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Commissioner whitewashes cigarette ads

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas County commissioner arrested for whitewashing a cigarette ad on a billboard says he will do it again because the ads are a threat to the health and safety of minorities.

Commissioner John Wiley Price was free on bond Monday on a charge of criminal mischief, a misdemeanor. He is accused of painting over a cigarette billboard featuring a black woman.

Price, who is black, led two dozen people who whitewashed between 25 and 30 billboards for alcohol or tobacco products on Sunday. He was handcuffed before several dozen on-lookers at the gates of Fair Park.

"We'll be back out again next Sunday," he said, vowing to do "whatever it takes" to stop tobacco and alcohol advertising targeted to minorities.

"These signs are saying that cigarettes and alcohol are acceptable," Price said. "Too many African-Americans are dying because of it."

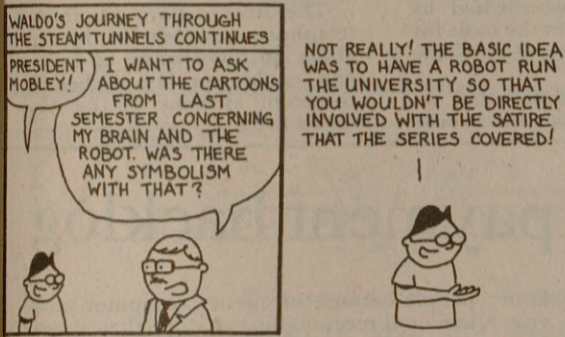
George Reynolds, president of the Dallas Outdoor Advertising Association, said sign owners and advertisers were upset by the action because they have been asked by minorities in the past to use minority models in their ads and were now being criticized for putting up the billboards at all.

"We can't win either way," Reynolds said.

Price also said the billboards violate a federal law.

"The Beautification Act of 1965 says that you shall not erect any billboards detrimental to the public safety, health and welfare," Price said. "We are at risk in terms of our safety, health and welfare."

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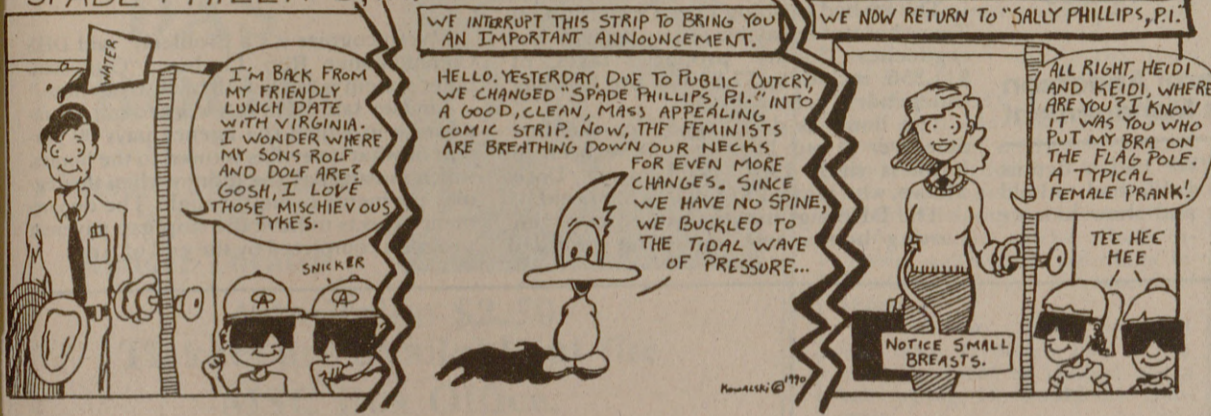


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Speaker touts use of solar energy

AUSTIN (AP) — The United States could become a world leader in solar energy, but if it fails to do so a trillion-dollar new market could fall to the Japanese, a national conference on solar power was told Monday.

"Frankly, there has been a tendency by energy companies in the past to label solar energy as a joke," warned S. David Freeman, a former White House energy adviser and current general manager of the Lower Colorado River Authority.

"If we keep this up, the joke will be on us. We will see the Japanese come in and put photovoltaic cells on our roofs and solar-powered cars on our roads," Freeman said.

Freeman heads the LCRA, which provides electric power to 33 cities and 11 cooperatives in a 41-county area of Texas. He previously was an energy adviser in the administrations of presidents Johnson, Nixon and Carter, and board

chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

His remarks came in the keynote speech opening the four-day National Solar Energy Conference, which will include presentations of a wide range of research projects, workshops and exhibitions.

Freeman told the conference that historians in the future may wonder why solar power wasn't investigated more vigorously during the late 20th century, while nations so heavily utilized such technologically difficult and environmentally risky power sources as oil and nuclear energy.

"The answer may be that modern civilization is so smart that it is dumb," he said.

"We choose to pursue the most technologically challenging path, such as the 40-year unsuccessful effort to perfect fusion power, rather than capturing the solar power that reaches the roofs of our homes without any effort by mankind."

Freeman said a solar-energy breakthrough is crucial to the survival of a high-energy civilization, particularly when U.S. oil imports are soaring and concerns are growing over global warming and other environmental problems.

"If one looks at the awesome problems posed by nuclear power, at its best, one must wonder why this nation has not long ago embarked on a 'Manhattan' type project to harness the sun," he said.

Freeman said he doesn't believe the solar industry needs the equivalent of the oil depletion allowance or other subsidies. "But we do need to be advocating pollution taxes to reduce pollution and to reduce the federal deficit," he said.

"What is needed to achieve a solar breakthrough is not so much subsidies for solar power but a fair assessment of pollution taxes to internalize the real costs to society of using fossil fuels and nuclear energy."

IN ADVANCE

CSA sponsors circus performance in front of Sbsia

The Royal Lichtenstein Quarter Ring Sidewalk Circus will perform at noon Wednesday in front of Sbsia Dining Hall.

Sponsored by the Texas A&M Catholic Student Association, the circus is a blend of theatrical artistry and circus skills. The performance will include balancing, juggling, acrobatic, animal and magic acts, narrated mime fables and clown comedy.

The Royal Lichtenstein Circus is the full-time ministry of the Rev. Nick Weber. Ordained in 1970, Weber became concerned that his theater ministry was too select in its appeal. He wanted a format that would get the attention of ordinary passersby on street corners, at shopping malls and on college campuses.

With the help of former acting students, Weber developed a touring ensemble that grew to include acrobats, jugglers, magicians, mimes, storytellers, wire-walkers and clowns.

Every performance of the circus includes a number of parables presented in comic mime format and designed to communicate human values. The production is accompanied by a 50-pipe callioli band organ.

The troupe has been performing for 17 years.

Speaker will present Panamanian viewpoint about U.S. invasion

The Texas A&M College Republicans will present "The Invasion of Panama: A Panamanian Point of View" tonight at 8:30 in 601 Rudder.

The guest speaker will be John Stephens, an A&M student who lived in Panama for 14 years.

He will attempt to offer a different perspective of the U.S. invasion and its foreign policy implications than that provided by the news media.

The presentation is free and open to the public.

Texas veterinarian volunteers skills for Alaskan sled-dog race

AMARILLO (AP) — Neither rain, sleet, snow nor charging moose keep Amarillo veterinarian Dr. Sam Reeves from his canine patients.

Reeves recently traded the Texas Panhandle flat range for the Alaskan bush country to volunteer his veterinary know-how to the 1,158-mile Iditarod Trail Sled-Dog Race.

"I was there for the start and almost until the winner finished," Reeves said.

Reeves left Amarillo on Feb. 28 to help care for the 70 sled-dog teams that participated in the Anchorage-to-Nome marathon. He returned to Amarillo last Wednesday before Susan Butcher racked up her fourth victory in the 18-year-old contest.

"There are people that won't finish for at least two or more weeks," Reeves said.

The 44-year-old veterinarian got involved in sled-dog care in 1986 when he read an article that men-

"The only ones that really started getting into trouble are not eating well enough and not drinking well enough."

The dogs are well cared for at each checkpoint, receiving hot food and a hay bed to rest off the snowy ground. The dogs ward off the sub-freezing temperatures along the trail with their heavy, furry coats. Many dogs wear "booties" on their feet to protect them from sharp ice or hard-packed snow.

If a dog lags behind or gets weak, the musher puts the dog on the sled and covers him up to ride to the next checkpoint, where the animal usually is dropped from the team, he said.

The mushers start with 20 dogs, which can drop to a minimum of seven dogs, Reeves said. Butcher finished with a team of 11 dogs.

Besides the predictable wear and tear of the cross-country trek, the mushers that took off on the northern route on March 3 had to grapple with deepest snow in 25 years, volcanic ash and an occasional ornery moose.

The moose, forced to forage in shoulder-deep snow, are especially aggressive this year, Reeves said. At least two mushers had run-ins with the huge animals, which resulted in tangled lines and stomped dogs.

Occasionally a moose will wander into the villages into the Alaskan interior, where the race is routed.

The first race was held in 1967 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the purchase of Alaska from Russia. The first race was 50 miles long and the mileage increased yearly until it reached its symbolic 1,049 miles in 1973, he said.

The route varies each year, deviating from the minimum 1,049 miles. The number takes 1,000 and adds 49 to symbolize that Alaska is the 49th state, he said.

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tioned race organizers were looking for veterinary help. Alaskan veterinarians had gotten burned out on the grueling race and organizers were looking to outside dog-care sources, Reeves explained.

"I enjoy camping and backpacking. That was one of the things that interested me about it," Reeves said.

Reeves was the only Texan of about 20 volunteer vets helping this year. In 1986, there were about 25 volunteers. The animal doctors pay their own travel fare to Anchorage and provide their own cold weather clothing. Food is provided to the veterinarians on the trail, he said.

Veterinarians meet teams at various checkpoints along the freezing trail. As each team pulls in, the doctors evaluate each dog's condition and advise the "mushers," or sled-dog drivers, on how to care for the animal.

"They're well-conditioned athletes," he said. "They're in good shape. That's what they're bred for and raised for — they love to run."

The dogs, Alaskan Sled-dogs, aren't a recognized breed. They possess Siberian Husky and Alaskan Malamute breeding, but are modified with other breeds for speed and endurance. The sled-dogs weigh about 40 pounds, smaller than the typical 60-pound Husky, he said.

One of the biggest problems the animals face along the trail is dehydration.

"Just like a person, — if they get dehydrated they can't keep going on in the race," Reeves said. "Those dogs will have to be dropped."

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Trail, on which in 1925 diphtheria serum was mushed to Nome to ward off an epidemic, he said.

The southern route, to be used next year, includes the abandoned mining village of Iditarod.

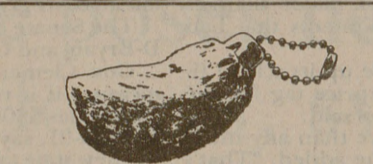
"I like the dogs and respect their athletic ability. I like the outdoors and the wilderness part of it," Reeves said of his Alaskan experiences. "I've enjoyed seeing parts of Alaska that few people get to see."

The Lubbock native, who has practiced in Amarillo for about 21 years, said he would like to return again some day.

"I have to wait and see — I'm thinking that I'd like to do it again in a few years," he said.

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