

Mayor of El Paso: stop Def Leppard

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EL PASO — El Paso Mayor Jonathan Rogers called for a permanent boycott of the British rock group Def Leppard Wednesday.

The mayor is supporting the League of United Latin American Citizens boycott of the group which started after singer Joe Elliott referred to El Paso as "that place with all the greasy Mexicans," at a concert in Tuscon.

LULAC state director, Joe Mata of Houston, called on Hispanic groups throughout Texas to join in the boycott, even though the group's agent said a written apology is forthcoming.

El Paso's population of 450,000 is about two-thirds Hispanic.

El Paso LULAC Director Joe Loya said Hispanics had voted to boycott Def Leppard and ignore a telephone apology and trip offer for two to Europe from Elliott.

Loya said young people do not understand the significance of the remark. He called the offer of a trip to Europe a payoff and demanded the written apology from Elliott.

El Paso radio stations ended their five-day boycott of Def Leppard after rock music fans called in urging station managers to forgive Elliott.

While El Paso stations had called off the boycott, a number of radio stations in San Antonio Wednesday reportedly were breaking Def

Leppard — rather than playing them — on the air.

The lift of the boycott began with El Paso station KLAQ, which started the boycott last Friday.

KLAQ General Manager Charles Cohn said the station, in supporting the mayor and LULAC, would reject Elliott's offer of gifts and a trip to Europe, but would play Def Leppard music because "a radio station needs to serve its public."

Listeners, voted in a poll at El Paso record stores to play Def Leppard music by a 60 percent margin, he said.

Midland bank joins list of financially troubled

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MIDLAND — The First National Bank of Midland has informed its 1,500 shareholders that either the bank or new bank shares must be sold to make up a drop in equity funds.

Shareholders received a statement Wednesday outlining the bank's financial difficulties and calling for a special Oct. 14 meeting to decide how the bank can raise up to \$100 million.

The Security and Exchange Commission and the Comptroller of the Currency are reviewing the bank's financial status, the 45-page statement said.

The bank had equity of \$122 million in December 1982, but it dwindled to \$862,000 on Aug. 31.

Banking researcher Bob Walters of Sheshunoff and Co. Inc. in Austin said loan losses depleted FNB's capital.

Walters added that "what happened to Midland happened to FNB when the oil industry slump hit the city."

FNB is the third oil-rich Permian Basin bank to report financial trouble this year. The Metro Bank of Midland was declared insolvent in July and reopened as Mid-Cities National Bank.

The First State Bank of Odessa was closed last week and reopened Monday under the same name.

The SEC is reviewing the accuracy of FNB's statement of condition, but the nature of the comptroller's review was not

available.

The statement to shareholders said the bank had exceeded its loan limits, loaned money to executive officers on favorable terms, and failed to comply with securities laws and record-keeping requirements, and also failed to file reports on loans it received from other banks.

"The bank has explored a number of alternatives for a capital infusion or the acquisition of the bank. No offers were received and there can be no assurance that any acquisition or merger proposal can be obtained."

"There can be no assurance that holders of shares of common stock would receive any substantial consideration for their shares (if the bank is sold),"

the statement added.

Bank officials informed shareholders that they have been trying to sell the bank since the end of 1982.

The First Boston Corp. has been hired on to locate a merger for the bank.

Delinquent loans increased this year from \$150.4 million to \$314 million on June 30. The bank currently has borrowed \$530 million from the Federal Reserve Bank.

A future negative equity situation was said to be possible, the statement said, adding that in such a case the bank could owe more money to creditors than it could raise upon liquidation.

Lifespan now greater; elderly's health is not

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BOSTON — The average American is living longer than ever before but many spend much of this extended old age in poor health, government scientists said Wednesday.

Dr. Edward Schneider of the National Institute of Health said life expectancy has grown over the years with better health care.

Schneider, an official with the NIH's National Institute on Aging, said 11 percent of the American population is now 65 or more and in 35 years that percentage will nearly double. Within the next 60 years, he said, the percentage of people 85 or more will triple.

Schneider said while the current life expectancy for Americans is 71 years for men and 78 for women, by the end of the 21st century it should be over 90.

"But if the health of the elderly in the future is not considerably different from the health of the present group, a huge portion of the population will suffer from chronic age diseases," he said.

"Our goal as scientists is not so much as increasing life span, but increasing the quality of life," Schneider said. "Nobody wants to live to 135 if the quality of life is horrible."

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But not as much progress has been made in the chronic diseases that afflict the elderly, including arthritis, heart problems and Alzheimer's disease. Schneider said studies show that today's elderly are in the same health as the elderly of 20 years ago.

"The medical community has been appropriately concerned with acute disease," he said. "But now we are burdened with chronic disease and we need to shift our emphasis to that."



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