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## Senior Banquet\*

Saturday, May 2, 7 p.m.  
College Station Hilton, \$30/couple  
Cocktail Hour, 6 p.m.  
Guest Speaker Jack Rains, '60,  
Texas Secretary of State

## Ring Dance

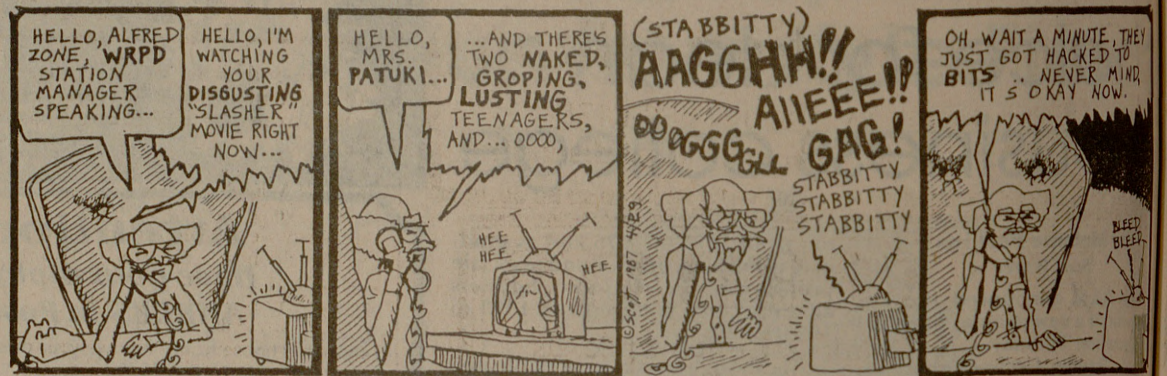
Saturday, May 2, 9 p.m.  
MSC and Rudder Exhibit Hall, \$35/couple  
Featuring Michael, Michael and the Maxx  
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\* Tickets for Senior Banquet must be purchased by Noon Friday, May 1.

The Senior Weekend Package at \$65/couple, includes all three events. Tickets are on sale at Rudder Box Office at 845-1234. All tickets are presale.

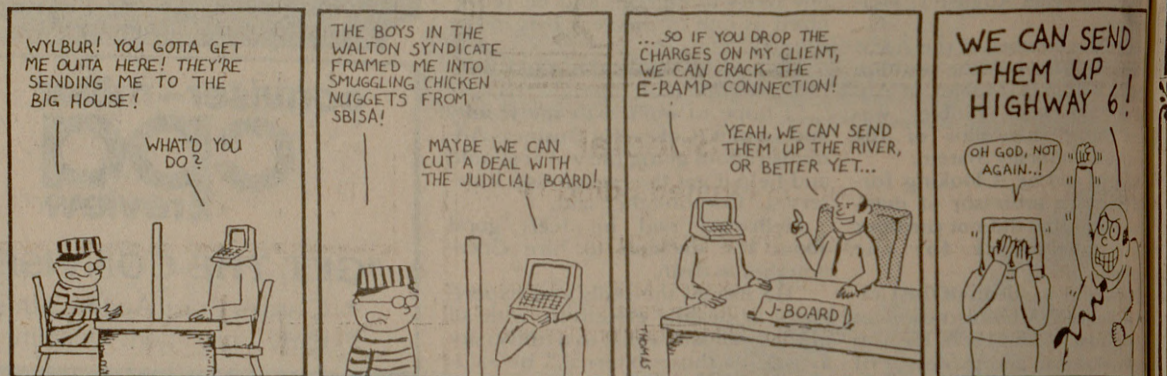
## Warped

by Scott McCulla



## Waldo

by Kevin Thomas



## New DPS device uses eyes to establish identification

By Sandra Saldivar  
Reporter

People rely on their eyes to identify what they see, but now eyes can be used for personal identification as well.

The Department of Public Safety is testing a device that would record a photographic image of the most unique biological trait a person possesses: the eye, or, more specifically, the blood vessels in the retina of the eye. The "eye signature" would serve the purpose of verifying an individual's identity like a fingerprint.

The Brazos County DPS driver license office was selected as the site for a five-week testing period of the EyeDentiachine and implemented the program April 13. Officials say the device could eliminate the issuance of fraudulent and duplicate driver licenses.

Sgt. Albert Tovar said the DPS issues four million licenses a year. Some people go to several driver license offices, use someone else's birth certificate or some other identification document, give a false name and address and receive several identities and driver's licenses, Tovar said.

A more precise and quicker identification system would benefit everyone, Tovar said.

Brian Withrow, DPS inspector for driver license service, said, "No one's eyes are the same, not even identical

twins, because each eye has a different retina pattern."

Security and Time Control Corp. is the Texas distributor of the Eye-Identification machine. A company representative, Mike Lawrence, said, "Fingerprints are not as unique as people would like to think. It takes a well-trained eye to detect the differences between fingerprints.

"Calculations necessary to isolate and identify a fingerprint require a machine with great precision."

With one eye scan, he said, the chances of the machine accepting an imposter is one in a million. Having both eyes on record would reduce the chance of false acceptance to one in a trillion.

At the Bryan office, original and renewal driver's license applicants are being asked to volunteer for the simple eye-scanning process. The person being scanned looks into the machine, lines up two green cones of light and pushes the scan button.

If the project were implemented, Lawrence said, the machine would record a photographic image of the eye, convert the image to a numerical code and store the information in the central computer in Austin for future reference.

Tovar said the office is not recording the scanning image in the Austin central computer because the project is only in the testing stage.

The department is keeping track

of the number of people scanned, the length of time it takes employees to explain the test and the public opinion about the project, he said.

Jan Nuche, a driver's license office clerk, said the machine was easy to learn to operate.

After applicants take the eye scan, they are asked to fill out a comment sheet, which Nuche said have been positive so far.

Tovar said, "Lots of people think it is a good idea, especially when they find out it could prevent someone from using their license or applying for their license."

If the eye-scanning program is implemented, applicants will be asked to take a vision test and the eye scan by using the same machine.

Lawrence said the EyeDentiachine machine easily can be installed into the vision testers already being used by DPS.

Although it is too soon to quote a price for the project, Lawrence said, "It appears that the department could receive federal funding, which would mean the project would cost Texas anything to have the machines installed in DPS units all over the state."

The testing stage will last until May 22, then the procedure and results will be evaluated to determine if the project should be implemented on a statewide basis.

## Hightower says state economy depends on 'grass-roots' workers

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Workers, not corporate executives and major companies, should be the key to the state's economic development, Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower said Tuesday.

"We've got to begin changing our whole economic attitude, our policies," Hightower said. "I think we've got to develop new industry at the grass-roots level. We've been ignoring the grass roots. The trunks of the trees are drying up and dying."

Hightower said the state agriculture department is assisting in the development of 52 agriculture processing projects, involving more than

\$218 million. The projects will provide 5,000 new jobs, he said.

Hightower criticized national government and corporate officials for forcing hard economic conditions that hurt workers.

"What we're doing is investing in the rich," Hightower told the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union.

"They think they're the top dogs and you all are just a bunch of fire hydrants out there," he said.

The closing of 131 Safeway grocery stores in North Texas has affected thousands of people, he said.

He said the only ones to profit

from the closures are the investment group Kohlberg, Kravis and Roberts, which purchased Safeway and others involved in sale.

"They're going to profit, but the economy loses," Hightower said. "Later this year, KKR probably will take Safeway public again and make a huge profit on its sale of stock."

He said other grocery store chains may buy the Safeway stores, but union members will not be hired.

"They're not going to hire new workers, not because of the high salaries," Hightower said. "They don't want the union partnership that has served us so well."



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