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# Texas office is latest Sen. Proxmire target

**United Press International**  
WASHINGTON — The Urban Mass Transit Administration office serving five Southwestern states Monday earned a Golden Fleece Award for "flatly mismanaging \$64 million of capital improvement projects," said Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis.

"Look no further for the classic case of runaway federal spending," Proxmire said. "If you want to observe a spending program gone wild, check out the Fort Worth Regional Office of UMTA."

Proxmire said the regional office — which serves Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas — deserves February's version of his monthly award for the most wasteful, ridiculous or ironic use of taxpayer money.

"From January 1981 to May 1983, the Fort Worth office received 399 applications for local transportation projects and accepted all but one, which was turned down for lack of money," he said. "This is not my idea of careful oversight of taxpayers' money."

"If all federal agencies were as unable to see, hear or speak in their review of grant applications, the government would go broke faster than it is now," he said.

Wilbur Hare, the regional

administrator in Fort Worth, said he felt some of the accusations were justified, but many were exaggerated.

"I think it's unfortunate for any office to get that type of recognition," Hare said of the award. "I think there was some merit to the findings."

Irv Chor, spokesman for the department's mass transit office, said the agency has addressed most of the problems cited by Proxmire and traditionally does not process applications where there is no opportunity for approval.

Proxmire said the agency's "rubber-stamp approval led to one horror story after another," including:

- Awarding two grants to help build bus garages to repair 150 and 200 buses respectively when the fleets in question only consisted of 45 in Dallas and 94 buses in El Paso;

- Approving five grants worth about \$1.7 million to buy spare parts for buses even though only \$160,000 was needed (one of the largest was in San Antonio);

- Approving more than \$1 million to install air conditioners in 200 buses in Houston even though 100 were to be sold;

- Shelling out \$32 million in capital assistance to New Orleans even though the city did

not have the money to match the grant; and

- Approving a \$1 million grant to replace trolley buses in Fort Worth with a ridership averaging less than two passengers per trip.

Hare said the New Orleans situation was exaggerated. He said the local funds did arrive and the project was carried out.

Proxmire said he has written Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole "asking her to clean up this mess and seek refunds for all overpayments."

He said Transportation auditors attributed "this mismanagement" to the absence of written procedures covering the review of grant applications, insufficient supervision, an imbalance in workload, a lack of technical review and an insufficient number of visits to the local projects.

Chor said the problems cited by Proxmire were included in a Sept. 22, 1983, audit report by the agency's internal watchdog.

"They have essentially been addressed," Chor said. "The people involved are no longer working with the agency and management policies have been put in place to correct these kind of things."

# Around town

## Softball league to organize for '84

The City of College Station will hold an organizational meeting for its **1984 Adult Softball Program** Tuesday at the College Station Community Center at 6 p.m. The entire softball program will be discussed. All those interested are invited to attend the meeting.

The softball program will begin with a pre-season tournament Feb. 27 through March 22. Registration for the tournament will be Feb. 15-22. The Spring softball season will begin March 26 with registration March 5-9. For more information contact the Parks and Recreation Office at 764-3773.

## Pell Grant deadline approaching

Undergraduate students are reminded that March 15 is the deadline set by the Department of Education as the last date **Federal Student Aid applications** can be accepted for processing for the 1983-84 academic year. The application must arrive at the Federal Student Aids Programs Office, P.O. Box 92831, Los Angeles, CA, 90009-2496 on or before March 15 to be processed for the 1983-84 year.

## Health scholarships available

Applications for the **Julia Ball Lee and the H.R. Lewis Scholarships** are currently available to undergraduate health science majors. The Julia Ball Lee Scholarship is a maximum \$500 scholarship awarded to biological science majors with high achievement and evidence of financial need. The H.R. Lewis Scholarship also is a minimum \$500 scholarship presented to undergraduate health science majors with high academic achievement.

Applications for the scholarships are available in the Scholarship Office on the second floor of the Pavilion and in 313 Biological Sciences. Deadline for application is March 1.

# Mexican-Americans, Jews hold relations meeting

**United Press International**  
SAN ANTONIO — Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum Monday described a meeting of Mexican-Americans and Jews as an act of love and faith, saying each group must know "the hurts" both groups have suffered as minorities in American society.

"We hardly know each

other," said Tannenbaum, director of international affairs for the American Jewish Committee in New York. "There simply has been no real human contact (between Mexican-Americans and Jews)."

Tanenbaum and Archbishop Patrick Flores of the Catholic Archdiocese of San Antonio opened the unique, two-day conference titled "Texas Consultation on Mexican-American-Jewish Relations — Human Rights: A new Beginning."

Flores said Mexican-Americans knew of Jews only "as a people out there. We have just kept distances. We have done nothing to break down the distance between us."

Flores warmly welcomed the Jewish contingent, saying the beauty of dealing with people is

finding their differences and accepting them as they are. He called for the conference to open a new dialogue between the two groups.

"He (Flores) made love in public to the Jews and Mexicans here," Tanenbaum said. "I made love back to them."

Tanenbaum recalled an ancient proverb in which a rabbi chastised a young man, who said he loved the rabbi but did not know what made him hurt.

"There are Mexican-Americans who are hurting. Jews need to know what those hurts are. There are Jews who are hurting, and Mexican-Americans need to know what makes them hurt," he said.

Tanenbaum said the conference brought together for the first time the civil and religious

leaders of both communities. He called the meeting "an act of faith. Above all an act of love."

He said both groups began the American experience as foreign language communities, suffering pain and discrimination as minority groups.

"We know the culture shock involved," he said. "We are veterans of acculturation and we see the parallel experience of the Mexican community."

Tanenbaum said "the chemistry has already started" among conference attendees, who came to share their anxieties

and fears with each other.

The conference is viewed by Flores and Tanenbaum as the first stage in a series of meetings that will culminate in a National Conference on Hispanic-Jewish Relations.

The conference, funded by grant from the National Advancement Institute for the Advancement of Christian-Jewish Understanding, was held Monday at the Assumption Seminary and will move today to the Temple Beth-El of San Antonio.

# Police beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department through Monday.

- MISDEMEANOR THEFT:**
- A maroon Murray 10-speed bicycle was stolen from a Cain Hall bike rack.
  - A silver J.C. Penney's 10-speed bicycle was stolen from a Bolton Hall bike rack.
  - A student's wallet containing a driver's license, Texas A&M ID card and \$35 in cash was stolen from his dorm room in Hart Hall.
  - A student's purse containing a driver's license, credit cards and \$10 in cash was stolen from the disc jockey's booth in Quonset Hut-B.
  - A student's wallet, left in an unlocked locker in the men's room in East Kyle was stolen. The wallet contained the student's Texas A&M ID card, a driver's license, credit cards and \$5 in cash.
  - A student's Simpson Model 62 helmet and Casco road racing gloves were stolen from his motorcycle in Parking Annex 19.
  - A Nikon 35mm camera was stolen from a student's dorm room in Aston Hall. The camera belongs to the Media Center in the Architecture Building.
  - A pair of wide-angle 7-by-35 binoculars were stolen from 442A Medical Sciences.
  - A student's passport, Social Security card, Visa card and work permit were stolen from his dorm room in Law Hall.
  - A Minolta 35mm camera and flash attachment were stolen from an unlocked cabinet in 208 E. Pavilion.

**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:**


- The rear window of a car was smashed in Parking Annex 56.

- The deadbolt lock on the center door on the south side of the Animal Industries Building was tampered with.
- The window in the door of 120 East Kyle was broken. The subject fled before University Police officers arrived.

**OTHER:**

- A student who reported his wallet was stolen from the Memorial Student Center on Feb. 5 notified University Police that it was returned.
- Four subjects caught removing a manhole cover in Parking Annex 13 were pursued on foot by University Police and jailed in Brazos County Jail on a charge of evading arrest.


- An individual was seen masturbating on the fourth floor of Sterling C. Evans Library. University Police investigated the area but were unable to locate the subject.
- A student reported seeing a man exposing himself in Sterling C. Evans Library. The description of this subject does not match the one in the previous offense.



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| <p><b>THURSDAY EVENING SPECIAL</b></p> <p>Italian Candle Light Spaghetti Dinner<br/>SERVED WITH SPICED MEAT BALLS AND SAUCE<br/>Parmesan Cheese - Tossed Green Salad<br/>Choice of Salad Dressing — Hot Garlic Bread<br/>Tea or Coffee</p> <p>FOR YOUR PROTECTION OUR PERSONNEL HAVE HEALTH CARDS.</p> |  |   |
| <p><b>FRIDAY EVENING SPECIAL</b></p> <p>FRIED CATFISH FILET w TARTAR SAUCE<br/>Cole Slaw<br/>Hush Puppies<br/>Choice of one vegetable<br/>Roll or Corn Bread &amp; Butter<br/>Tea or Coffee</p>  | <p><b>SATURDAY NOON and EVENING SPECIAL</b></p> <p>Yankee Pot Roast<br/>Texas Style (Tossed Salad)<br/>Mashed Potato w gravy<br/>Roll or Corn Bread &amp; Butter<br/>Tea or Coffee</p>                                   | <p><b>SUNDAY SPECIAL NOON and EVENING</b></p> <p>ROAST TURKEY DINNER<br/>Served with Cranberry Sauce<br/>Cornbread Dressing<br/>Roll or Corn Bread - Butter<br/>Coffee or Tea<br/>Giblet Gravy<br/>And your choice of any One vegetable</p> |

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