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Fourth

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she said. Seale, who said she injured her leg as a child after setting a firework off backwards, will instead enjoy the fireworks that the families who live in the area set off.

Seale said she has some advice for students who chose to ignite their own: "Don't do it if you're going to be drinking, and watch where you're aiming it."

In the United States, 8,800 people were treated for fireworks-related injuries in 2002, according to the National Council on Fireworks Safety.

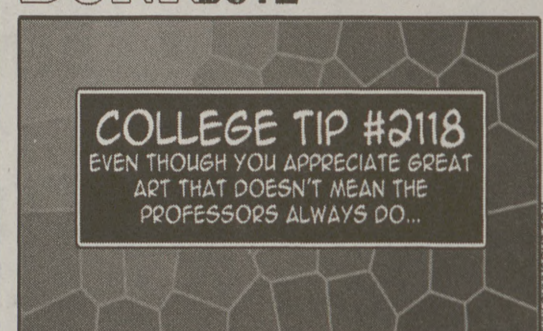
Essentially all fireworks are allowed in Texas, except for small rockets, according to the Council. Consumers must be 12 years old to buy them, and vendors are allowed to sell them June 24 to July 4 and Dec. 20 to Jan. 1.

In some states, including Arizona, Georgia, New York, Massachusetts and New Jersey, consumers are prohibited from possessing any type of firework, according to the Council.

The College Station Noon Lions Club's Annual "I Love America 4th of July Celebration" will feature entertainment starting at 5:30 p.m. and fireworks starting at 9:40 p.m. at the George Bush Presidential Library grounds.

The West Campus Garage will offer free parking beginning at noon.

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Espanol, a national online clearinghouse for Spanish educational publications.

After learning Spanish as a child in Maracaibo, Venezuela, Watson earned two post-graduate degrees from A&M before becoming an Extension employee in 1992. He is currently responsible for editing all of the Extension Spanish language publications.

Extension en Espanol also won the ACE Beacon award five days before Watson left for Washington, D.C.

"Probably what I'm most proud of is helping other people see their mission is not only local but national as well," Watson said. "This is a national audience we have to serve and no state can do that by itself."

Watson said that being bilingual is a good way to get a leg up in an increasingly international professional arena.

"Speaking English and French isn't always a plus," Watson said. "But knowing English and Spanish opens up doors and opportunities you wouldn't have otherwise."

While she doesn't speak but a small amount of French, Ritter agrees that multilingual applicants have an edge.

"If I had to do it all over again, I'd be sure I was bilingual before I got out of college," Ritter said. "When we hire, we generally prefer that they are able to speak languages. The more people you have around here that are bilingual, the better you are."

Both Ritter and Watson said their respective projects are still on an upswing.

"When we started (Extension en Espanol) in 1996, the Internet wasn't mature enough for it," said Watson of the program, which has been online since April of 2003. "I didn't have the kind of experience needed. Now, geographical separation is no longer meaningful."

RadioSource.net has been active for years.

"Both of these programs are relatively new and we're just getting started," Ritter said. "As they mature and become more effective, they might gain further recognition. USDA has placed great emphasis on international communication."

Ritter said being recognized nationally, exciting, is not the pinnacle of achievement.

"We're very proud — in terms of achievement. It's an important thing to be recognized by the USDA," Ritter said. "But it's the folks at home (that) you work for."

NACE

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issues," Boerema said. "The fairness with which they (Principles for Professional Conduct Committee) have approached issues has earned a great deal of respect among colleagues."

The award was presented to Turner at the NACE national meeting in Orlando, Fla. earlier this month.

Turner served as NACE regional director of the Southwest Association of Colleges and Employers from 1999-2001 and as a vice president of colleges from 2001-2003.

Mark Weichold, dean of undergraduate programs and associate provost said, Turner's achievement in receiving the award reflects her leadership at the University and also on a national level.

"We are very proud of the fact that she received the award," said Weichold. "The award reflects well on her as well as the Career Center at A&M."

Boerema said Turner spent countless hours devoted to NACE including many evenings and weekends.

"It is reflective of her dedication to the Career Center, the campus and the students of Texas A&M," Boerema said. "Dr. Turner is well-deserving of this award and her staff in the Career Center is proud of her."

Heller

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in 1986.

One local engineer, James Batenhorst, received Brazos chapter Young Engineer of the Year award in 2003. That same year, he earned his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from A&M.

"It meant a lot to me. It shocked me that my brother thought that much of me," said Batenhorst, who currently works for Mitchell & Morgan, LLP in College Station.

Award winners are chosen by other TSPE members. Award winners are chosen by other TSPE members, said Tim Robertson, a professional engineer with O'Malley Engineers in Brenham and 2003-2004 president of Brazos TSPE chapter.

"It's a great individual recognition for a young engineer early in his career," Robertson said. "It shows that peers have a lot of respect and admiration for his abilities as an engineer."

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