowered to \$3 per thousand for the first 12,000 gallons consumed in a month by in-city residents, and \$7 per thousand for customers living outside the city limits.

The new rates will be reflected in the city's December utility billing.

City Administrator Mike Price explained that Lake Buffalo has risen

at least five feet during the past month.

The change will once again permit outside watering one day a week, along with once a week filling of pools and jacuzzis.

However, vehicle washing other than commercial businesses will continue to be prohibited.

On another issue concerning water, the council approved the first of two phases planned for construction of a transmission line to carry affluent from the wastewater treatment plant to the area of I.E.S.I. and

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NEWS BRIEFS

Leader to print early next week

Next week's edition of the *Iowa Park Leader* will be published a day earlier than usual, due to the postal holiday on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day.

All deadlines are moved up one day, whenever holidays fall on Thursday, the paper's normal pub-

lishing day.

Deadline for all display advertising (with a border) will be 4 p.m. Monday, and classified advertising deadline will be 12-noon Tuesday.

The deadline for news reports will be noon Tuesday, also.

Moisture beneficial to area

Iowa Park continued to receive beneficial moisture last week. Virgil Woodfin reported having

measured a total of 1.15 from the snow and rain that fell on Wednesday, Nov. 8.

Drawings for turkeys Friday

Residents have one more day to qualify for a free Thanksgiving turkey, compliments of 40 participating Iowa Park firms.

Each of the firms is encouraging patrons to register each time they make a visit.

Participants will hold their individual drawings Friday. Winners will be notified by the sponsor, and the list of winners also will be printed in next week's edition of the *Leader*.

No purchase is necessary to qualify.

Chamber luncheon is Monday

Iowa Park Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual All-Membership Luncheon Monday.

The event, which is to get underway at 12-noon at the Recreational Activities Center, will be catered by

Kathy's Deli.

A highlight of the annual meeting is the election of new officers, who will be installed during the annual banquet which will be held in January.

Trustees hear parents' concerns

Several parents appeared before the school board during a meeting last Thursday night to voice concern over the policy for calculating grade point averages and determining class ranking.

The current policy, which has been in place for the last two years, uses only grades from common core classes such as English, science, math and social studies to determine grade point averages (GPA) and class ranking. Advanced Placement or honors classes, such as calculus, are not used in the calculation.

Deanne Schram, whose son has been in the Gifted/Talented program since elementary school and is consistently on the honor rolls said he has taken many accelerated courses to be prepared for college. She said only recently did it come to her attention that the policy had changed, and these classes wouldn't be included in his GPA. Mrs. Schram said math and science students will be penalized for taking advanced courses, and it is possible to have a valedictorian who took no honors classes.

Diana Collins, a high school science teacher, said her son, who has graduated, took AP classes, in which he made A's and B's, with no reward because they weren't included in his GPA. She said she has honor

students taking her advanced classes in order to prepare for college. "The way our GPA is set up now," she said, "the kids are not getting their rewards." She added that the plan used now encourages mediocrity. Collins, who has taught at Iowa Park High School for several years, said that the school system is much better now than it was 20 years ago.

Belvin and Debbie Lytle said the draft the board is considering for the new policy is similar to the one in place in 1993, when one of their sons graduated. The honors courses he took counted in his GPA. But the honors classes a second son is taking now don't count.

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Darrell Little told board members that he and his wife were stunned when they found that the AP courses were not going to count. Their daughter, a sophomore student, wants to go to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

In order to be accepted, she has to be one of the top 10 students in her class, but must take the AP classes in order to meet academic requirements to get into the academy.

Trustees agreed that the parents had presented very valid arguments for changing the policy, and including AP classes in the GPA.

They are considering a draft of an Academic Achievement Class Ranking policy that would include advanced classes in the calculation of a student's GPA.

Board members approved a motion to hold a second reading of the proposed policy at the December meeting.

Superintendent Mike Caplinger said the change is timely, and added that when the policy was changed a couple of years ago, they didn't have the number of AP courses that are available now.

He said that the high school site base committee is making recommendations for changes in a new policy that would include AP courses that have been added over the year.

Some people at the meeting felt that the policy change should apply to this year's seniors, but Caplinger said that the school's attorney had advised letting this year's seniors finish under the present policy. The class of 2002 would have three semesters to add AP courses to their GPA.

In addition to an update on progress of facility construction, the board discussed a bid to re-roof the vocational building and decided to get additional bids.

The board accepted the recom-

mendation of the health insurance committee and approved the plan offered by Heritage. Under this plan, the district will pay \$190 (or 78.5%) per employee each month, and the employee will pay \$51.78.

In the superintendent's report, Caplinger discussed a lot, located next to school property that is for sale, and told of the plans in place for the local Veteran's Day celebration at Hawk Stadium. He also said he had contacted the company that installed the new track and they were coming back to fix it. It was noted that water was standing on the recently completed track following the latest heavy rains.

Caplinger also pointed out that enrollment in the district is 2,026 students, down 100 from two years

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Cryovac to expand in area

Cryovac will soon be expanding its operations in Wichita County.

Ray Youngblood, former manager of the Iowa Park plant and now vice president of Manufacturing in North America, made the announcement last week.

The primary expansion will be in the former Siemens factory located at 3800 Central Freeway in Wichita Falls.

Cryovac purchased the building in 1995, and has been using it as a storage and distribution center for products from the Iowa Park plant.

The new installation will be producing shrink-wrap packaging for food products.

Additionally, Youngblood said there will be additional production to come from the Iowa Park facility, though he did not specify what that would be, or how many additional personnel would be required.

The company is expected to hire about 70 personnel to man the Wichita Falls facility.

The additional facility is being developed to support new opportunities to serve food packaging cus-

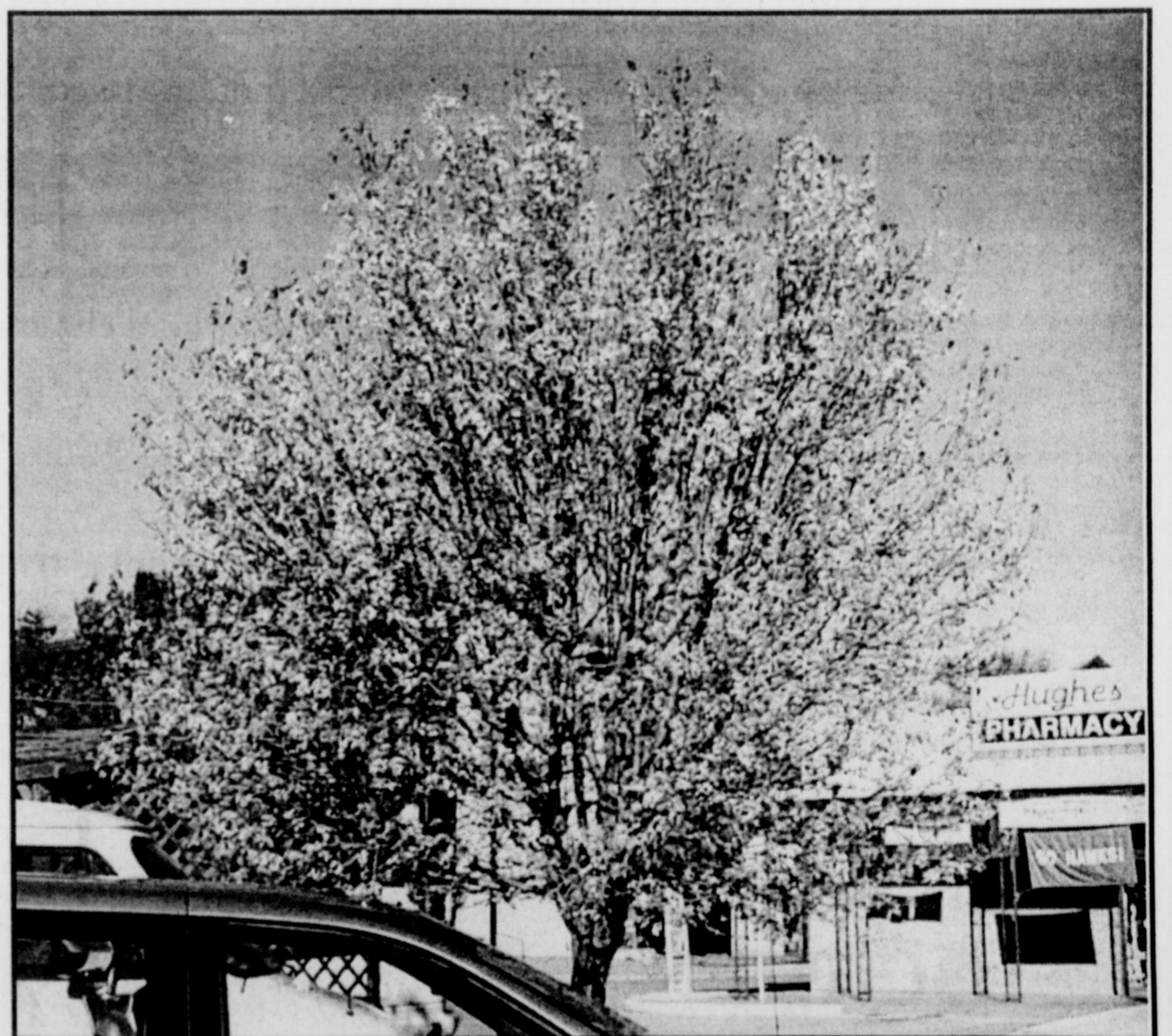
tomers, including addressing the growing needs of customers for case-ready packaging, Youngblood explained.

"The investment, which is expected to begin within weeks, is awaiting final approval of incentives by local governmental bodies," he stated.

"We have a long, successful history as a member of the Greater Wichita Falls community. We are excited about this opportunity to further our commitment in the area. The operation will be an important part of serving the future needs of our customers," said Youngblood.

The plant here in Iowa Park began production in 1975.

Cryovac is a subsidiary of Sealed Air Corporation, a leading global manufacturer of a wide range of food, protective and specialty packaging materials and systems.



CONFUSED TREE - This tree, located in the median of the 100 block of West Park, began blooming last week, despite the cold temperatures. It apparently began going into dormancy, due to the lack of moisture, and when the rains returned, thought it was spring once again.

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Cook of the Week



(Back row) Lindy Tyler, Allison Wall, Sarah Suarez, LeAnn Suarez; (front row) Brady Tyler and Chelsey DuBois.

Six members of Valley View 4-H Club participated in the Wichita County 4-H Food Show recently.

Allison Wall, Lindy Tyler and LeAnn Suarez all earned first place awards in the intermediate age division and will advance to district competition in Vernon.

Others from Valley View 4-H who competed in the county show were Sarah Suarez, Brady Tyler, and Chelsey DuBois.

Allison won in the bread and cereal division with her recipe for "Blueberry and Banana Graham Muffins." Lindy won in Nutritious Snacks with "Cheesy Fruit Dip," and LeAnn won the dessert division with "Silver Dollar Funnel Cakes."

For this week's Cook of the Week column, we are featuring the winning recipes, plus the recipes of the junior 4-H members from Valley View.

Silver Dollar Funnel Cakes

LeAnn Suarez

- 1 1/3 cup flour
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. soda
- 2 Tbsps. sugar
- 3/4 Tbsp. baking powder
- 1 egg beaten
- 2/3 cup milk

Sift dry ingredients together in a separate bowl. Mix beaten egg and milk together and add dry ingredients. Beat until smooth. Hold finger over bottom of funnel; pour in some batter; remove finger and let batter drop in spiral motion into a pan filled with oil (at least one inch deep) at 375 degrees. Fry until golden brown, turning once. Remove from pan and drain

on paper towel. Sprinkle with powdered sugar and serve hot.

Cheesy Fruit Dip

Lindy Tyler

- 2 - 8 oz. pkgs. light cream cheese
- 1 sm. pkg. vanilla pudding
- 1 - 15 oz. can light fruit cocktail
- 1 Tbsp. orange juice
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans

Cream softened cream cheese. Add the instant pudding and orange juice; mix well. Add drained fruit cocktail and mix well (by hand). Chill for 2-3 hours. Top with chopped pecans and serve with graham crackers or fruit wedges.

Blueberry and Banana Graham Muffins

Allison Wall

- 1 2/3 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 Tbsp. baking powder
- 1 cup mashed bananas
- 1/3 cup melted margarine
- 1 cup blueberries
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten

In large bowl, combine crumbs, flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. In small bowl, combine bananas, milk, margarine and eggs. Stir into crumb mixture just until blended. Mix in blueberries and spoon into muffin liners. Bake at 350 degrees 15-20 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan or wire rack for 10 minutes.

Protein Snacks

Brady Tyler

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1/2 cup non-fat dry powdered milk
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/4 cup sesame seeds

Mix together; roll into 1-inch balls and refrigerate. Makes 2 dozen balls.

Pasta Fruit Salad

Sarah Suarez

- 3 cups uncooked medium pasta shells
- 1 can unsweetened pineapple chunks
- 1 large navel orange
- 1 cup halved red grapes
- 1 cup halved green grapes
- 1 medium apple
- 1 large firm banana
- 1 - 8 oz. ctn. plain yogurt
- 1/4 cup orange juice concentrate

Cook pasta according to package directions; drain and rinse in cold water. Place in a large bowl and add the fruit. Combine yogurt and orange juice concentrate. Pour over salad and toss to coat. Cover and chill for several hours. Makes 10 servings.

Dump Bars

Chelsey DuBois

- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup oil
- 1 3/4 cup flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup cocoa
- 5 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 pkg. chocolate chips
- 1 pkg. peanut butter chips

Mix all of the ingredients together by mixer or by hand until all is blended. Pour into a 9x13 or 10x15 greased pan. Evenly sprinkle 1/2 chocolate chips and 1/4 cup peanut butter chips on the top. Bake 30 minutes at 350 degrees.

Musicians earn All-Region spots

Several Iowa Park band students earned places in the All Region Band in tryouts held Saturday at Wylie High School in Abilene.

Local students who were named to the band are Summer Banks, Tiffany Cusey, Jason Pelz, David Neubert, Doug Boyd, Boon Bowling, Freddie Simmons, and Zac Miller.

Ricky Ashton, Amanda McCreary and John Schram were selected as alternates to the band.

By placing high enough in the region auditions, the following students were certified as All Area candidates: Summer Banks, Jason Pelz, Tiffany Cusey, David Neubert, Freddie Simmons, and Zac Miller. They will participate in area auditions in January at Wylie High School.

Committee plans student survey

The Iowa Park CISD's parent involvement committee (P.I.E.) met November 9 at the Iowa Park Church of Christ to finalize plans for a survey they plan to conduct.

The committee finalized the survey, which will be sent to all parents and students enrolled in the district. The purpose of the survey is to get parent input toward ways parents, the schools and community can best work together to promote success for all students.

The surveys will be sent sometime after the first of the year, and parents will be asked to return them to the administration office.

The P.I.E. committee will use the information on the surveys to make plans for the best ways to utilize the resources in the Iowa Park community to strengthen and support

the education of the children who reside here.

The group also plans to develop a district newsletter which will go out to all community members to keep them informed of the activities in the Iowa Park school system.

Community members with questions or suggestions on effective ways to increase community involvement, should contact any of the committee members who include: Debbie Moody, Donna Ratliff, Brenda Rusk, Vicki Alexander, Cara Lasater, Teri Boutwell, Terri Pollard, Tanya Daume, Debra Brandt, Vicki Adams, Steve Moody, Janet Bowling, Debbie Brixey, Mike Bowling, Pat Cravens, Diana Granbery, Judy Munoz, Jan Yeager, Alan Seay, Lisa Wynn, Laura Schochler or Mike Caplinger.

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Garden Club visits nursery

After a short business meeting at the RAC Friday, Garden Club members took a field trip to the new Smith's GardenTown Farms.

Members were given a tour through several of the 60 greenhouses and saw approximately 20,000 poinsettias in various stages of bloom. They also saw many other plants, and hanging baskets.

Members then went to the Secret Garden Tea Room, for lunch located in the "Somewhere in Time" Antique Mall in Wichita Falls, for lunch.

During their business meeting a nominating committee was appointed to select officers for 2001-2002, and Freddie Skinner gave a report on the state convention she attended on Oct. 25, in Midland.

Mary Francis Farris gave the thought of the day, "May you never miss a rainbow or a sunset, because you are looking down."

Local members attend Region ATPE banquet

Several members from Iowa Park attended the Region IX ATPE banquet held Nov. 6, at Midwestern State University.

Attending from Iowa Park were local officers Pat Raby, Vicky Jordan, Betty Cash, and member Dorothy Palmer. Special guests were Iowa Park CISD Superintendent Mike Caplinger and his wife, Carolyn.

The banquet was preceded by a House of Delegates meeting, where the 2000-2001 slate of officers for Region IX ATPE were voted on and approved.

Entertainment was provided by "Phase I" from Bowie ISD, under the direction of choir director Linda Fitzner.

Jenny Simpson with Governmental Relations State ATPE, spoke of topics that are supported by state ATPE and will be addressed in the 77th regular session.



OUTSTANDING IPHS STUDENTS were recognized Monday night during a banquet at the Iowa Park Optimist Club. The program, sponsored by the Optimist Club, recognizes high school students for leadership and character. The students were chosen by a panel of teachers. Those recognized include Adam Arrendondo, Toby Potter, Jereme Wilson, Alana Bushfield, Sean Horton, Kelley Billington and Karilea Collins. Not pictured is Emily Gholson.

Tommy Duerson cast in VRJC play

Tommy Duerson of Iowa Park is a cast member in the Vernon Regional Junior College Theatre Ensemble presentation of "Crimes of the Heart" by Beth Henley.

The three performances will be Nov. 16-18 at the VRJC Theater on the Vernon campus. The 1981 Pulitzer Prize play, an American College Theater Festival/Kennedy Center Production, will be at 8 p.m. each evening.

The play centers on the three disaster-prone Magrath sisters of Hazelhurst, Mississippi. The Magrath sisters have gathered to await news of their grandfather who is living out his last hours in a local hospital.

Liz Gibbs of Vernon plays Lenny, the oldest sister who is unmarried at age 30. Gibbs has been

nominated for set design for the American College Theater Festival (ACTF) competition, which will be held at the University of Texas at Tyler in February.

Sarah Dowell of Aspermont plays the middle sister Meg, who has returned home after a failed singing career on the West Coast. Dowell has been nominated to compete at the ACTF in acting.

Jordan Varela of Vernon plays the youngest sister Babe Botrelle, who is out of jail on bail after having shot her husband in the stomach. Varela will be a partner in acting at the ACTF.

The grave, yet hilarious troubles of the sisters are highlighted by a first cousin played by Amanda Morrow of

Vernon, who has also been nominated for the ACTF in acting.

Jonathan Rizan of Wichita Falls plays an awkward young lawyer who tries to keep Babe out of jail, and Duerson plays Doc Porter, Meg's old boyfriend.

Helpful Facts

The running or roaming at large of any dog, cat or other animal within the city has been declared a nuisance and positively prohibited, and it has been made unlawful and deemed a Class C misdemeanor for the owner or keeper of any dog, cat or other animal to allow the same to run or roam at large within the city.

United Way contributions increase 14 percent locally

Iowa Park apparently took seriously a challenge to increase United Way contribution this year.

When the drive was over, Iowa Park weighed in with a lofty 14 percent increase over last year's intake. The United Way goal this year, according to Randy Billingsley, chairman, was \$135,000, which was an increase of six percent over last year.

The employees of Mundy Companies set the pace, with 100 percent participation.

Iowa Park Consolidated Independent School District answered with a 780 percent increase over its contribution last year.

The Kick-off luncheon, with a meal provided by the Mule Skinners, and facilities by the Iowa Park RAC and Friendly Door generated "Spirit" that will not soon be forgotten, ac-

ording to Billingsley. The local businesses responded this year by more than doubling their previous contributions.

Two new businesses that joined the community in giving their time and gifts were IESI and IHS.

The success of this year's campaign was apparent when Sealed Air Corporation / Iowa Park Cryovac Plant and their employees reported their record setting totals, according to Billingsley. He said, "I am proud to be a part of a community that is truly concerned and involved in enhancing our quality of life. And I would like to thank the Iowa Park committee, local businesses, and individuals for all the support for our local agencies."

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7 TX choreographer Tommy (init.)

8 TXism: "if he ain't hemming, ___ hawing"

9 TXism: "___ molasses in January"

15 female horse

16 in Washington, TX: "___ Republic Museum"

19 TXism: "___ bout" (about)

21 "warmed a chair" again

22 daggers

27 song: "Texas When ___"

28 detective

29 college graduates

30 sunflower is a TX ___ crop

32 TX electronics co.

33 TXism: "___ the horses!" (hurry)

36 Rockport: "Where the fun never ___"

37 chest muscle

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39 fish fins

41 Cowboys "Rocket" and McKnight

44 TXism: "I could ___ horse" (hungry)

45 legendary TX pitcher (init.)

DOWN

1 moon to Houston: "The Eagle ___ landed"

2 "bear" south of the border

3 in Runnels Co. on hwy. 83

4 this Plano school won the national Academic Decathlon in '93

8 cowboy covers

9 affliction of a Spur, Maverick or Rocket

10 TXism: "hasta ___ vista"

11 TXism: "got knocked down a peg ___ two"

12 College Station's "___ way"

46 TX-sized social event

47 TXism: "best I ever laid ___ on"

48 TXism: "he plays ___ close to the vest"

51 release (2 wds.)

52 TX Debbie Reynolds' "The Singing ___"

53 TXism: "don't give a hoot ___ holler"

54 status of TX George H. Bush (abbr.)

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34 an org. of support for TX George W.

35 "You Gotta Have an ___ in the Hole"

37 "North Dallas Forty" writer Gent

40 TXism: "ponies up"

42 where some Texans ski in Colo.

43 nickname of TX prisoner Carrasco of '74 Huntsville siege

49 TXism: "could shoot the eye out of ___" (good shot)

50 "The Voice" (init.)

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As I See It... By Bob Hamilton



This has been the longest-lasting election I can remember, and I'm about ready for a president to finally be named.

I'm not going to attempt to talk about my opinion of re-counting and that sort of thing. That's because I figure you're about as sick of hearing about it as I am.

There are a couple of comments relating to the election that I've just

got to bring out, however.

Remember hearing all the reports about this being the most expensive campaign on record, concerning all the advertising by the candidates.

Well, a greater part of that expense was to pay for advertising on television. I had wondered about that, and why they didn't do more in the newspapers.

Now I've got it figured out. An awful lot of the folks in Florida can't read!

And, again, relating to the expense of the campaign...they haven't seen the end of cost.

Can you imagine what the cost will be for all those attorneys and political experts that have been called in to oversee the re-count?

Busy week for local police

This past week was a busy period for Iowa Park police, who reportedly made seven arrests.

Officers were summoned to a reported disturbance in the 700 block of Johnson Thursday afternoon, resulting in the arrest of William Charles Smith, 26.

Smith was wanted on two local warrants, including driving with an expired license and expired registration.

He was transported to the police station, where he paid fines of \$333, and was released, according to the police blotter.

At 11:21 a.m. Friday, officers responded to a report at the high school, where a 16-year-old male student was said to be in possession of marijuana.

The student was indeed in possession of under two ounces, and was later transported to the county juvenile detention center.

Thursday evening, Kevin Michael Gilmore, 32, was taken into custody on a county warrant, for possession of marijuana. He was turned over to a county deputy to be transported to jail.

Joseph Edward Davis, 40, was taken into custody at 2:25 a.m. Saturday in the 800 block of Southwest Access Road and charged with public intoxication. He was released at 7:28 after signing a promise to appear in municipal court.

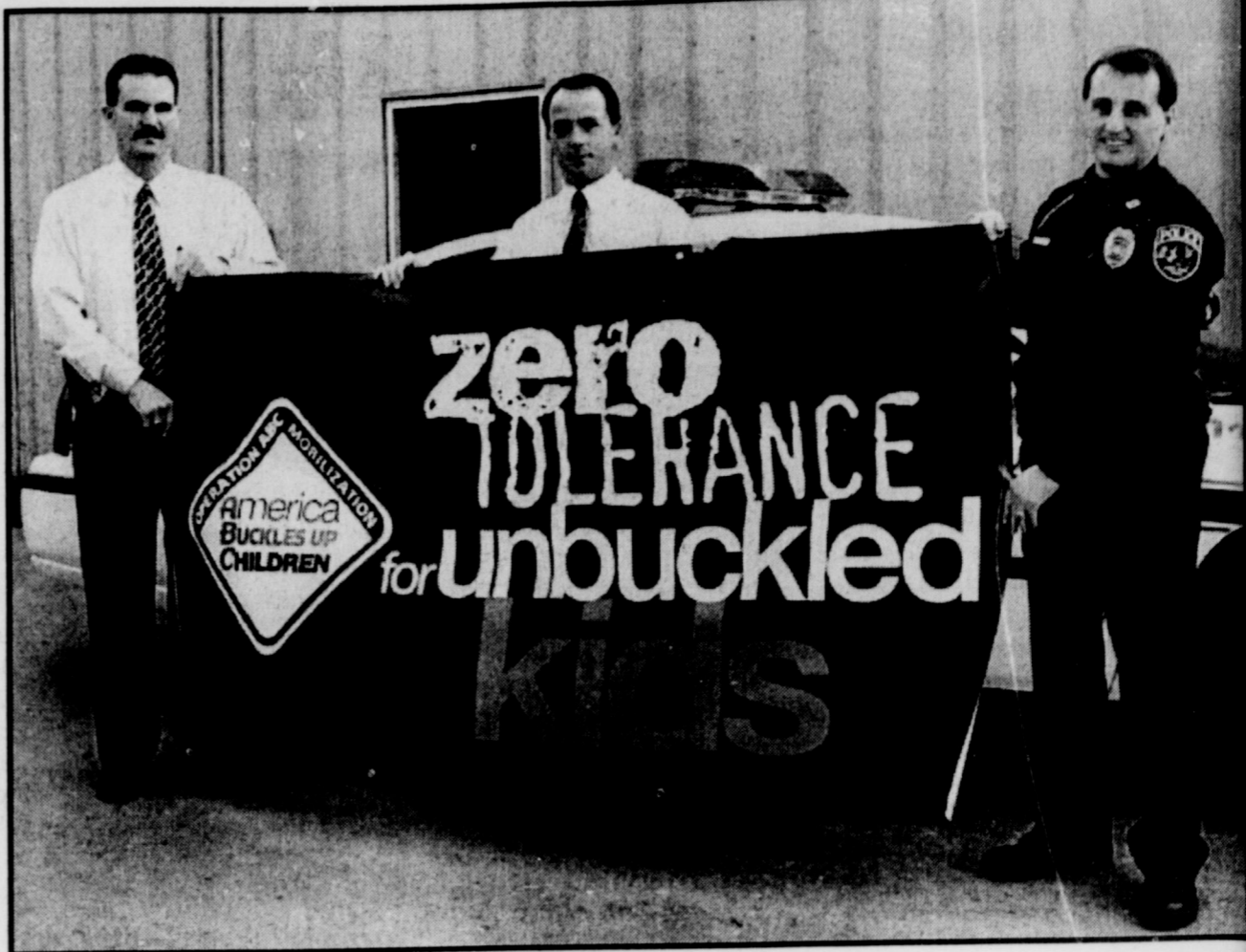
Officers arrested Joshua John Bata, 34, Saturday evening on four outstanding warrants.

The warrants were for exhibition of speed, no liability insurance, and twice failing to appear in court. He was transported to the county jail on a judge's order, where he was held under \$1,221 in bonds.

Sunday evening, Tommy Doyle Murphy, 39, was arrested on an assault charge after an incident that took place at a residence in the 100 block of West Valley. He was transported to the jail.

A charge of possessing less than two ounces of marijuana was filed late Tuesday against Christopher Henry Sutton, 19, after he was searched on Smith Road. He was transported to the county jail.

Officers are investigating a report that two French doors, valued at \$250, were stolen Saturday night from a business in the 100 block of West Park.



IOWA PARK POLICE Lt. Donnie Cavinder, Chief Lynn Collins and officer Robert Johnson prepare to kick off "Operation ABC Mobilization."

Police buckling down on seatbelt law

Beginning Monday, and continuing through the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, the Iowa Park Police Dept. will join a nationwide crackdown to protect children by arresting drivers who drink and drive, and ticketing those who fail to buckle up children, Police Chief Lynn Collins said Wednesday.

To kick off the effort, the Iowa Park Police Dept. will be stationed at B&R Thriftway, 401 W. Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

For the first time, the Operation ABC Mobilization, a twice-yearly week of intensified enforcement of child passenger safety laws, will also focus on enforcement of drunk driving laws.

Chief Collins also noted that it is now illegal for a child under the age of 15 to be unbuckled anywhere in a vehicle.

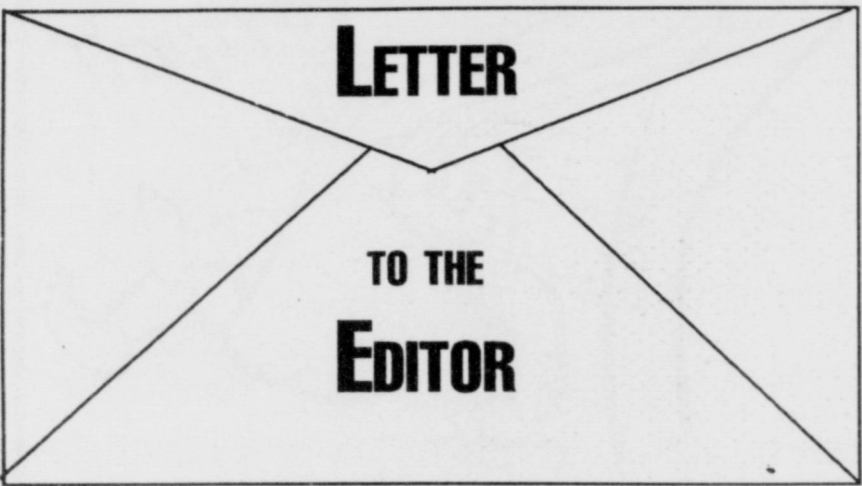
Traffic accidents are the number one cause of death for children, Chief Collins said, killing more than

2,000 kids each year. Nearly one-fourth of those wrecks are alcohol related, and more often than not, the child who dies is a passenger in the drunk driver's vehicle.

The effort is coordinated by the Air Bag and Seat Belt Safety Campaign in partnership with local law enforcement, state highway safety offices, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Buckle Up America initiative and the National Transportation Safety Board. The Mobilization is joined this year by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.)

lock on the front door. The improvements are to be completed by Dec. 20, or the council will take further action, it was decided.

In other action, the city held its second and final hearing concerning annexation of property on North Victoria, where a housing addition is to be built. Aldermen went into an executive session behind closed doors with the city attorney to discuss contemplated litigation and settlement offer relating to a wage/overtime claim of a city employee. No action was taken when the meeting was resumed in public.



This letter is meant to be a source of information for the community of Iowa Park concerning their school system.

There is a certain student who graduated from I.P.H.S. in May that was robbed of her class ranking. All through school she worked very hard to attain the grades she received. Not only did she graduate from high school in May, but was also nearly a junior at Midwestern. She could have graduated early, but wanted the recognition she deserved during a graduation ceremony. At the beginning of her senior year, she was ranked 3rd in her class. Towards the end she was told that she was ranked 7th. Feeling this information couldn't possibly be correct, she and her mother approached the counselor.

signed her position, but that doesn't make it right. Iowa Park newspaper didn't print the top 10 of the graduating class, and when the school board is asked to reveal it, they say they can't.

Is Iowa Park school district teaching their students that it's O.K. to lie as long as you cover it up real good? I don't live in Iowa Park, but if I did, I would definitely move to a town where morals are still important in the school system.

If you are a parent of a child that graduated in the year 2000 do you really know their rank? Name withheld by request

Expresses appreciation

I am writing you to express how grateful I am towards the people of Iowa Park. I appreciate all of the words of encouragement from everyone as well as their support and help. I appreciate the hard work and effort Gordon put into the campaign, and I know he will continue to do a great job representing our interest on the Commissioners Court. I am very proud of our community and proud to be a native son of Iowa Park. Respectfully, Jeff Watts

WORTH QUOTING

I've learned . . . that the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

I've learned . . . that when you're in love, it shows.

I've learned . . . that just one person saying to me, "You've made my day!" makes my day.

I've learned . . . that I feel better about myself when I make others feel better about themselves.

I've learned . . . that having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

I've learned . . . that what we have done for ourselves alone dies with us. What we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.

I've learned . . . that one sincere apology is worth more than all the roses money can buy.

I've learned . . . that you should never say no to a gift from a child.

I've learned . . . that no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

I've learned . . . that sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

I've learned . . . that simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.

I've learned . . . that life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

I've learned . . . that we should be glad God doesn't give us everything

we ask for.

I've learned . . . that money doesn't buy class.

I've learned . . . that it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I've learned . . . that once a relationship is over, if you experience more smiles than tears, then it wasn't a waste of time.

I've learned . . . that under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

I've learned . . . that if you are still talking about what you did yesterday, you haven't done much today.

I've learned . . . that when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

BONNIE MULLENS
McGregor Mirror

Do you know what is black and blue and bruised all over? A brunette who has been telling too many blonde jokes!

STEPHEN HENRY
Levelland News Press



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