

Around town

Who's Who applications available now

Applications for **Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges** are available at boxes located in the Commandant's Office, MSC, Student Activities Office, Zachry Engineering Center, Sterling C. Evans Library, Kleberg Center, the office of the dean of Veterinary Medicine, and the office of the vice president for Student Services. Completed applications must be returned by 5 p.m. Sept. 28.

Students must meet requirements for grade points and completed credit hours. From the qualified applicants, 55 students will be selected to Who's Who by a committee composed of faculty, staff and students appointed by the vice president of Student Services and the student body president. Any questions should be directed to Chris Carter in 110 YMCA.

City volleyball entries accepted now

The College Station Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring men's, women's and co-rec volleyball. Entries will be accepted through Oct. 5. Entry fee is \$150 per team. Registration will be held at the College Station Parks and Recreation Department. For more information, call 764-3773.

Truman scholarship offered to sophs

Texas A&M University **sophomores interested in a career in government service** at the federal, state, or local levels are invited to apply for a 1985 Harry S. Truman Scholarship. The award covers eligible expenses up to \$5,000 per year for the junior year, the senior year, and two years of graduate study.

To be eligible, students must be full-time sophomores working toward or planning to pursue a baccalaureate program, have a "B" average, stand in the upper fourth of the class and be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national heading toward a career in government.

Interested students should submit a letter of application, a statement of career plans, a list of past public-service activities or other leadership positions, a current transcript, and a 600-word essay discussing a public policy issue of their choice to Dr. Hillary Jessup, 101 Academic, by Oct. 22, 1984.

Boy silent from injury

United Press International

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — A 15-year-old Texas boy remained unconscious Monday and was unable to tell authorities what happened to him since his disappearance from his family's mountain campsite in July.

Christopher Harvey of Andrews was in the intensive care unit of St. Mary's Hospital with critical head injuries believed suffered in a beating. Authorities sought two men in a late model pickup truck.

Investigators theorized the teenager was hitchhiking when he was

picked up and beaten. A jogger found him wandering a country road in the San Juan Mountains Thursday.

It was still unclear whether Harvey was abducted from his family's campsite July 11, as his parents believed, or whether he has been a runaway for several months.

His parents and friends searched near the campsite in Eagle County for months following his disappearance, and they complained local law enforcement officials gave up the search too soon because they were skeptical foul play was involved.

Call SAVE; reduce bill

By LAURIE HEIDBREDER
Reporter

To help Texans reduce their high summer electricity bills, the Texas Tune-Up program started an information hotline which will continue through the fall.

"The Texas Tune-Up campaign allowed Texans to call a toll-free energy hotline to receive advice and publications about residential energy management," said Jane Anaejionu, energy education coordinator.

The Texas Tune-Up campaign originated in the governor's office and has developed as a public service project of the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Although Texas Tune-Up began as a summer campaign, the toll-free hotline (1-800-643-SAVE) will stay in operation all year to continue answering energy questions.

"As winter sets in, we plan to develop and release information to help consumers combat the cold

weather and control energy costs," Anaejionu said.

The majority of the calls received this summer were from middle income home owners in small cities, she said.

"We did not receive many calls from business even though we provided them with brochures," Anaejionu said.

The most frequently asked questions were related to the efficiency of air conditioners.

"Most of the calls that we received were basic," she said. "However, we do have operators who can do research for the more technical calls."

The Texas Tune-Up operators are trained energy specialists.

"They have to have energy related experience and are not trained just for this job," Anaejionu said.

Texas Tune-Up sent brochures to Spanish speaking radio stations but did not receive any Spanish speaking callers.

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Hispanics credit political power to independence from parties

United Press International

WASHINGTON — When Henry Cisneros stood to address the Hispanic Caucus at the Democratic National Convention, the popular mayor of San Antonio received an unusual greeting. He was booed.

Cisneros, once a contender for the vice presidential spot, was one of several Hispanic officials jeered for discouraging a first-ballot boycott of Walter Mondale's nomination. Hispanic activists intended to pressure the former vice president into working against the Simpson-Mazzoli immigration bill.

The threatened boycott, led by the League of Latin American Citizens, highlighted the growing political independence of several Hispanic groups. These same groups are credited with much of the unprecedented attention to Hispanics this election year.

The non-partisan organizations criticized early endorsements of Mondale by Hispanic officials. They continue to belittle the Hispanic community's traditional allegiance to the Democratic party.

"Our needs aren't for Democrats and Republicans," explained Emily McKay of the National Council of La Raza, an umbrella organization of 80 Hispanic groups nationwide. "Our

needs are for services and opportunity."

Organizations established at the national level have gone well beyond the local service programs established in the 1960s. A second generation of national groups started in the 1970s has adopted political action from the start.

Between 1976 and 1980, Hispanic registration rose 30 percent nationally. Political analysts note that the nine states where Hispanics are concentrated have almost three-fourths of the 270 electoral votes needed to win the presidency.

The number of Hispanics getting high-level jobs in the parties appears to be rising rapidly. Membership in the Hispanic Congressional Caucus nearly doubled with the 1982 mid-term election.

Behind the growing political power, leaders of the groups say, are their intensified efforts to register Hispanic voters and lobby on behalf of such issues as immigration and bilingual education.

In the 1980 national census, Hispanics — the nation's second-largest

and fastest-growing minority group — made up 3.5 percent of voting-age Americans.

However, only 37 percent of the 5.8 million Hispanics eligible to vote actually cast ballots. More than 40 percent of those eligible were not even registered.

The Southwest Voter Registration and Education Project, started 10 years ago by La Raza, has added over a million Hispanics to registration lists in a campaign begun last August, according to its director, William Velasquez.

Between 1976 and 1980, Hispanic registration rose 30 percent nationally and Hispanic voter turnout went up 19 percent. Political analysts note that the nine states where Hispanics are concentrated have almost three-fourths of the 270 electoral votes

needed to win the presidency.

"The demographics are that Hispanics are the margin of victory in key electoral states," said La Raza President Raul Yzaquierre.

About half of the nation's Hispanics live in California, where they make up an estimated 9 percent of the total electorate, according to Velazquez. In Texas, where registration drives have concentrated, the figure is above 13 percent, he said.

Ronnie Lopez, a senior political advisor to the Mondale-Ferraro campaign, said flatly, "You can't get elected president of the United States without carrying Texas or California."

Leaders of the national organizations say that Hispanic America has diversified as it has grown, and now extends politically beyond traditional poles of strongly Republican Cuban-Americans and Mexican-Americans Democrats.

"The myth of Hispanics voting as a block has been destroyed," said Robert Estrada, executive director of the Reagan-Bush campaign's Hispanic division. "Hispanics are voting all over the ballpark."

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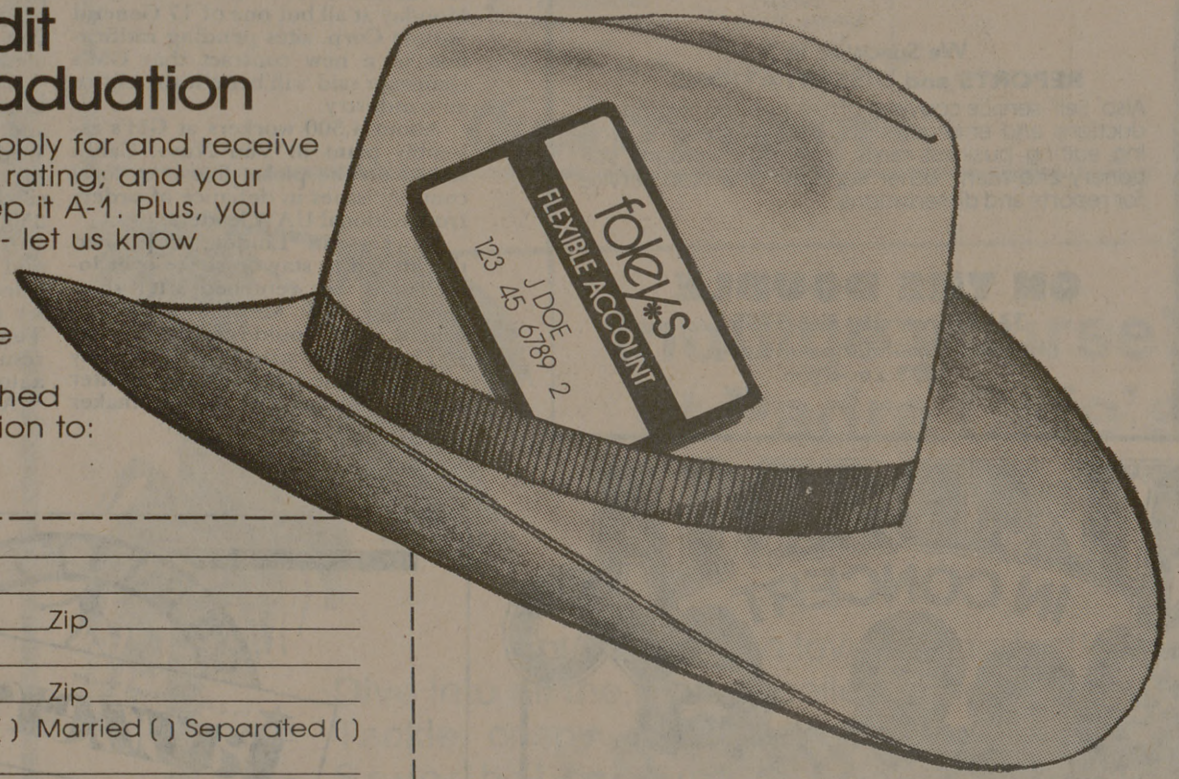
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