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Church-goer
wants to halt
Kiss concert

United Press International
LUBBOCK — A Trinity Church member, who says music by the rock group Kiss is "straight out sex with perversion," is trying to halt a scheduled Halloween concert, but is getting little cooperation from the city's youth.
Tickets for the Oct. 31 performance are "very brisk this far in advance," an employee at a ticket outlet said. "This show looks like an easy sell-out, just like the last one."
But Larry Goff, who says he has heard from hundreds of parents who

"really seem to be upset," says his campaign against the concert will continue.
"Everyone at the church was alarmed when they read Kiss was coming," Goff said Monday. "The church community is getting fed up with these types of bands."
Goff said he knows a girl who was backstage at a previous Kiss performance to observe a blood sacrifice and the group's request to Satan's demons to help them in "getting their show right."
A public relations representative

for Kiss in New York said she had not heard the rumors concerning the rock group, but added, "It's all so ridiculous, I can't believe it."
"This has come up before and I'm sure it will again," said Julie Steigman of The Press Office. "I don't know how people will believe something like this without even checking it out."
Kiss' act, which consists of loud music, extravagant costumes, stage makeup and a \$2 million light and sound show, is "just an act and a very successful one," Steigman said.

Bank reopens under
new name, charter

United Press International
HOUSTON — The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. doesn't yet know how broke the American National Bank was at the time it failed, but says depositors have nothing to worry about other than getting used to their bank's new name — American Bank.
"Everything has run very smoothly," cashier and vice president Arista Burda, one of the new owners, said Monday when the bank opened under a state charter and the new name.
Burda said the change did not affect the bank's 5,100 depositors, whose \$12 million in deposits were protected by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.
"The money is still here. It's just a name change. Everything is insured and protected and it's just a change to a new bank charter," she said.
Burda said American National Bank, which federal officials said had suffered from management and uncollected loan problems, was bought at federal auction Friday by a group led by new President David Wilson.
The bank was declared insolvent and closed by federal authorities last week.
Estimates were the bank had lost \$1.9 million on roughly 500 loans.
"At the time the bank failed, it was not in the red to that extent," an FDIC spokesman said. "We don't

know just exactly how broke the bank was and we won't know until we finish an evaluation."
Wilson's group paid \$2.8 million, a capital investment figure unrelated to the \$12 million in deposits and obtained a state charter during the weekend, Burda said.
"I think they could have received a national charter if they'd asked for one," the FDIC spokesman said. "I think their reserve requirements would have been a little higher. Perhaps that was the reason they went the state route."
The FDIC spokesman said the deposits would continue to be federally insured.
"The deposits are the same as they were on Friday. If anyone has any checks in transit in the clearing system they'll go through and the new bank will honor them," the spokesman said.
"The bad assets that we think might give some trouble are acquired by FDIC. Our liquidators are going to be here as long as it's necessary to endeavor to collect those bad loans."
The Office of the U.S. Comptroller of the Currency closed the bank, chartered in 1970 as American National Bank and changed in 1977 to American National Bank, saying the financial institution had struggled with management problems from the beginning.

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Gasoline tax increase discussed

Highway fund bolstered

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AUSTIN — A special state committee Tuesday transferred \$31.4 million from the state's general revenue fund to bolster a sagging highway fund, and two top state leaders

said the tax on gasoline may need to be increased to bring in additional revenue for road construction and maintenance.
Gov. Bill Clements and Lt. Gov. William P. Hobby, along with a rep-

resentative of Comptroller Bob Spelling, agreed to transfer the highway department in accordance with a highway construction program previously approved by the Legislature.
But assistant comptroller Robert Spellings noted the \$31.4 million shortfall in funding for the highway department resulted from a decrease in state revenue from gasoline taxes and a sharp but temporary decrease in revenue from motor vehicle registrations.
Spellings said the state's revenue from motor vehicle registrations was about \$24 million less than anticipated in fiscal 1979 because many drivers chose to renew license plates for 18 months instead of a shorter period when a new staggered renewal plan went into effect.
"The other \$7 million deficit is the direct result of the gasoline shortage last summer and decreased consumption," Spellings said.
Clements said he is opposed to an increase in the 5-cent per gallon gasoline tax rate, but said he will urge the Legislature in the future to base the tax on a percentage of the gasoline cost rather than on a flat fee per gallon.
Gasoline prices have tripled since the last increase in the state gasoline tax.
Asked if the shortage of funds for highway construction indicated a need for an increase in the gasoline tax, Hobby replied, "Yes, I think there is a good case for raising the gasoline tax now. Five cents per gallon is at least 2 cents lower than other states."
He said he would have no objection to Clements' proposal to base the gasoline tax on the cost of fuel.



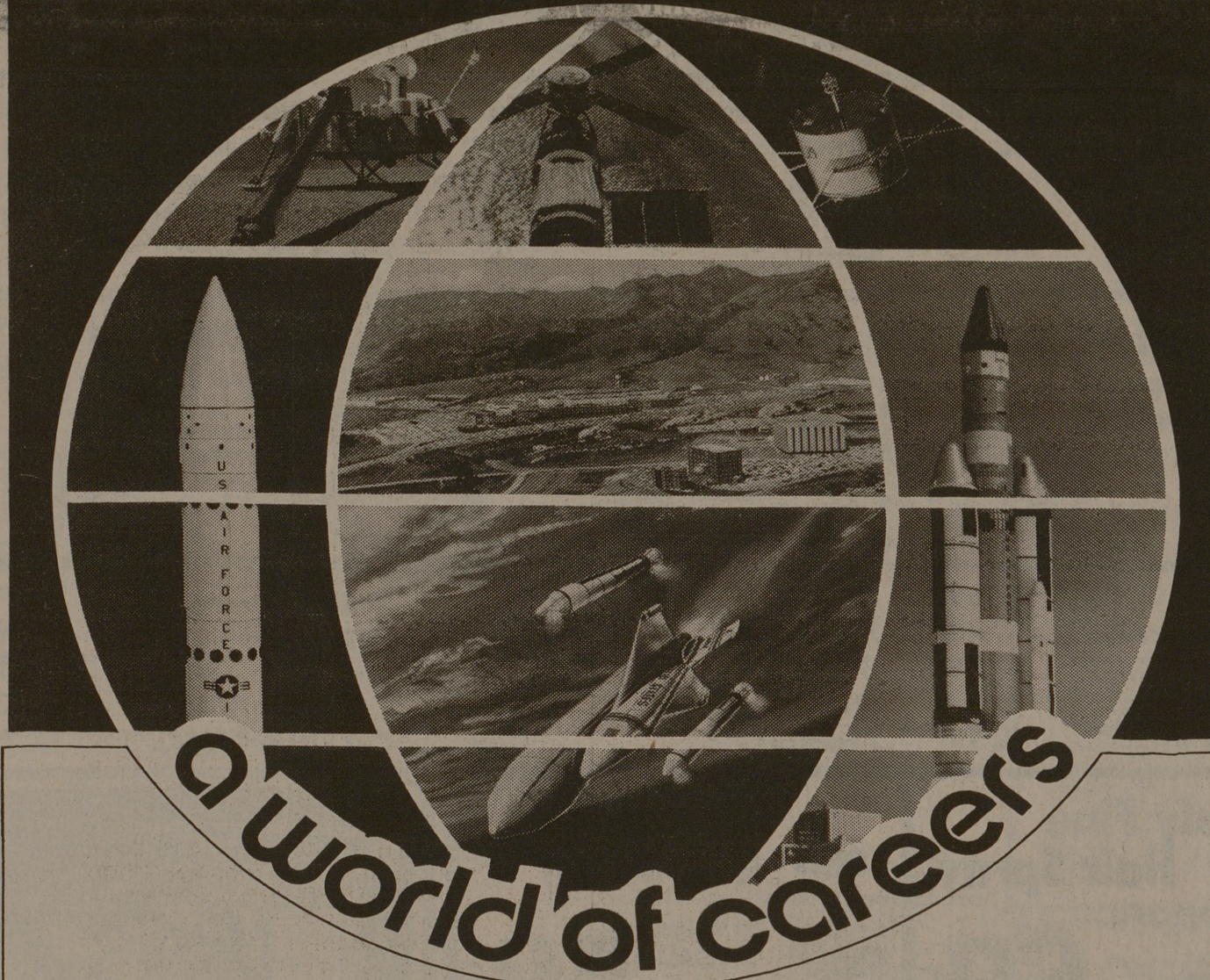
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