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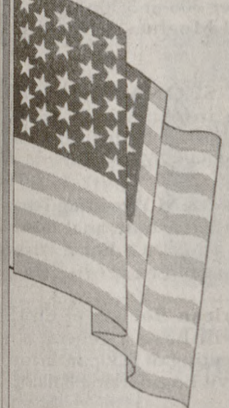
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Keeping an eye on Texas

Top flag suppliers

In 1992, Taiwan was the major foreign supplier of U.S. flags. The total value of 123,127 imported flags was \$101,000, or an average of 82 cents per flag.



U.S. flags by country of manufacture, 1992		
Country	Quantity	Value
Taiwan	83,103	\$ 83,000
Guatemala	610	6,000
Canada	1,831	3,000
China	36,914	2,000
West Germany	51	2,000
Mexico	1	1,000
Japan	36	1,000
Italy	103	1,000
United Kingdom	400	1,000
France	88	1,000
Total	123,127	\$101,000

SOURCES: U.S. Commerce Department International Trade Commission and John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Teen killed, 1 injured as party turns violent

The Associated Press

GRAND PRAIRIE — One teen-ager was shot to death and another was wounded when a party turned violent, authorities say.

Nathaniel "Bud" Easterling Jr., 17, of Arlington, was shot to death early Sunday.

A 15-year-old girl, whose name was not revealed, was in fair condition late Sunday at Methodist Medical Center, according to Sgt. Barbara Dixon of the Grand Prairie Police Department.

Police were looking for an 18-year-old suspect, Sgt. Dixon said. The party was to be a combination birthday party and an end of summer celebration, authorities said.

Tim Wycoff, Easterling's stepfather, said he and his wife were attempting to cope with the senselessness of the shootings.

"You find yourself asking, 'When is it all going to end?'" Wycoff said.

"The future just looks so bleak, as far as the control of our young kids. It seems to me that everyone has a gun right now. This past week has been one of the most violent I can remember," Wycoff said.

Grand Prairie police said the violence at the party began after more young people than had been expected showed up at the party on Saturday night.

Witnesses said adult chaperones had been checking for guns and alcohol at the party before it got too crowded.

Teachers offer hints in book for raising children

The Associated Press

SLATON — America's teachers want parents to sing silly songs, sing their teen-agers and venture into the school cafeteria once in a while.

Turn off the TV set, the teachers plead, and make children read at home.

Educators repeated these thoughts and more in the new book "What America's Teachers Wish Parents Knew," a mostly upbeat collection of 275 helpful hints.

Tony and Judy Privett compiled the material from the cozy

basement in their Slaton home in Southeast Lubbock County.

Some of the wishes are practical: "I wish that parents knew I do not need to know the gory details of a sickness in an absent note."

Other wishes are more philosophical: "I wish that parents would remember that young people are like fresh cement — anything dropped on them will make a big impression."

Some entries are defensive, many are witty and all speak from the heart.

"I wish parents would learn to let go," one kindergarten teacher wrote. "Sad little faces crying at

the classroom door, pitiful looks of abandonment, hanging around the halls, peeping through windows, prolonged kisses at the door and repeated declarations of 'I love you' have got to stop. Parents, your behavior is embarrassing. Get a grip!"

The Privetts said they wanted to put together an easy-to-read guidebook. The inspiration came when Mrs. Privett, an accountant, was taking classes to earn her teaching certificate. She got bogged down in heavy theory of classroom management, she said.

"I knew you really had to be there to know what's going on,"

Mrs. Privett said. "As a parent, I'd like to know what teachers had to say."

So the couple in January mailed questionnaires to principals at more than 6,000 schools in all 50 states. The forms asked teachers to complete the phrase, "I wish that parents ..."

Replies came back from 415 teachers, including 58 in Texas.

Annette Cootes, information officer for the Texas State Teachers Association in Austin, liked the book's premise.

"We say right on, and every parent should be forced to read it," Cootes said.

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