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On the other side of this bridge a new park is being built for the enjoyment of College Station residents. Tennis courts are one of the main attractions to be featured in the new park, located behind Sundance Apartments on Highway 30.

ERA, abortion attacked at rally

United Press International
FORT WORTH — The message of the Family Rights Rally was clear, as speakers emphasized concerns that legal abortions and the Equal Rights Amendment are leading to the destruction of the American family tradition.

Rep. Clay Smothers, D-Dallas, likened the mass suicide in Guyana, in which many mothers administered cyanide to their children, to the thousands of abortions performed in the United States each year.

The ultra-conservative black lawmaker was disturbed more blacks did not support conservative causes and said liberals hold blacks in a "Jimmy Jones-like grip," a reference to the minister who led more than 900 Peoples Temple members in their bizarre suicide rite.

Smothers was among several persons, including anti-Equal Rights Amendment spokeswoman Phyllis Schlafly, who addressed the Saturday rally, which was attended by several thousand conservatively-dressed, mostly middle-age whites.

Calling abortion the mass murder of the unborn, Smothers said it "is no different from a mother feeding her child cyanide."

"Sometimes I weep," Smothers said, "when I see my people led against movements like this," referring to the anti-ERA, "pro-family" rally.

Schlafly, national head of Stop-ERA, received two standing ovations when she urged political pressure be applied to state legislators in an attempt to force lawmakers to rescind ratification of the ERA.

"Feminism has nothing to do with femininity," she said. "Feminism is a synonym for the women's liberation movement. I would suggest to

you the women's liberation movement is a particularly contagious disease."

She blamed the women's rights movement for "a new narcissism which is not compatible with motherhood and is not compatible with family life."

To loud cheers, she said "Yes, feminism is anti-family. ERA will not put women in the Constitution. It doesn't even mention women. It puts 'sex' in the Constitution — they forgot about women."

Schlafly said "ERA would, if ratified, be the vehicle for achievement of the anti-family goals of the women's liberation movement." She said homosexuals and bureaucrats intended to join in taking "control of converting us to the unisex society."

Dr. Carolyn Gerster of Arizona, president of National Right to Life, said euthanasia was the next step in a master plan of abortion advocates.

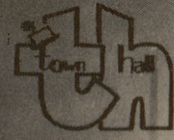
"The official body count last year was 1.3 million," she said. "Euthanasia has followed abortion as night follows day."

People from throughout the Southwest attended the rally, including those from Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

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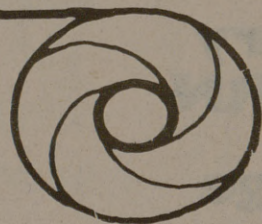
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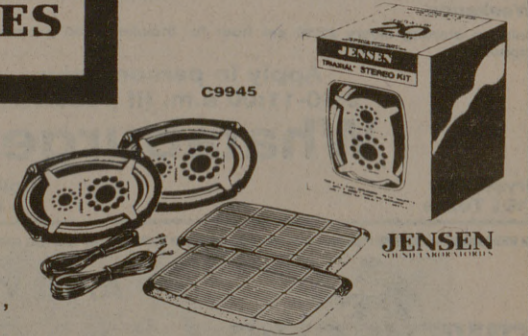
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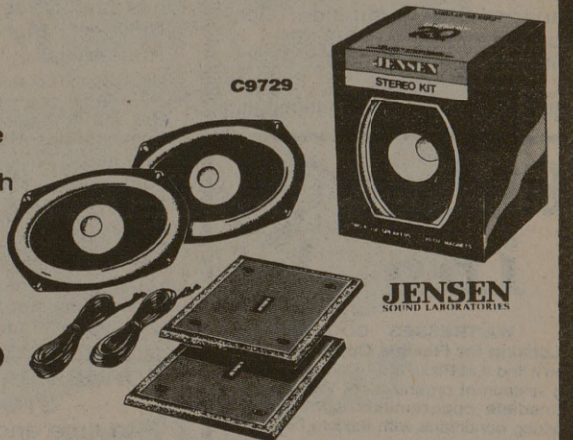
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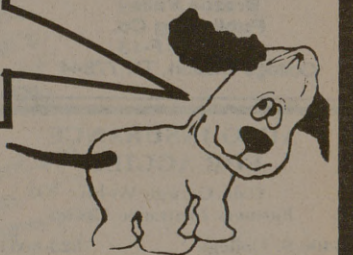
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