

New system to help battle check-bouncers

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SAN ANTONIO — A telephone-sized computer developed by Southwest Research Institute presents businesses with a new weapon in the battle against hot checks, officials at the Institute say.

The LR-8 DataLink terminal can verify checks in 10 seconds and give a customer's standing with a major credit card company in 18 seconds, officials said Tuesday.

The terminal can be tied to computers that carry the names of 80,000 bad check writers in South Texas and the credit card data. The Institute developed the computer device for Frank

Lombardino, a former Texas senator who founded a San Antonio credit and check collections business in 1954.

"Our experience with bad checks indicates that 50 percent of all returned checks are hot checks written by repeat offenders," Lombardino said. "DataLink can eliminate these immediately."

He said clerks will no longer have to leave their stations to have checks approved, and time will be saved for the business and the customer.

"In most cases, it makes check cashing faster than using cash," Lombardino said.

The DataLink terminals have

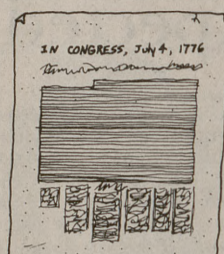
been tested at the Frost Bros. department stores in San Antonio, where vice president John McCue said the terminals are "a major breakthrough in reducing hot check losses and improving customer relations."

The Kroger Co. has leased 132 of the LR-8 models for its San Antonio stores.

Sixteen terminals can be tied into one telephone line to reach the computer bank.

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Local events celebrate Fourth of July

by Susan Dittman
Battalion Staff

Have you let the Fourth of July weekend sneak up on you without making plans to celebrate?

Well, right here in Bryan/College Station and in other

nearby areas, parties and celebrations have been planned in honor of Independence Day.

Locally, the Intramural Recreational Sports Department, the MSC Grove Committee and the MSC Basement Committee have scheduled a

Fourth of July party at Wofford-Cain Pool from noon to 8 p.m.

Fusion will provide musical entertainment from 1 to 2 p.m. and again from 3 to 4 p.m. Twenty-five cent hotdogs and 10 cent soft drinks will also be available.

July 4 Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks Show at Tiger Field on Holik Street.

"An entire evening of activities is planned for the whole family," Program Chairman Roger Koppa said. "Families can come play, eat, be entertained by music and watch the fireworks display after dark."

music performers Mel Gaggard and Janie Fricke will perform at the Frontier Fourth of July Weekend located on FM 1960 East, five miles east of Lake Houston.

The Texas A&M varsity diving team will give a demonstration at 4 p.m. Contests and games for all ages will also be held during the day.

Concession stands open at 5:30 p.m. and games for all ages begin at 6:30 p.m. Winners of events will get slices of another American tradition — watermelon.

Haggard will perform shows on July 3 at 5 p.m. and July 4 at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12.50 at the gate.

Texas A&M students with current I.D. cards and staff members who have purchased pool passes will be admitted free of charge. The cost for all others is one dollar for adults and 50 cents for children under 12.

The Plainsmen, a bluegrass band from Houston, will entertain the crowd at 8 p.m.

Fricke, the voice behind 7-Up, Orange Crush, beer, Pizza Hut, Red Lobster and United Airlines commercials, will light up the sky July 4 at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. followed by a fireworks show.

And what's the Fourth of July without fireworks? The College Station Noon Lions Club, through the cooperation of the City of College Station and the College Station Independent School District, will sponsor the

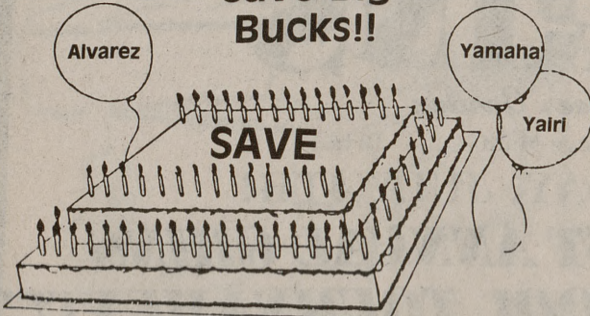
A presentation of the colors by area scouts will be followed by a concert featuring patriotic songs sung by the A&M Consolidated High School Honor Choir.

Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10.50 at the gate. Under 12 will be admitted free.

Other features include championship rodeo on Monday and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., as well as country music by area bands. For information call 456-0900.

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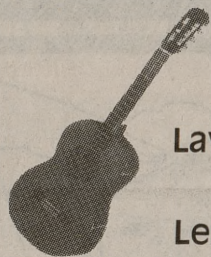
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