



Dog day afternoon

staff photo by John Makey

Bonkers and Bogus, eight week old mixed Brittany spaniel puppies, play with their owner, David Howdeshell, Thursday in front of

the Academic Building. Howdeshell is a sophomore mechanical engineering major from Dallas.

Oilman's son joins race for Senate seat

United Press International
HOUSTON — The 32-year-old son of a prominent Republican Texas oilman has joined the growing number of candidates in hot pursuit of John Tower's Senate seat.

Robert A. Mosbacher Jr., vice president for administration of Mosbacher Production Co., Wednesday announced his candidacy. He said he will reach out to "the public sector and private en-

terprise, Republicans, Democrats and independents, blacks, whites and hispanics, men and women, old and young, native and newcomer."

Already in the running for the seat is Rep. Ron Paul, R-Lake Jackson. Another potential contender, Rep. Phil Gramm, R-College Station, said Wednesday he will disclose his plans next week, but added that polls show him as a leading contender for the

job. Gramm, who has formed a 37-member exploratory finance committee, is widely expected to run for the seat.

Mosbacher now serves on President Reagan's "Advisory Committee on Private Sector Initiatives" and previously worked as an aide to Sen. Howard Baker, R-Tenn. Mosbacher's father, Robert Mosbacher Sr., was finance chairman for President's Ford's campaign.

Texas marijuana law found unconstitutional

United Press International
AUSTIN — A 1981 law dramatically hiking penalties for possession of marijuana has been declared unconstitutional by a Texas appeals court.

The ruling Wednesday by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals upholds a 1982 lower court decision which found that the caption on the legislative bill creating the law was too vague and misleading. But the effect of the appeals court decision is unknown because a re-

vised version of the law was passed by the legislature in an attempt to resolve the lower court's complaints.

The revised version of the anti-crime legislation has not yet been tested in the courts.

Both court rulings came in a Fayette County case in which four men were charged with possessing more than 2,000 pounds of marijuana. While the appeals court found the law unconstitutional, it did not dismiss the

charges against the men because the older drug law with lesser penalties still applied.

The four challenged that ruling in their appeal to the higher court. A majority opinion by the court of criminal appeals found that although the new law is unconstitutional, it does not preclude enforcement of the old law. A trial against the men must continue under penalties and provisions of the old law, the appellate court said.

Church leader pleased

Denomination formed

United Press International
DALLAS — The southern Presbyterian leader whose 46-year campaign led to the formation of a new Presbyterian Church in the United States of America has expressed regret about the dissolution of the denomination.

With the campaign to unite northern and southern Presbyterians at a successful end, there is nostalgia today when the Rev. Dan Anderson of Dallas recalls the day he laid the former Presbyterian Church in the United States of America to rest. Anderson, 63, said recently. "The old had to die in order for the new to come."

Anderson told tens of thousands of the faithful, "We now declare the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America to be in existence."

The historic pronouncement marked the end of Anderson's church and that of some 838,000 other members of the PCUS, formed during the Civil War years in a rift with the rest of the Presbyterian church in North America.

"I've really resented being in the confederate church," Anderson, 63, said recently. "The old had to die in order for the new to come."

During its existence, PCUS congregations filled the Southeast, extending to Maryland, Texas and Kansas. For much of this century the church stressed overseas evangelism and ecumenism and maintained close ties with northern Presbyterians.

Anderson's work and travels as the last leader of the PCUS further convinced him it was time to turn out the lights on regional Presbyterianism.

He notes that the northern and southern Presbyterian churches were duplicating many of each others efforts, and that both churches held the same "general"

theological positions.

His emotions at the passing of the church were dominated as much by excitement at the end of a 122-year-old family feud as by relief at the completion of most of his administrative chores.

Anderson still has a five-year obligation to attend meetings with other church officials on a governing body of the newly-formed PCUSA.

"I think we have some traditions we have to guard, but I like the Latin phrase we have, 'The church reformed, yet ever being reformed.' You never let the cement harden."

Town's new water tower looks like giant golf ball on a tee

United Press International
RUNAWAY BAY — Golfing fans guessing have become the primary diversions in this small central Texas community. Residents are celebrating the completion this week of a new overhead water tower and Mayor Ratliff has launched a contest to publicize the town's step forward.

Because the water tower is on the town's 18-hole golf course and shaped and painted like a golf ball, Ratliff devised an appropriate contest.

"I will give you a hint — it is in the millions," he said. "Anyone who can guess the right answer or come close to it will win a free weekend for two at an Addison

hotel, all expenses paid."

The contest ends Sept. 21, and the winner will be announced Sept. 23 at a dedication ceremony for the water tank.

The 30-foot tank atop the tower

holds 100,000 gallons of water.

The \$300,000 structure was built after 96 percent of the 700 residents of the town approved a bond issue.

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