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## 2 teachers groups join, fight union

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AUSTIN — Two teacher organizations opposed to collective bargaining announced Wednesday they are consolidating to fight against what they call unionism of public school teachers.

The Association of Texas Educators and Texas Professional Educators, both formed in 1975 because of their opposition to the unification of the Texas State Teachers Association with the National Education Association, will consolidate into a 19,000-member group called the Association of Texas Professional Educators.

"Our main thing is going to be to fight against collective bargaining and unionism and to keep teaching a profession in our state," said Georgia McMeans of Stanton, president of TPE.

TSTA, the state's largest teacher group, has advocated collective bargaining rights for teachers and made that a part of the association's legislative program for 1981.

McMean and Alafair Hammett of Santa Rosa, president of ATE before the consolidation, said membership in their groups has been growing rapidly because of teachers leaving TSTA to join the more conservative associations.

McMean said the two organizations have opposed collective bargaining since their inception, and "will continue to do so. That's what brought in the membership we've gained in such a short time. We're going to work to perpetuate the right-to-work law."



## Family alcoholic center to open

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AUSTIN — A rehabilitation facility for women alcoholics and their children — the first such program in the state — is scheduled to be opened soon.

Frances Hamm, interim project director of Family House, said the Austin women's center was scheduled to be opened on Tuesday, but a minor technicality that must be worked out with the city will delay the opening for two or three weeks.

Hamm said Family House would not resemble other halfway houses because the program is geared to family counseling.

"The overall goal of Family House is to promote the goals of the family and family unity," she said. "We're trying to provide the kind of environment that can help women to get closer to their families, to cope with their illness and grow."

Bonnie Orr, director of education for the Texas Commission on Alcoholism, said there was a valid reason for limiting the program to alcoholic women and their children.

"Men and women begin to have relationships and sometimes that becomes more important than dealing with their alcohol problem," she said.

However, Hamm said husbands of the alcoholic women will be allowed to join in family counseling sessions.

Besides the guidance given the women to alleviate their drinking problem, the program will place a major emphasis on giving the children evaluation and counseling too, Hamm said.

"A lot of people don't realize the children of alcoholics have problems, too," Hamm said.

"Alcoholism is a family illness, not just an individual illness, and the entire family suffers. It is important that children of alcoholics be evaluated."

## Teen-age suspect arrested in slaying; police keep quiet

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AMARILLO — Authorities imposed a virtual information hush-up Wednesday concerning the arrest of a trespassing suspect, 17, implicated in what some have called the city's most brutal slaying.

The youth was arrested late Tuesday in southwest Amarillo, the same part of town where Sarah Donn Lawrence was stabbed to death Oct. 26.

Police said the youth had a history of arrests for burglary and resembled a composite sketch of a suspect released 12 days after Lawrence's death, but there were no other details.

Lawrence had been watching television in her home about 11 p.m. Oct. 26, when someone entered and stabbed her 21 times with a 10-inch knife. Her three children slept in bedrooms nearby unaware of their mother's death.

On the second anniversary of their marriage, David Lawrence took the extraordinary step of publicly asking his wife's killer to surrender.

## Killer's sentence reversed

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AUSTIN — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Wednesday reversed the five-year prison term given an Orange man for killing his ex-wife's husband. The decision was made because the man was not allowed to have a copy of the grand jury testimony of his son.

Tillman Pat Hoffpaur was convicted of killing Gerald Lacy on Aug. 10, 1976. Lacy was married to Hoffpaur's former wife. She testified that Lacy had compelled her to marry him by threatening to kill her.

Hoffpaur's son — Tillman Pat Hoffpaur — was called to testify, and said he had never seen Lacy sober.

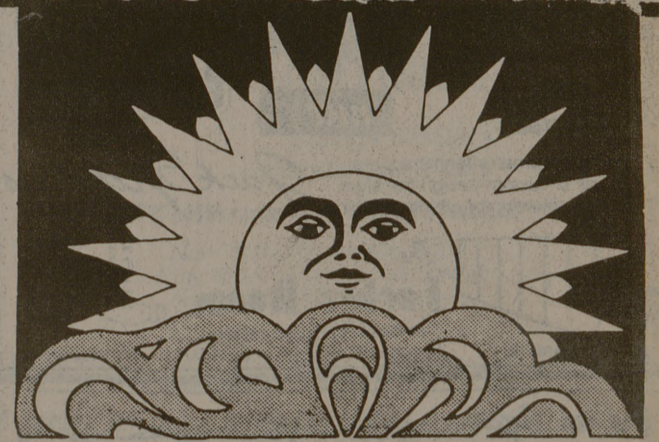
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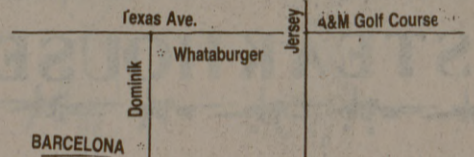
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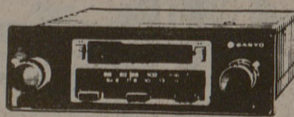
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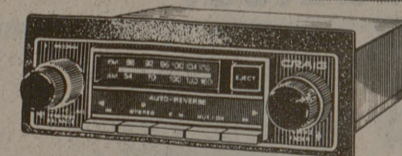
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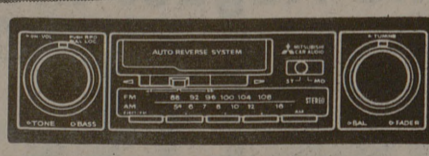


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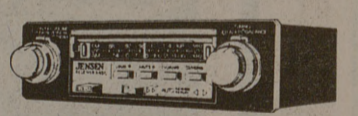


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