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**'X-Files' meets N. Texas Skeptics: The truth is doubt there**

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Good morning. And, please, if you think it's hot, keep it to yourself. We get the picture.

Now, let's dip into today's steaming bowl of metromenudo :

\* THE X DENIALS - You knew it was just a matter of time until the local doubters, the North Texas Skeptics, took a swipe at The X-Files, the feel-goofy movie of the summer. I love the TV show, but that movie just wasn't eerie enough even though FBI Agent Fox Mulder got in a car in Dallas, drove about 15 minutes beyond the outskirts of the city and declared that he was at the Mexican border. If the NAFTA people could find that FBI time warp, we could save a lot of money on I-35 reconstruction.

At Saturday's Skeptics meeting, the topic is "The Truth Is NOT Out There!" - the TV show's catch phrase is "The truth is out there!" (The meeting is at 2 p.m. at the Center for Community Cooperation, 2900 Live Oak St. Call 972-306-3187. )

Meanwhile, in the current issue of the group's newsletter, editor John Blanton, discussing belief in the paranormal, suggests that people post the following "reality list" on their TV sets: "(1) The X-Files is fiction. (2) The people on Star Trek are actors. (3) Yoda {the wise Star Wars alien} is a Muppet."

\* COOL MUSIC IN THE CITY - Dallas' Old City Park is hosting a special program Saturday with a fan exhibit that shows "how men and women in the 1800s kept their cool." Coincidentally, the musical act in the park gazebo that day will be the Dallas Czech Concert Orchestra. Sit in front of the tubas, enjoy the breeze. . . . Reliable source Jim Ratcliff reports that Cole Porter 's work will get a finely tuned tapping July 17-19 when the downtown Dallas First United Methodist Church presents its summer musical, Anything Goes. Jim, by the way, will portray nondancing Bishop Henry T. Dobson. Admission is free (but they'll pass the plate). Child care is free, too. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. for each performance. Phyllis Cummins of the church's music and arts ministries says, "There's a lot of tap dancing. They've been practicing like crazy." Ah, the heels are alive with the sound of music.

\* CLASS ACTS - Sunset High School's Class of '43 will celebrate its 55-year reunion Saturday and Sunday at the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas. Also invited are the Classes of '44 and '45 and "any other Bisons from any other years." (Call reunion organizers at 972-438-1983. ) . . . Sue Jennings King says the Samuell High Class of '62 has three informal breakfast gatherings - sort of shoot-the-breeze sessions - scheduled this year. The next is at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Circle Grill, Buckner Boulevard at I-30. Others are scheduled Sept. 12 and Nov. 7. (Call 214-503-1265. ) . . . Steve Yarbrough says the Woodrow Wilson Class of '68 30-year reunion is scheduled July 18 at Stan's Blue Note. (Call 214-368-1097. ) . . . Remember, if you don't go to your reunion, people who talk about you may get the facts wrong. Maybe you're in Congress, but they're saying you ran away with the circus. There's a difference - a slight one.

\* CURBSIDE PATRIOTISM - During the Fourth of July weekend, reliable source Louise Eiseman spotted some star-spangled glory. Someone had planted hundreds of small American flags throughout a North Dallas neighborhood. Who did it? The answer is Mona Biskamp, veteran residential real estate agent with Henry S. Miller Co. "We put out about 500 or 600 every year. We flag the neighborhood!" she says of the area just west of the Dallas North Tollway and south of Royal Lane. "People really seem to appreciate it. It looks so wonderful to see all those flags waving." So, how does she plant the 2-foot-tall flagpoles? "My husband {Bill} is an angel. He uses a pencil sharpener so the poles have a point and we can stick 'em in the ground."

\* CRITTER CRISIS - About a year ago two Doberman puppies came romping through Sande Cawthon 's Oak Cliff neighborhood and, soft heart that she is, she took them in temporarily. Temporarily may have exhausted itself. The dogs have been living in a yard too small for them, Sande says, so she's looking for the perfect people to adopt Toba and Meggie , a brother and sister who weigh about 90 pounds each, are "fixed" and are healthy. (Call 214-948-8777. ) You'll have to pass a rigorous audition. Says Sande, "I've become very close to these pups - I love them enough to let them go. But don't even bother to call me unless you're prepared to take them together, make them inside-outside dogs and take care of them for life in a loving home." Those, of course, ought to be the rules for all dog adoptions.

\* GOD BLESS ROY ROGERS - My buckaroospouse, Martha , was in a grocery store in Waxahachie the day after Roy Rogers died. She called me on her cell phone and, with a catch in her voice, told me she'd just overheard "something really touching." A couple of middle-aged guys - men of different races - were talking as they restocked a bin. One said, "You know, a hero of mine died yesterday" and the other responded softly, "Yeah, a hero of mine died yesterday, too." Roy Rogers - King of ALL the Cowboys.

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