

Bomb scare in Frankston turns out to be false alarm

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FRANKSTON — A call telling Frankston State Bank officials there was a bomb in the building Wednesday forced a rapid evacuation, but hours later a bomb squad found a package containing nothing but railroad flares.

Bank officials said the building was cleared at 1:30 p.m. after the call was received. A bomb squad from Fort Hood was helicoptered to Tyler and then traveled to the city 30 miles away to dismantle the device.

Officials said the package was found in the men's room.

Handicapped aid

Program helps learning disabled in school, job

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COMMERCE — An East Texas State University professor is going outside the realm of the university to educate prospective employers in the attractiveness of hiring people with learning disabilities — people he describes as intelligent and hard-working.

"I'm talking about people with perceptual distortion, auditory perceptual distortion and haptic (motor skill) distortion," said Dr. John R. Moss, a member of ETSU's special education faculty.

"The term most commonly associated with learning disability is 'dyslexia,'" he said.

Moss said he decided to do something to help adults with learning disabilities — who he estimates comprise 10 percent of the nation's population — after discovering that in the past few years ETSU seemed to be

enrolling more and more students with such handicaps.

"We must have 75 to 100 of these students enrolled at ETSU now," Moss said recently. "These are students with the intelligence, the maturity and the experience to succeed in the classroom and on the job."

"Many have above-average intelligence — I mean they are really bright. But each has a unique learning style that must be developed."

"These students have to work twice as hard in the classroom as the average student," Moss said. "It takes real discipline and good study habits. And because of the discipline factor, they are often more successful than the average student when they get into their careers."

But, said Moss, such people often are overlooked by employers and colleges because of handicaps — something Moss set out to change

with a meeting held two years ago.

"Adults with learning disabilities might be the largest untapped group of potential college students and employees in the world," he said.

Moss organized a meeting of adults with learning disabilities and those interested in the problem. That led to LAUNCH — an acronym for leadership, action, unity, nurture, citizenship and harmony.

A year ago, the organization gained state incorporation and the group of about 100 now has received federal tax exempt status.

"We want to provide a platform for learning disabled adults — help them into postsecondary education and into careers," Moss said. "We want to make the public aware that adults with learning disabilities can contribute to their communities."

He said the group's goal is to have a chapter in every community in the

state. Chapters currently exist in Dallas, Houston and Austin.

Business Week last October published an article about the organization and Moss said it prompted hundreds of inquiries.

"Since that article appeared, we've had inquiries from all over the United States and from all over the world," he said. "I guess we've had between 400 and 500 inquiries."

"We're one of the few groups doing anything for adults with learning disabilities."

Moss said some inquiries were from people wanting to establish LAUNCH chapters, while others were curious about what services were provided for adults with learning disabilities.

A consultant in making up a directory of higher education institutions and training programs for those with learning disabilities and recently

named to President Carter's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, Moss said only about 150 colleges and universities in the United States provide services for adults with learning handicaps. He claims ETSU has the best program of all.

"ETSU is the best. Of course, I'm prejudiced, but I think our Mach III program makes ETSU one of the best schools for the student with learning disabilities."

He said the school has a staff that works strictly with disadvantaged students, providing tutoring and other one-on-one learning situations.

"They're able to work with each student to meet his or her unique needs," he said. "Also having LAUNCH — an organization of people interested in learning disabilities — helps ETSU meet the needs of these particular students."

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AUSTIN — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Wednesday upheld the death sentence of a Houston man for shooting an ice cream store owner, overruling the man's contention that the shooting was self-defense.

William Prince Davis was convicted of the June 2, 1978, murder of Richard Walter Lang, 60. Lang's

son, Michael Lang, testified he and his father were closing the Red Wing Ice Cream Co. when Davis entered the building and robbed them.

Lang said Davis then ordered every person in the building against the wall, and then shot his father.

Davis claimed he shot Lang because the store owner started towards him and was attempting to take his gun away from him. However

Michael Lang said his father was retreating when he was shot. The court concluded:

"Where the defendant intends to commit a robbery and actually does so, the shooting of the victim, even though accidental, is still unlawful killing."

The criminal appeals court also ordered that Cliff Clark of Houston be provided counsel to appeal his murder conviction because his former lawyer did not adequately defend him.

Clark was convicted of stabbing to death Stephen Byron Smith on Aug. 20, 1978, and given a life imprisonment sentence.

The court also upheld the 50-year aggravated rape conviction given to Benjamin Harrison Ballard of Dallas.

The defendant claimed the victim did not properly testify that he was not her husband. But the court held that the woman testified her husband was dead, and that was sufficient evidence that Ballard was not her husband.

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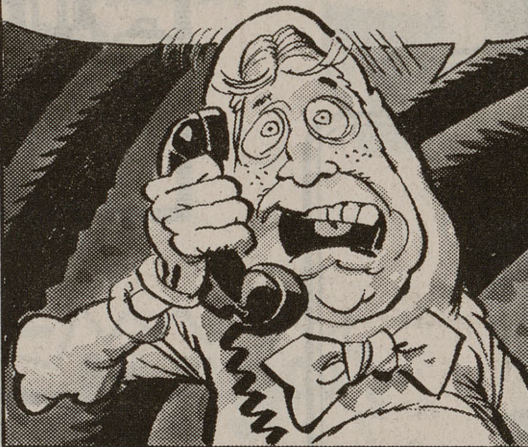
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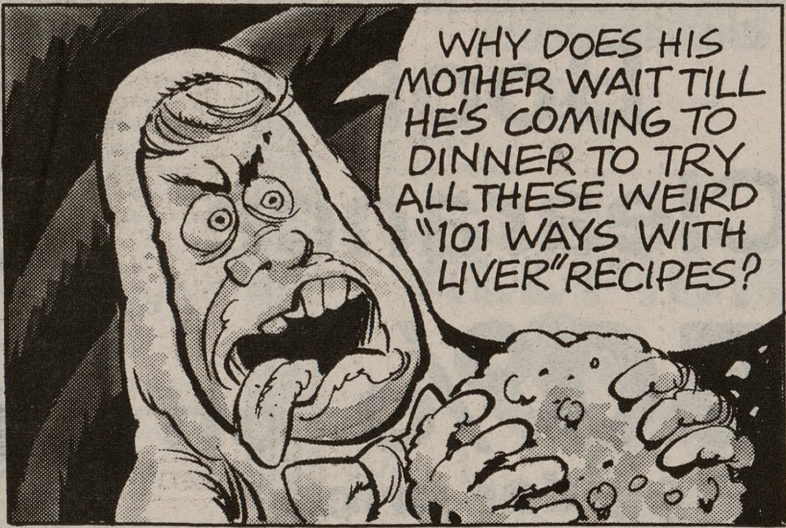
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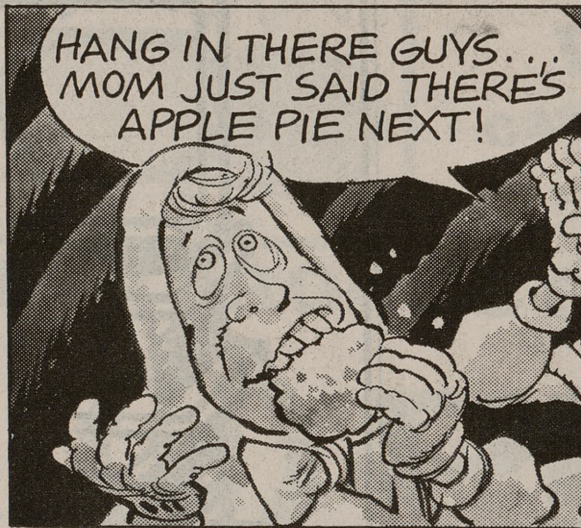
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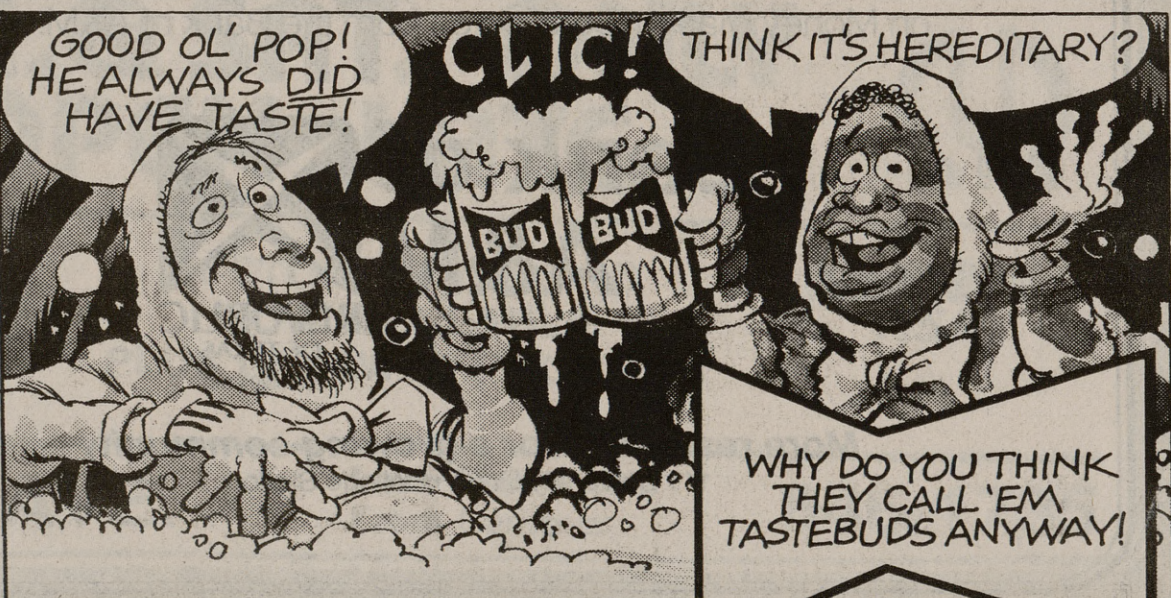
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