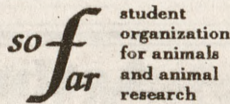


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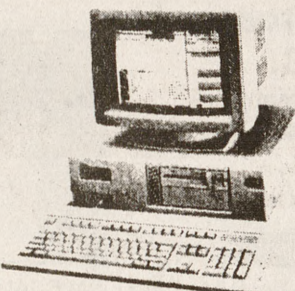
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Director says more babies have syphilis

FORT WORTH (AP) — The reported number of babies born with syphilis in Texas more than doubled in 1990, public health officials say.

The 210 cases, reported last year were more than twice as many as any other year in the last decade and up 123 percent over 1989, said Joe Pair, director of the Texas Department of Health's Sexually Transmitted Disease Control Division.

While part of the increase can be attributed to changes in national reporting methods, Pair said congenital syphilis, like the disease overall, is undoubtedly increasing nationwide and in Texas.

"Babies die needlessly from syphilis," Pair said. "It's that serious — fatal in some cases. It's a situation that doesn't have to be. Syphilis is completely and easily curable."

Pair said 42 babies with syphilis were stillborn in Texas last year.

Two cases of congenital syphilis were reported in Tarrant County in 1990, including one death, said Johnny Humphreys, public information specialist with the Fort Worth-Tarrant County Health Department.

"We have had two more already this year, and one of them has died," Humphreys said.

In 1990, Pair said, 5,165 cases of infectious syphilis (usually found in adults) were recorded in Texas — a 21 percent increase over 1989.

Environmentalists oppose construction of new airport

HOUSTON (AP) — The long-raging debate over the proposed West Side Airport is more than just a struggle over space between birds and planes, environmentalists say.

The dispute, they say, is part of a larger debate beginning to emerge over the development of the Katy Prairie, a rice-farming area west of Houston.

"Ultimately, it's a question of what kind of city Houston will be," Ted Eubanks, a former president of the Houston Audubon Society, said in describing the proposed airport and Katy Prairie debates.

The airport initially would serve only small aircraft, but it ultimately could become Houston's third major commercial aviation facility, along with Houston Intercontinental and Houston Hobby.

Environmentalists have opposed the proposed airport because it would be located west of

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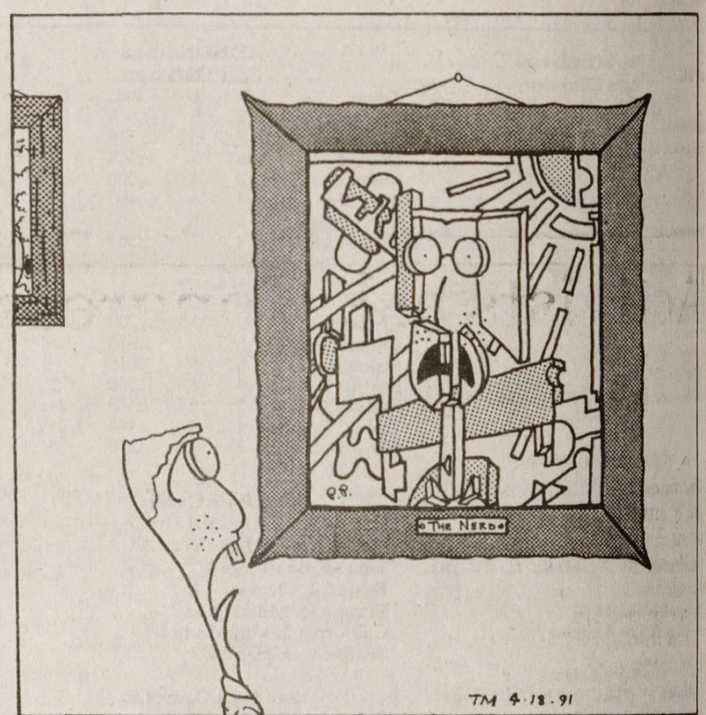


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Officials remove sunflower seeds from stores in Houston after apparent tampering

HOUSTON (AP) — For the second time in a week, Houston officials have been forced to pull an item from store shelves because of apparent product tampering.

David's Sunflower Seeds were removed from sale at locations in Houston and La Porte over the weekend after a boy found an unidentified capsule in one package.

An identifying number on the bottom left corner of the package is A231C1AO24335C. Anyone who finds a capsule should leave the package intact and call La Porte police.

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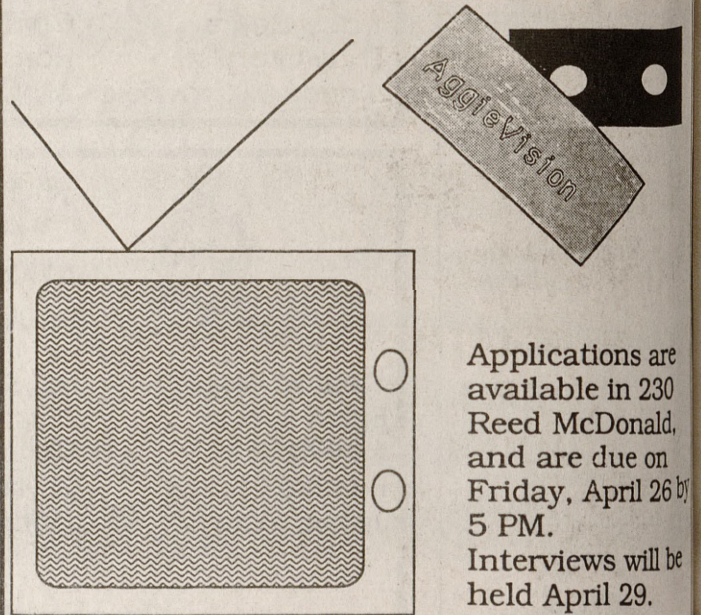
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