



Some sat on grassy knoll as overflow crowd observed Fourth of July festivities at Cessna Stadium

Despite Heat, Traffic, 35,000 Flock to See 'Concert in the Sky'

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The "Concert in the Sky" began on the ground, under a blazing Kansas July sun.

By dusk, the massive Fourth of July celebration had filled Wichita State University's Cessna Stadium to capacity — an estimated 35,000 people inside and several thousand outside the stadium on a grassy knoll to the south. Still more people arrived later, tying up parking and traffic for blocks around the stadium.

The third annual concert and fireworks display was sponsored by WSU, KAKE Television and Radio, and Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers. The event was a carefully executed, precise, smoothly-timed extravaganza.

Crowds began to arrive early and gates were opened at 5 p.m., an hour earlier than planned.

ICE CHESTS, sunglasses, shorts, suntan lotion and cushions were the order of the day, all aimed at making the 100-degree weather more bearable. One spectator brought his own kite and was roundly cheered as he got it off the ground. The crowd was divided into sun-lovers on the east and those in the shade on the west. Through much of the afternoon, the sun-lovers were outnumbered. By 6:30 p.m., the west side of the stadium was filled and all the seats in the shade were taken. The east side filled later.

The celebration began with music from the Old Times, three Wichitans who specialize in Grand Old Opry-style music. Everett Fidler was playing a fiddle he made himself this year.

At the other end of the field, Paul Austin was making last-minute adjustments on a massive fireworks display which would explode, crackle, throw sparks and light high in the air when darkness fell. Included in the display was a near life-sized rendition of the Keeper of the Plains, the Black Bear Bison sculpture located at the Mid-America All-Indian Center.

AS THE SHOW rolled on and the crowd continued to grow, Austin, owner of Austin Fireworks Inc., said he had begun work on the display three months ago and had put several hundred manhours into it. The display

was triggered electronically, in coordination with music.

Gene Rump, master of ceremonies and KAKE television broadcaster, said he was pleased with the smoothness of the show but added that he was already planning next year's show.

"We wanted dancers and motion and color all over the field," he said, but the grass is new and Ted Bredehoft (WSU athletic director) asked that we not get out on it," Rump said.

"Next year," Rump said, watching the program unfold, "next year, it will be bigger and better. I've already started planning."

Rump's next comment was drowned out by a massive explosion. Austin's rockets had begun to speak. And the show that everyone wanted so long to see was beginning.



Staff Photos by John Freeman

'FLOWER THE CLOWN' AND SON Amuse Crowd at Cessna Stadium

Past Prosecutor of Sex Offenders Represents Rapp Parlor Clients

By L. DAVID HARRIS
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Almost two years ago, Steve Joseph, former assistant district attorney, authored a resolution that put massage parlors out of business in Sedgewick County.

But county resolutions don't apply in the city of Wichita.

Now in private legal practice, Joseph recently represented persons associated with a rapp parlor, also referred to as the School of Venus Rapp Parlor, 1217 S. Seneca. The rapp parlor, since its opening about two months ago, has benefited from loopholes in the city's ordinances relating to sex-related businesses and activities.

Joseph, who entered private practice Feb. 1, confirmed in an interview that he has represented two persons arrested at the rapp parlor. They were Bertha J. Parmenter, 23, arrested June 20 and 23 on prostitution charges, and Garry Davis, 21, arrested with Parmenter June 23 and charged with promoting prostitution.

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HEW Raps Care Home Inspections

TOPEKA (AP) — A report by the federal Health, Education and Welfare Department is critical of the nursing home inspection program in Kansas.

However, state secretary of health and environment Dwight Metzler says the federal agency's survey does not make valid comparisons.

The HEW report, which became public Tuesday, alleges that state inspectors fail to find deficiencies that federal inspectors find in checking the same nursing homes.

The federal report also says that the state inspectors are giving the nursing homes only cursory inspections, spending only about half the time that federal inspectors do.

Metzler said the federal inspections come four to six months after the state inspections.

It is impossible to compare survey findings on inspections that were conducted from four to six months apart," Metzler said.

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Metzler's response to the federal report was contained in the report.

Gov. Robert Bennett has made personal nursing home inspections since he became governor. At last count, he had inspected about 30 nursing homes in the state.

IN GENERAL, the governor has said he believes that Kansas nursing home inspection program is producing better-operated homes for the elderly and for persons once confined to mental institutions.

"Many deficiencies identified by the federal specialists were based on conditions which were relatively long standing, or should not have changed between the two surveys," HEW said in countering Metzler's response. "The number of differences between the federal and state surveys was substantial in every case," the federal report said.

"WE FIND INTERESTING the department's comments that conditions in nursing facilities can change drastically within a short period of time."

The HEW survey covered 16 Kansas nursing homes, while the state inspections more than 200.

The federal sample survey was conducted between February and May 1977.

Some federal funds go toward the care of some persons confined to the nursing homes. The state Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services pays for the care of some welfare clients, and part of that money comes from HEW.

Haysville Teachers Told to Veto Contract

By MARK COWING
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The Haysville Education Association is urging its returning teachers not to sign their contracts for next year.

"Signing the board's contract would be like signing a blank check," said Evelyn Clark, chairman of the association's negotiations committee.

During a news conference Monday,

Firefighters Kept Busy On Fourth

After fire officials had said Monday that the number of fireworks-related fires was less than normal this Fourth of July, firefighters were hit by a barrage of reports that kept them moving from one grass fire to another most of Tuesday.

At least 50 grass fires in Wichita and Sedgewick County had been reported by late Tuesday evening, and city dispatchers said they were sobusy they couldn't provide a complete list. More than 150 grass fires had been reported since last Thursday.

Last year, city officials reported 58 fireworks-related fires and the county reported 138 such fires.

Here is a partial list of the grass fires reported to the county fire department Tuesday:

- 4800 S. Grove
- 217 N. West Road
- Roadside park, 4200 N. Broadway
- 77th Street West and 42nd Street South
- 1/2 mile South of MacArthur Road and Ridge
- 26th Street North and Hoover Road
- 4200 N. Broadway
- 4200 N. Broadway
- 4200 N. Broadway
- 32nd Street North and Woodland
- 27th Street North and West Road
- 200 Boulevard and Hoover Road
- 40th Street North and Broadway
- 4040 Tarrinton
- 4000 N. Broadway
- 81st Street South and Del Vista
- 43rd Street South and Hydraulic
- 4000 Old Lawrence Road
- 4200 N. Broadway
- 26th Street North and Ridge Road
- 4200 N. Broadway
- Near Freeman School
- 4200 N. Broadway
- 11th Street North and West Street
- 500 Circle Lake
- 12th Street North and Hoover Road
- 142nd Street East and Central
- 12th Street North and 14th Street East
- 7340 W. Central
- 47th Street South and West Road
- 19th Street East and Kellogg
- 71st Street North and the Big Ditch
- 20th Street North and Seneca
- 2001 E. MacArthur
- 52nd Street South and Rock Road

Among fires reported in Wichita were:

- Armstrong and 30th Street North
- 28th Street North
- 154th N. Poplar
- 154th Street North and Gordon
- 1125 and Seneca
- 8th Street North and Sitterstreet
- 5700 S. Hydraulic

she implored her fellow teachers instead to go back to work under the terms of last year's contract.

Clark read a statement in behalf of 25 supporters squeezed into the Haysville Community Library, charging the board with an "arrogant attitude."

Even if that strategy fails, a strike (See HAYSVILLE, 4C, Col. 6)

'You Sure He's from Wichita? He Has Shoes On'

Big Ed ("Heeeeere's Johnny!") McMahon lost his limousine and went running out into the middle of Market Street in downtown Wichita, trying to hitch a ride Sunday afternoon.

Later still, Dan (the congressman) Glickman took a turn as an auctioneer, helping to sell a hot air balloon.

And so it went Sunday, from crisis to comedy, as the conflict-infested Muscular Dystrophy Association program at Towne East Square managed to wind down very successfully.

"This was the single most convoluted thing I've ever been involved with," said Cheri Morris, the Towne East marketing director who put the program together. Cheri wasn't able to do any major relief-sighing until the whole show ended Sunday night, because problems persisted almost to the end.

After Jerry Lewis was canceled Friday because GASP had threatened to protest his smoking during the program, Towne



Bob Getz

East developer Melvin Simon quickly rounded up Henry Winkler as a replacement.

Complications set in, however, when Cheri found it impossible to get Winkler to the shopping center on time for a scheduled 2 p.m. television show with McMahon and KAKE's Gene Rump.

At 2 p.m., McMahon and Rump went on with the show, and it was announced to a huge crowd that the Forz wouldn't appear until 5 p.m.

So people left, having a couple of hours to kill. McMahon was driven back to his room downtown in the Wichita Royale.

And then Cheri Morris' phone rang. Winkler was at the Wichita airport and on his way to Towne East.

People started hopping. Cheri phoned the Wichita Royale, catching McMahon just as he was heading through the lobby to go to his room.

"Henry Winkler is on his way out here to Towne East," Cheri explained. "Could you get back in the limo and come right back out here, Ed? Please?"

McMahon said he'd be right out, except he didn't have the limo anymore. It had gone to pick somebody else up after dropping him off.

Anyway, McMahon hung up, dashed right out into the middle of Market Street, and while his security men started having fits, he tried to flag down a ride.

He was explaining his plight to a befuddled old man in a pickup truck when a taxi came to the rescue.

Winkler's and McMahon's afternoon appearance was short. Then, that night, they



Winkler



McMahon

were the guests of honor at a Grand Ball and celebrity auction in the heart of the shopping center.

McMahon: "We've got two 10-speed bikes here and a shirt autographed by Olympic champion Bruce Jenner. What do I hear? Okay, I got \$180 — Bruce Jenner would be so proud. \$225 — I got 225, 225 — 300! I got \$300! And they said there was no money in Wichita."

Needing his primarily wealthy audience and wheeling away ("Are you sure he's

from Wichita? He has shoes on"), McMahon was the life of the repartee.

Glickman took over to auction a hot air balloon. He seemed to be doing just fine when he turned to McMahon and asked, "Ed? Can you help me?"

Said Ed: "This is the first time I've ever had to help a congressman get money." Winkler volunteered to "do" the Forz, though he's said before that he has difficulty getting into character when he isn't in costume, his hair slicked back.

After stumbling awkwardly through a little ad libbing, he switched to a short, dramatic routine from a "Happy Days" script, getting a little more into character. But he couldn't do Gene Cagney or Bogart, and the crowd, in its good mood, would've loved it.

Then, after the ball was over, after the break of dawn and after the money was counted, Muscular Dystrophy, thanks a great deal to Winkler and McMahon, had \$78,499.40 — well over the \$50,000 goal.

