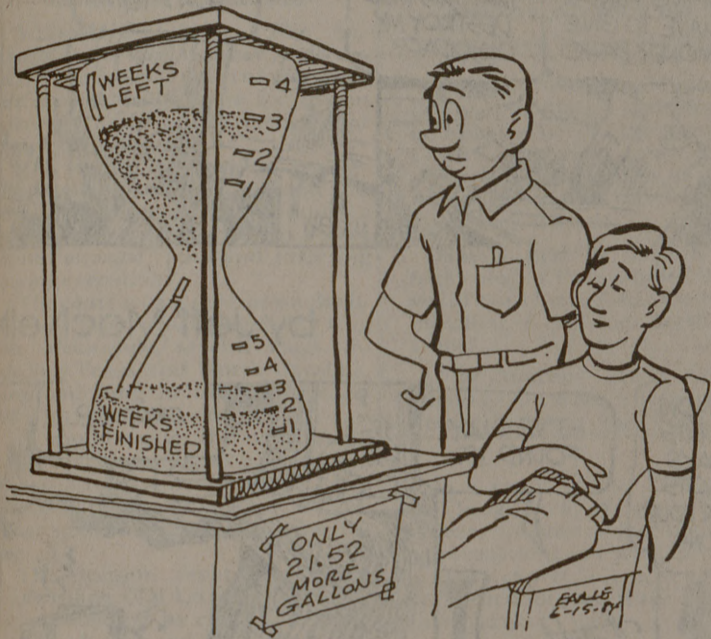


Slouch

by Jim Earle



"I wanted to keep up with the summer session, but if I had it to do over again, I'd just use a calendar."

GTE restricts use of Calling Card

By Julia Nunnallee
Reporter

General Telephone is prohibiting use of its credit card to 18 foreign countries in an attempt to curb fraudulent calls.

John Wallace, division public affairs manager for GTE, says the number of fraudulent calls now is the highest recorded since the company began issuing the Calling Cards several years ago.

In a letter sent to Calling Card customers, GTE cited several countries in South America, Central America, the Middle East and Caribbean under restriction by the Federal Communications Commission. Customers calling those areas will have to use alternate billing methods, such as calling collect or charging to a third number.

"Customers should be extremely careful in using their Calling Card number," Wallace said. "They

should also be careful who uses their card, either deliberately or not."

The code on the card includes the number where the call will be billed and a four-digit personal identification number unique to each card. Once the code is known, fraudulent calls can be made, Wallace said.

If a customer receives a telephone bill and suspects fraudulent use, or if the card is lost or stolen, the telephone business office should be contacted immediately, Wallace said.

Fraudulent calls can be traced by the time and place of the call, to whom the call was placed and the length of the conversation. The telephone company has a long distance investigation unit tracking down fraudulent card users, he said.

"Legal action is expensive," Wallace said. "The primary objective is not to put someone in jail, but to collect financial restitution for the service provided."

State turns 150 years old

Texas celebration planned

By JIM BECKER
Reporter

Sesquicentennial. Most Texans can't even say the word let alone tell you what it means. Besides its literal translation meaning "150 years," it also means that all manner of statewide activities will be happening because, when used with the word Texas, it means the state will turn 150 years old.

Yes, in 1986, Texas will celebrate 150 years of independence as a republic and progress as a state, and Brazos County will be doing its share of celebrating.

Local celebrations will be supervised by the Brazos County Sesquicentennial Commission, which was officially recognized June 14.

"The commission will act as a resource bank and catalyst for local organizations wanting to become involved in the celebration," commission chairman Mary Evelyn White said. "The celebration will continue throughout the year and has planned many projects that will both celebrate and leave something of value behind."

The projects are grouped into three categories: past, present and future. Each of these categories contains ideas which will contribute to the anniversary celebration.

The category concentrating on the past deals with those activities of historical significance. Projects in this section include the writing of the history of Brazos County, the development of a photographic archives, the development of a tour of old College Station homes originally part of the Texas A&M campus and the chronicling of individual family histories in a permanent genealogical library.

Special events dominate the category dealing with the present. The arts council will present an art exhibit of work by Texas artists from the past 100 years. Downtown Bryan will be the site of "Heritage Days," a celebration with an emphasis on the history of that area. Some of the other special events include a treasure hunt, a Bohemian-Fest, a cleanup campaign, a flag-flying campaign and the pressing of a special commemorative wine.

The future category or projects will focus on permanent additions to the area. Programs in this section are the planned restoration of the La-Salle Hotel, the development of Richard Carter Park, the renovation of the Carnegie library, the development of a time capsule to be opened in 2036 and the renovation and restoration of the downtown Bryan area.

In addition to these projects, White hopes to see many more activities planned on the A&M campus.

Dr. Carolyn Adair, director of Student Activities at Texas A&M, is our official point of contact on campus and she is in charge of coordinating programs there," White said.

"I would like Texas A&M to be the first educational institution to make a major contribution to the sesquicentennial celebration," said White. "The students and faculty of A&M are already involved in many of these activities and we hope to see even more involvement as 1986 approaches."

Any group with an idea for the celebration is encouraged to contact the commission for assistance at 823-1986. Texas A&M students should contact Adair at 845-1133.

What's up

Tuesday
SAILING CLUB: is offering free sailing lessons including simple theory of sailing, basic techniques, and terminology. Lessons begin at 7 p.m. in room 504 Rudder.

Thursday
CHI ALPHA: study on "Humanism - what it is not, what it is" at 7 p.m. in 308 Rudder.
CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: weekly bible study and fellowship at 7 p.m. on the second floor of Rudder.

Saturday
FLORICULTURE ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE CLUB: sponsoring a plant sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the floriculture greenhouse, across from Heldenfelds.

Today's Almanac

United Press International
Today is Monday, June 18th, the 170th day of 1984 with 196 to follow.
The moon is moving toward its last quarter.
The morning stars are Mercury and Jupiter.

The evening stars are Venus, Mars and Saturn.
Those born on this date are under the sign of Gemini. They include Cyrus Curtis, founder and publisher of the Ladies' Home Journal, in 1850, journalist and publisher Edward Scripps, in 1854.

Gramm attacks gay rights issue — Doggett supports

United Press International
AUSTIN — Republican Senate candidate Phil Gramm, attacking his Democratic opponent for supporting gay rights, said Monday he favors allowing school districts to fire grade school teachers who are homosexuals.

"I don't want a homosexual teaching my third-grade boy," the College Station Congressman said. "If the school board makes the decision that they pose a threat to the children, I think they should have that right."

Gramm, who will face state Sen. Lloyd Doggett in the November general election, also said he favors excluding gays from sensitive national security posts because of the possibility they would be "blackmailed" by persons who would expose their sexual preference.

"I am perfectly comfortable running with Ronald Reagan and George Bush," he said. "Lloyd Doggett will be comfortable running with Walter Mondale. They have the same constituency."

Gramm, who co-authored Reagan's 1981 budget initiatives, defined Mondale and Doggett's constituencies as "big labor, welfare activists and gay rights activists."

"Lloyd Doggett has endorsed the gay rights bill and I oppose it," he

said. "I believe it's a valid issue. It tells where you stand on basic Texas values."

Gramm also portrayed Doggett as an opponent of most major defense programs and a balanced federal budget.

Doggett responded to Gramm's comments by saying he would not be drawn into a war of press conferences.

"Phil Gramm is certainly wasting no time in starting his attacks on me," Doggett said. "I can't really blame him for wanting to get the focus off of his record — which has been nothing but an attack on the ordinary working families of Texas."

Gramm said the gay rights bill pending in Congress would grant preferential treatment to gays in a manner similar to affirmative action programs meant to benefit racial minorities.

"I don't want them (gays) imposed on me and my children," Gramm said. "I don't believe they deserve special treatment under the law."

Doggett also chided Gramm for campaigning in Texas while Congress was considering legislation.



Photo by PETER ROCHA
Bryan Mayor Ron Blatchley and College Station Mayor Gary Halter help Brazos County Judge R. J. Holmgren raise the new Sesquicentennial flag at the Brazos Center. The flag was presented by the state commission to Brazos County. Bryan and College Station also received flags in the sanctioning ceremony.

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