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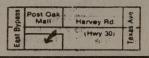
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town's citizens with pride

SHINER (AP) — This is one spirited town. On Friday nights, when the local high school team scores a touchdown, the band breaks into a tune more familiar to Czech beer gardens than a small-town foot-

- The words go something like this: "When we settled upon Shiner
- The sun was shining bright "When we settled upon Shiner
- "The sun was shining bright "We were drinking and having a good time
- "When we settled upon Shiner."

 And if fans are particularly excited, they might sing
- the second verse:
- When we settled upon the brewery
- "The barrel was empty "But we kept on drinking
- "And having a good time
- "Until the barrel was empty."

Beer means something in this Czech-German community, and beer means Shiner and the spirit of Kos-

What began in 1909 with farmers and merchants trying to brew beer to their liking, Spoetzl turned into a small industry that put Shiner on the map.

"You can see Mr. Spoetzl's pride all the way around here, every place you go," said George Korkmas, president of K. Spoetzl Brewery, which produces Shiner Bock and Shiner Premium beer.

Egypt, Spoetzl died in 1950, but his pictures still ha on the brewery walls and old-timers still talk about generosity and cunning ways during Prohibition.

"Everybody who came in, they got a case of beer," year-old Herbert Siems, a friend of Spoetzl's who ran bar in Shiner for years, said. "He didn't care who the

Siems took charge of the Spoetzl Brewery "hospit ity room" 24 years ago and now serves free beer brewery visitors and local folks in this town of about 2,000.

During Prohibition, Spoetzl's brewery produced gal "near beer." But it's common knowledge that he

Townspeople often stopped by for bottles of illeg beer under the guise of getting ice from the brewer Spoetzl doled out ice and beer, but the ice soon would be the stopped by the control of the brewer spoetzl doled out ice and beer, but the ice soon would be the stopped by th be dumped into nearby Boggy Creek.
"They didn't care too much about getting this in

but they wanted some of that good beer," Siems said One time during Prohibition a truckload of Shi beer was caught making its way into Louisiana, said I

Patrick Wagner, brewery museum curator.
"He got caught," Wagner said. "There was some..." labaloo over it. But he never went to the penitentiary."

Employees have stayed with Shiner an average of 20 plus years. Joe Green, for instance, drove a Spot truck for 62 years and now is retired and living intown

Plaintiffs plan to take punches rather than settling for money

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman who lost her husband in a construction accident says it will be a real pleasure to belt the defense attorney who refused to hand over a settlement in the deal.

"I would love to hit him,"Anna Manz of Cincinnati, Ohio, the mother-in-law of the deceased, said.
"I just think that something would be behind me that I could almost knock him flat."

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She'll get her chance. The defense attorney, Tom Alexander, said he'd rather take a beating than ask his client to part with \$50,000 in settlement offer for a wrongful death suit. The plaintiffs took him up on it.

Alexander, who represents Derr Construction Co. of Euless, in a twoyear-old civil suit, agreed to allow Manz and her daughter, Machelle Parks, and their attorneys to hit him rather than permit his client to pay a settlement in the case.

"The clients are very pleased," Alexander said. "He likes to have a lawyer, so to speak, who will go to the mat for him."

Derr was one of several defendants in the wrongful death case brought by Parks on behalf of her husband, Billy Parks, 29, a labor foreman who was killed in a January 1987 construction fall from the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston.

The couple had a 3-year-old daughter at the time and Parks was seven months pregnant with their

The litigants agreed last Sept. 26 to a roughly \$3 million settlement to be shared by all the defendants.

But when Alexander learned his partner offered a \$50,000 share for

Talking chip adds sound to magazines

DALLAS (AP) - Readers of a major magazine this week will suddenly become listeners when they get to a four-page advertisement by Texas Instruments, Inc.

"I am a talking chip," says the computer-generated voice, kicking off a 17-second speech extolling the wonders of TI technology. The voice is activated by pulling off a "Lift and Listen" tab in more than 200,000 selected copies of Business Week magazine. Week magazine.

The ad — apparently the first featuring voice — uses TI's own technology and is intended to show not only the marketing possibilities, but spark ideas for other uses of a new, cheaper speech synthesis computer

chip.
"For years, high-quality speech has been a luxury that manufacturers added only to consumer products with price points of \$50, \$75, \$100 or more," Ken Melvin, TI's product manager for semiconductor speech, said. "Our goal has been to reduce the cost of speech technology to make it practical in more applica-

The ad, which will run in 140,000 copies of Business Week's Oct. 20 industrial-technology edition and 76,000 Nov. 20 international editions, is based on a new chip that costs less than \$2 each to produce in quantity.

Although costs for this ad were lower, TI said a similar ad would cost about \$4 to produce in quantity over 200,000.

Reducing the chip cost to under \$2 allows products using the technology to sell at retail for about \$10, tlement.

"It was something that isn't easily forgotten," Manz said. "He was loud and he insisted that he wouldn't pay

Derr, he angrily refused the set- I could just sock him, it would be just s

"He was acting very pompou was reneging on the agreement Dale Friend, who represents Pari

"My lawyer said, 'If we can strain stand in line and sock you one, the

In Advance

Public forum will discuss expansion of MSC

By Holly Becka

Of The Battalion Staff

MSC expansion plans will be discussed during a public forum at 7 p.m. today in Rudder The-

Steve Hodge, manager of the University Center, will present expansion plans and answer questions from students and faculty

Student Body President Kevin Buchman said the public forum is an opportunity for students to express their concerns about the expansion and to receive informative, accurate answers to questions

they might have. "We are really trying to promote this," Buchman said. "The main reason for this is so students can see what is planned, and so they can ask questions. Mr. Hodge will present plans, the blueprints and talk about which trees have to be moved and which will have to be cut. A video show-ing how oak trees around the state capitol in Austin were moved will be shown, and it talks about the success rate.

"A lot of students have expressed their concerns with letters to the editor about the expansion, and I think many have questions, like why can't the build up or use the vacant lot b Cain Hall, and so on. Mr. Hodge will give honest, accurate an

Buchman said 200 student leaders were invited to the forum and asked to spread the word to their organizations. Students wanting to get involved just have to show up, he said.

two hours long, so they can come whenever they have time, said. "If they have to come late, or if they have to leave early, it's fi-

The dress is informal.

Alcohol Awareness Week events continue

Alcohol Awareness Week continue today with the t.u. challenge and an alcohol prevention and treatment seminar.

ciation, will be today from noon to 1 p.m. in room 260 of the College of Medicine. Dr. Dennis Reardon, coordinator of the Center for Drug Prevention and Education, will speak in a discussion-style presentation about alcohol prevention and treatment.

Reardon will discuss treatment efforts in schools, families and support groups around the nation. The public is invited to at-

The t.u. challenge will be 5:30

and the Student 'Y' Brazos Writers sponsor creative workshop

"Writing Without Fear," a creative writing workshop sponsored by Brazos Writers, will be at 9

Saturday's workshop is the first The workshop costs \$15.

Guest speaker will be Gwynne

'I think that everybody can write, or at least most want to," she said. "Many people get

Elledge's approach comes from a psychological theory on brain

to 8:30 tonight in the Grove following yell practice. The challenge is a competition between students at Texas A&M and the University of Texas to see who can throw the best non-alcoholic party on their campuses this week.
Festivities at the Grove will in-

clude a live performance by X-it, a mocktail mix-off, a guest speaker from the Sandstone Center and a mock funeral for Bevo. Door prizes and refreshments will be available, and there is no

cover charge.

The challenge is sponsored by MSC Hospitality, MSC Variety Show, MSC Recreation, MSC All-Night Fair, Off-Campus Aggies

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a.m. Saturday in the College Station Community Center.

that has been sponsored by the lo-cal writers' group. The public is invited, and registration is at 8:30 a.m. in the community center.

Elledge, a news editor for the Bryan-College Station Eagle. Elledge said she is interested in

trying to get people to not be afraid of writing.

blocked when they're writing.'

1982. She has worked for the Fort Worth Star Telegram, the Dallas Morning News and the Denton Record-Chronicle. Sh taught adult education courses Dallas and Denton in 1988 and 1989 on "journaling" and "will be us ing materials from the courses.

"The forum will probably be

Events for National Collegiate

The seminar, sponsored by the American Medical Students Asso-

tunctions which says the two halves of the brain work in differ-

left side is the structuring or edit ing side. When people write they never get past the first sentence because they have both sides working against each other."
Elledge said she will lead exercises that will help writers get past this. She said her presentation will include talk about journals

"The right side of the brain is the creative side," she said. "The

how to get started writing and how to keep writing. Elledge taught English and writing at the University of North Texas in Denton from 1979 to