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Pre-registration blues

Its almost over when you get your card packet to Rudder Exhibit Hall after waiting in line. Alison Diehl, a sopohomore from Webster studying enviromental design, gets her packet as she finishes up her pre-registrating Monday. About 6,000 students were expected to make their way through Rudder Monday.

Judge rules care of patients lacking in nursing home

United Press International

McKINNEY — A Plano nursing home, accused of neglecting its residents, was placed under a temporary restraining order Friday requiring it to upgrade patient care.

State District Judge John Roach ordered Park Place Nursing Center to keep the facility and residents clean, treat bedsores, administer medications and treatments properly and keep proper records.

The restraining order was prompted by a lawsuit filed by the Consumer Protection Division of the Texas attorney general's office. The suit asks that a trustee be appointed to protect Park Place residents.

The nursing center is owned by Overcash-Goodman Enterprises Inc. Part owner Lee Goodman Jr. said the state's charges were unfounded. He said a physician at the center, Dr. Glenn Mitchell, has assured him patients are receiving adequate care.

Dr. Mithcell said the care was as good or better than the other nursing homes in which he "worked," Goodman said. He added that Mitchell treats patients in five other nursing homes.

The nursing home has been decertified twice in the past two years. At a hearing in McKinney Wednesday, health department inspectors testified they observed numerous instances of patient neglect and health violations on two separate visits in March.

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Plane has im-purr-fect landing, no catastrophe

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AUSTIN — A Continental Airlines 727 ended its flight from Washington with three more passengers than it started with — kittens born in the cargo bin apparently at the same time the plane's landing gear collapsed.

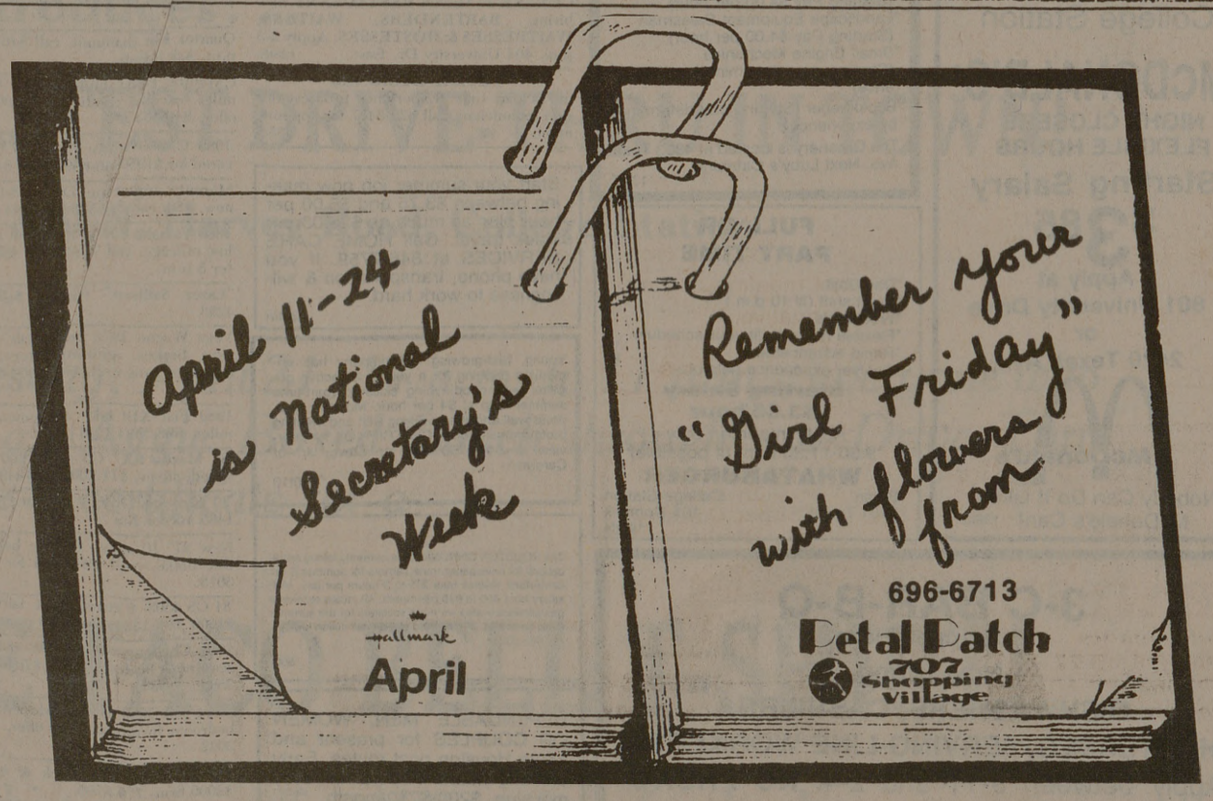
"We opened the cargo bin and there they were," Bob Lauder, supervisor of airport services for Continental Airlines, said Sunday. "It looked as though they had been born right in the middle of everything."

Mother and kittens were doing just fine following the Saturday night runway incident, he said. The jet's 61 passengers and seven-member crew left the plane without injury.

Flight 75 originated at Washington's Dulles Airport and stopped over at Houston Intercontinental before going to Austin's Mueller Municipal Airport, spokesmen said.

The plane was taxiing down the main runway to the gate at about 6 mph when the left landing gear collapsed and the left wing slowly settled to the runway, Lauder said.

Some flights had to be cancelled until the plane was removed from the main runway early Sunday, he said. The Federal Aviation Administration planned a routine investigation.



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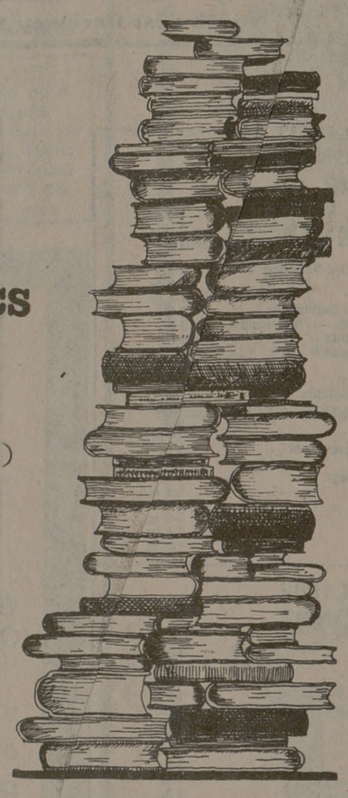

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