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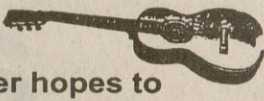


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Surgeon General denounces ads mixing alcohol, dangerous sports

WASHINGTON (AP) — Alcohol advertising that shows people racing cars or surfing ignores the fact that drinking would make those activities dangerous, said Surgeon General Antonia Novello, who Monday renewed her call to drop such ads.

"It is no coincidence that sports such as boating, swimming, skiing, surfing, car racing and mountain climbing — which have strong links to alcohol-related injuries — are the very activities glamorized in alcohol beverage

ads and promotions," she said. The ads also send the wrong message to the young, the surgeon general said at a national conference on alcohol abuse prevention.

"I have asked them to stop using any ads that lead our youth to think they can ski, swim, scuba dive or race cars better if they drink," she said.

"In short, we are doing everything we can to change the way Americans think and act with regard to the use and misuse of alcohol," she said.

This is the second time in two weeks Novello has attacked advertising she believes entices the young to engage in behavior that will hurt them.

Earlier this month, she and the American Medical Association

asked RJR Nabisco to withdraw Camel cigarette advertising featuring "Old Joe," the suave cartoon camel used to promote the brand.

And this isn't the first time she's criticized alcohol advertising.

In December she met with executives of the country's leading beer, wine and distilled spirits companies to complain about underage drinking.

Afterward, they issued a statement saying the meeting "took place in a spirit of mutual concern and cooperation."

The advertising didn't change.

Novello said that people who drink too much have accidents: They fall, get shot or drown. They also can get violent, she said.



Antonia Novello

B-CS residents favor prison

Proposed facility to create 810 jobs in local community

By Alysia Woods
 The Battalion

An overwhelming majority of Bryan-College Station residents at a meeting Monday night said they are in favor of building a state prison in Bryan.

In an effort to answer questions that local citizens might have concerning the proposed prison, the Bryan-College Station Economic Development Corporation — which initiated the proposal over a year ago — invited the public to the Brazos Center to voice their concerns.

If Bryan is selected for the new prison site, it would create

810 jobs in the area and an anticipated 217 "spin off" jobs. Construction is estimated at \$80 million with an annual payroll of \$17 million.

The proposed site for the 720,000 square-foot facility is the Bryan Business Park at the intersection of FM 2818 and Sandy Point Road. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice will select the site for the prison April 10 from among 47 Texas cities. The prison will be built in 1996 or 1997.

Politicians present at the hearing who favor Bryan's proposal included state Sen. Jim Turner, state Rep. Steve Ogden, Bryan Mayor Marvin Tate and College

Station Mayor Larry Ringer.

In the hearing, Tate outlined the importance of the 25,000 bed prison.

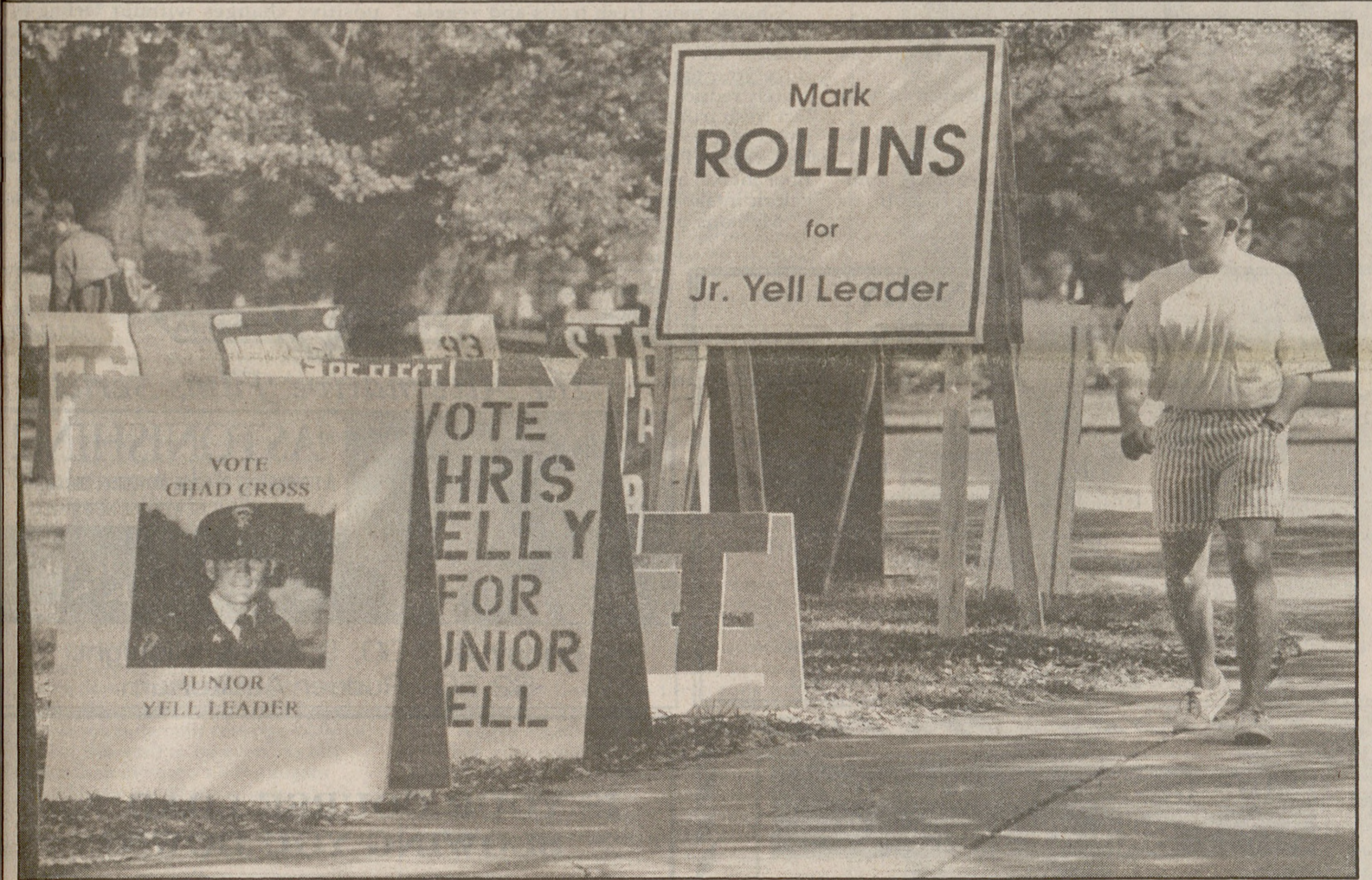
"It's unfortunate that we need to build more prisons," Tate said. "But by building the prison, we can meet the needs of Brazos County citizens."

Sen. Turner said crime in Texas is expected to increase and a prison would help solve overcrowding problems.

"There is no reason to fear a prison," Turner said. "Texas must have additional prisons."

Citizens who came to the hearing were asked at the door

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DARRIN HILL/The Battalion

Signs of the times

Jim Skelton, a junior bio-medical engineer from Katy, reads campaign signs outside Sbis on Monday. Student elections will

be held on April 1-2. A voter's guide outlining candidates' platforms will be published by The Battalion next Tuesday.

Tapes provide no evidence in plane crash

Death toll climbs to 26; rescuers search for last missing passenger

NEW YORK (AP) — A quick evaluation of the cockpit voice recorder yielded no clues on the crash of a USAir jetliner at La Guardia Airport, a federal official said Monday. At least 26 people were killed.

John Lauber, a spokesman for the National Transportation Safety Board, told a news conference Monday evening that investigators had listened to the recorder, one of two retrieved Monday from the wreckage of Flight 405.

"At this point there's nothing that leaps out based on that very quick listen," Lauber said of the initial review of the voice recorder.

He said officials were trying to learn whether ice had built up on the plane's wings before Sunday night's crash.

It had been de-iced twice, the last time about 30 minutes before it took off in a snowstorm Sunday night.

Twenty-four of the 51 people aboard the plane were injured.

The body of the last of those

killed was pulled from the wreckage by divers late Monday, said Sgt. Mary Wrensen, a police spokeswoman.

Rescuers on Monday braved smoldering fire, rising tide and falling snow, but found only bodies — some still strapped in the seats. The survivors had waded ashore.

As the grim collection wound down, it appeared luck was all that separated the dead from the 24 injured survivors of Flight 405. One passenger was missing.

"I was amazed so many people survived," said Fire Capt. John Kurtz. "There were bodies burnt to a crisp and bodies cut in half, and then there were people walking around."

The survivors suffered injuries ranging from minor to severe burns in Sunday night's crash.

Survivors included Richard Lawson, who plays Lucas Barnes on the television soap "All My Children." He escaped from a

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State Bar streamlines grievance processes

By Reagon Clamon
 The Battalion

A change in the way the State Bar of Texas handles grievances against lawyers may make the process quicker and more personal says a local attorney.

The new rules require a mandatory hearing within a certain time period for all complaints sent to the State Bar.

Chris Kling, a former chairman of the local State Bar grievance committee, feels the changes were needed.

"Anything that will speed up the process is a good thing," Kling said. "Grievances and complaints tended to drag on for a long, long time."

The new rules were adopted by a statewide vote from Texas lawyers in fall 1990 and will go into effect May 1.

Presently, the State Bar decides which cases will receive a hearing, and there is no limit on how long a grievance can be drawn out.

Kling said the mandatory hear-

ings would lift the veil of secrecy that many people perceive in the workings of the State Bar's grievance process.

"There used to be two levels of complaints," he said. "One was called inquiry, and those were complaints from the client to the grievance committee that, in the opinion of the committee, did not rise to the level of a violation of the code."

Kling said these complaints, which included neglect or failure to communicate with clients, were handled on an informal basis. If the committee didn't feel the complaint deserved a hearing, then the case was dropped.

"I think that proceeding left some people with the idea that it was being handled in secret and that they didn't have a fair representation of their side of the situation," Kling said.

The new mandatory hearing rule will have the most drastic effect on the grievance system, Steve Young, the first assistant to General Council of the State Bar of

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WRITE IDEA Writing Center offers free consultation, tutoring

By Sharon Gilmore
 The Battalion

Students can get help on anything from class work to resumes, from speeches to dissertations at the Writing Center.

The center, located on the second floor of the Blocker Building, offers resources, free writing consultation and tutoring to help students improve their work.

Students are not required to be enrolled in an English course to use the center, said Kay Walter, a co-director of the facility. Students who come to the center are not necessarily having a lot of problems in their classes, she said.

"A lot of students come in because they may have a brilliant idea about an essay," she said. "Our underlying ideal is to make

independent writers."

Gary Floden, co-director of the program, said papers that students bring in are not just scanned over.

"We don't simply pick out all the wrong things," said Floden, a Ph.D. student in literature.

Instead, students are taught when to use certain grammar so they can do it themselves, he said.

One student said she has used the center since she was a freshman. Kelly Kutac, a sophomore education major, said she has raised several grades to A's with work and help from the center.

"It is a really good program, and it can help you a lot with your papers," Kutac said.

Valerie Balester, assistant professor of English, tutors and advises graduate students working at the center. Balester, who also



Molly Mukherjee, right, instructs Elizabeth Ulvestad in a writing lab.

teaches the graduate course that trains writing instructors, said the center will operate only during the first summer session because of budget concerns.

"We won't be able to stay open for second session because of funds," Balester said. "The center just doesn't have the money."

For the future, Balester said she hopes to start writing groups from different classes that will meet on a regular bases in order to become better writers.

"It helps everybody to have their work read," she said.

The center is open to students five days a week from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students can go by the center in room 249 Blocker and reserve a time on the sign-up sheet located in the hallway.