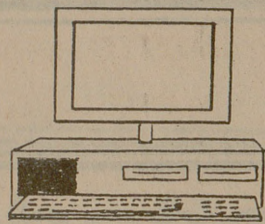


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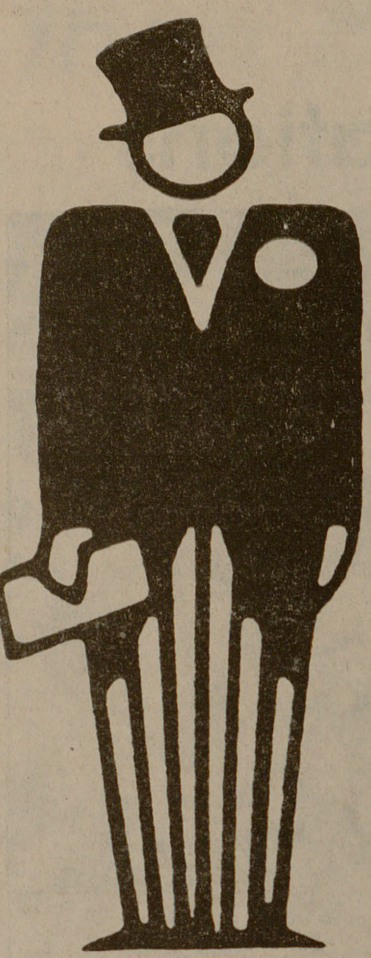
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Thief takes cash collected for ballparks

KERRVILLE (AP) — A thief has nabbed more than \$20,000 in Little League funds raised by the sale of candy bars and raffle tickets, forcing a halt in construction on two new ballparks, police said.

Officials say the money was raised by some 400 youngsters who sold candy bars and raffle tickets during the past three years to build better parks.

"We're going to be doing good to just get through the year," Kerrville Little League President Yvonne Helwig said. "It has been a real shocking situation. Honesty is what we base our organization on."

The Kerr County District Attorney's office and Kerrville police are investigating and say there is a suspect in the theft that apparently occurred over a three-year period, Detective Joseph Lanning said.

"We do have a suspect in the case," Lanning told the *San Antonio Express-News*, "but we don't have an accurate amount of money taken. The auditor is not finished."

Little League officials first became aware of the missing building account funds in February when president-elect Helwig asked for an audit.

"It's in the president's manual," Helwig said. "There is supposed to be an annual audit done and it's supposed to be sent to (state league headquarters in) Waco."

Helwig said it is unknown when the last audit was done. After Helwig asked for the audit, league board members checked accounts and were shocked by the findings.

"They had nothing in there even close to what they thought they had," Lanning said, "and only a little more than what is needed to cover operating expenses for this year."

In addition to the sale of candy bars and raffle tickets by youngsters, adult members sponsored a barbecue dinner and dance last year to raise donations. Concession profits also were supposed to have been deposited in the building fund.

Last year, Kerr County leased the group a tract of land on Texas 27 in Kerrville to build the proposed ball fields. Helwig said plans for the two fields include an underground sprinkler system, fences, lights and parking lots.

Construction on one of the fields began last month, but has since been placed on hold by the league board.

"The board is considering floating a loan to continue, but right now everything is on hold," Helwig said. "It has stopped. We had to."

What's up

Monday

POLITICAL FORUM: Ambassador Ralph Earle II will speak on "U.S.-Soviet Relations" at 7 p.m. in 601 Rudder, followed by a reception.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH: Karen Forrest will hold writing outreach session on "Applying for a Job: Writing Resumé" at 6:30 p.m. in 105 Blocker.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING: Dr. George Strubbe will hold a review/help session on "Engineering Economics" at 6:30 p.m. in 103 Zachry.

AGGIE PARTNERS FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS: will hold an informational meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 200 Heldenfels.

MSC OPAS: will hold a new member information session at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder.

MSC CAMAC: will meet at 7 p.m. Check the monitors in Memorial Student Center for location.

AGGIE ALLEMANDERS: will hold square-dance lessons at 7:30 p.m. followed by a meeting at 8:30 p.m. in the Pavilion.

PSYCHOLOGY CLUB: will discuss eating disorders at 7:30 p.m. in HECC 204.

PHI THETA KAPPA ALUMNI: will meet at 7 p.m. at Flying Tomato.

CBA HONORS ASSOCIATION: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 504 Rudder.

Tuesday

HUMAN FACTORS SOCIETY STUDENT CHAPTER: NASA astronaut Michael J. McCulley will speak on "Space Shuttle, Space Station and Advanced Programs" at 7:30 p.m. in 102 Zachry.

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY: Jonathan Glover of Oxford University will speak on "The Limitations of Human Nature: Is Genetic Engineering The Way Out?" at 7 p.m. in 401 Rudder.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH: Shirley Bovey will hold writing outreach session on "Editing for Publication" at 6:30 p.m. in 105 Blocker.

DELTA SIGMA PI: will meet at 6 p.m. in 130 Blocker.

TEXAS STUDENT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: will hold a seminar on stress management at 7:30 p.m. in 103 Rudder.

AGGIE ALLIANCE: will hold a Red Cross Blood Drive from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Pavilion and Kleberg Animal and Food Science Center.

AGGIE PARTNERS FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS: will meet at 6 p.m. in 102 Zachry.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN: will meet at 8:30 p.m. Check the monitors in Rudder Tower for location.

COWBOYS FOR CHRIST: will meet for breakfast at 7 a.m. at The Kettle.

MSC OPAS: will hold a new member information session at 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder.

CLASS OF '87: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 308 Rudder.

OFF-CAMPUS AGGIES: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 107 Heldenfels.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BUDGET WORKSHOP: Budget request forms are due at 4 p.m. Tuesday in 217 MSC.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three working days prior to desired publication date.

UT chancellor: Technology will lessen strain on airports

By Robert Morris
Staff Writer

It's called vertical takeoff or landing (VTOL) aviation and, according to Dr. Hans Mark, it is one of the most important developments in modern flight.

In a lecture given Friday in the Memorial Student Center, Mark, the University of Texas System chancellor and former secretary of the Air Force, said that because of the increasing strains on airports and the need for a more capable rescue craft, the tilt-rotor VTOL will become a mainstay of both military and private flight.

The size, cost and maintenance of today's airports has created the need for "aircraft without airports," Mark said.

"Large airports require a lot of land," he said. "They require that you put perimeters around them and they have become congested."

Military applications are not only

tactically beneficial but extremely cost-effective as well, he said.

"As the performance of aircraft has increased — as they go faster, higher, further — the demands on the ground systems have become more and more extreme.

"High-performance aircraft require big ships and big ships are very valuable," Mark said. "A fully equipped carrier today is \$5 billion, and that's investment money, not operational."

"I personally believe those things are vulnerable too."

However, Mark says the Pentagon has been resistant to change.

"If you look at the wars that this country has fought since World War II, the air forces involved in both conflicts (Vietnam and Korea) operated from sanctuaries," he said. "None of those people ever experienced their air bases being bombed."

"That is not likely to be true in a general conflict. But the experience

base of our military people is such that they're unable to accept that proposition."

It is for that reason that VTOL aircraft have had such a difficult time getting accepted by the military, he said.

They are slowly coming through, he said.

The tilt-rotor VTOL, by virtue of its strong performance at the Air Show in 1981, garnered attention from previously uninterested branches of the armed forces.

Because it has the hover capabilities of a helicopter but can fly three times faster and farther — it is more durable — the plane is seen as the ideal rescue vehicle, Mark said. Other applications include assault, surveillance and transport.


The Marines were the first to show interest in 1981 and subsequently the Navy has placed orders. The first planes should be completed in about a year, Mark said.

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