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Bryan's reprieve denied

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AUSTIN - The Texas ard of Pardons and Paoles turned down convicted killer Ronald Clark O'Bryan's request for a reprieve Tues-day but the inmate's attorneys ntinued to seek a stay of exution in the courts and

om Gov. Mark White. On a 4-2 vote, the parole mard rejected O'Bryan's reest for a 90-day reprieve. 'Bryan, also known as the andyman," is scheduled to executed shortly after idnight Saturday.

Board members Connie kson and Winona Miles th voted in favor of recomnding to Gov. Mark White nat a reprieve be issued.

Jackson said she voted for e reprieve because she felt here was a chance a future uling by the U.S. Supreme

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Court would have an effect on O'Bryan's case

Meanwhile, O'Bryan's lawyers filed another last-ditch appeal and request for stay with the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. That court has twice rejected his appeals.

It was unclear when the Texas court would rule on the latest request, which alleges that jurors opposed to capital punishment were im-O'Bryan's jury. The U.S. Su-preme court Monday turned down an appeal based on nearly identical arguments.

The death row inmate's attorneys also have asked White to delay the execution. Texas governors have the authority to grant 30-day stays of exe-

O'Bryan, a 39-year-old former optician was convicted of the 1974 Halloween night

cently and then pass those skills

on to future construction pro-

fessionals still in school, he said.

emphasis of the center will be

on continuing education.

Buckingham said the initial

murder of his son, Timothy, who died after eating a piece of candy laced with cyanide, a

deadly poison. In arguments before the parole board, O'Bryan attorney Charlotte Harris argued that the issue of jury selection at O'Bryan's trial had not been resolved, despite the latest Supreme Court ruling.

She said two cases involving questions of jury selection were to be filed with the Supreme Court and that if the court agreed to hear those cases and issued a ruling, it could affect O'Bryan's case.

"I can not tell this board that the court will take up those cases but if the court does take these cases up and changes previous rulings, there is a very good chance Mr. O'Bryan would be harmed, he would be dead," She said. "This is not a pleas-

ant case under any circumstances. All we are asking you for is time.'

Harris County prosecutor Bert Graham discounted that argument, saying O'Bryan was asking the board to speculate on what the Supreme Court might do. He also noted the high court has re-fused to hear O'Bryan's case three times since he was convicted in 1975.

"It seems there has to be some finality to jury decisions in this state," he said. "If you go along with that argument (from O'Bryan) we would never have a sentence carried out in this state."

Evidence at his trial showed O'Bryan had taken out \$60,000 in life insurance on his children and prosecu-tors said he killed the boy to collect the money

Atheist O'Hair turns down offer from publisher Flynt

In an affadavit filed Monday

perior Court, O'Hair and her

clined to accept Flynt's offer of

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AUSTIN - Atheist leader Madalyn Murray O'Hair said Tuesday she had turned down Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt's offer to turn over his \$300 million business to her atheist organization because she does not want to spread pornography.

'Our choice is to fight religion instead of proliferating the pornography," O'Hair said.

She announced two weeks ago that the imprisoned Flynt had given her power of attor-ney on Feb. 23 to transfer all the assets of the Hustler and Chic magazine publishing em-pire to the American Atheist Center in Austin.

The transfer was challenged, however, in a Los Angeles court

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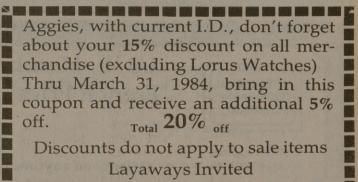
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by Flynt's brother, Jimmy, who claimed the wealthy publisher suffered from a mental illness. power of attorney. In a statement r day, O'Hair and In a statement released Tues-day, O'Hair and Murray said: "We understand that pornograwith the Los Angles County Su- phy thrives in our nation because, and only because, Chrisson, Jon Murray, director of the tianity has perverted human American Atheist Center, de- sexuality.

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Construction program started

By CASEY RAMSEY

Reporter an effort to meet the ts of the construction indus-Texas A&M University has n a program to improve nanagement skills of coniction managers.

The Center for Construction ducation was formed this year response to a 1978-82 study construction industry by Business Roundtable. nfred L. Buckingham, pro-

"We believe continuing eduessor of building construction and director of the center, said cation in the most recent technological and philosophical ashe study showed that a lack of pects of project management is ucation in construction manthe best answer to improving gement skills was one cause of construction management eclining cost effectiveness in skills," he said.

the construction industry in the

Seminars are planned on a regular basis by the center and United States. The center, a joint effort of the colleges of will deal with all aspects of conbusiness, engineering and arstruction management: contracchitecture, was formed to teach tors, architects, engineers and construction professionals how to complete their jobs more effiother professionals.

Seminars still in the planning stage include a four-to-six week executive development seminar for construction professionals moving into executive or own-ership-level positions, a twoweek project managers seminar and a faculty development program that will give faculty members the opportunity to spend time with contractors on construction sights.

"Our primary goal with the Center for Construction Educa- - Houston.

tion is to increase the level of professionalism in the construction industry," Buckingham said.

A secondary goal of the center is to talk to professionals in the construction industry, find out what their needs are, and then determine how those needs can be met through education, Buckingham said. These contacts will also improve the education and job opportunities of undergraduate and graduate students, he added.

The center's first professional development seminar will be held March 26-April 6 and its first construction education seminar will be held April 12 in

ritch sued for water market monopoly

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AMARILLO — Two Panndle firms have filed suit in 8. district Court seeking 330,000 in damages from the try toucity of Fritch for monopolizing nadequite water market, an attorney It is all said Tuesday Brinson Inc. and Hi Texas

Water Corp. last week filed the o have suit daiming Fritch officials vio-y have lated the Sherman Anti-Trust , said Eric Wolfram, attornd han ney for Hi Texas Water Corp. Hi Texas Water Corp. is a ater utility serving about 5,000 astomers outside Fritch's city its, Wolfram said. Fritch and rom the Hi Texas Water compete for ater supplies.

Fritch owns all water rights in disputed area except for a strip of right-of-way property hat had belonged to the now lefunct Chicago and Rock Is-and Railroad, Wolfram said. Brinson bought the land and water rights in 1979 and sold to Hi Texas Water in 1983.

court injunction was dropped in 1982 because of other rulings

about utilities' rights. Eminent domain proceedings remain pending in state district court in Carson County as Fritch officials attempt to gain control of the water sands now owned by Hi Texas Water,

Wolfram said. He said he believed the state district court ruling would be made yet this year, adding the federal suit was the first such water suit filed by a utility

against a West Texas city. Wolfram said the suit re-quested triple \$110,000 in dam-

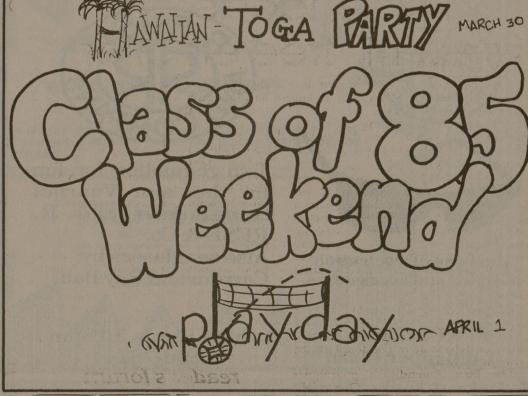
an extension of water service from Fritch if Hi Texas losses for two years. He said both Brinson and Hi Texas had in-vested in equipment thet

for months. Hi Texas Water also owns other water sands, but needs water from the right-of-way property so it can maintain the needed water pressure to serve additional customers, said Wolfram, a former Hi Texas Water employee.

"We're now producing water from the disputed water sands," he said, adding some Hi Texas Water customers would have to

tainly appeal it," Wolfram said of the federal suit.

"The long term prospects are we basically would be frozen out," of the water business if Hi Texas Water losses rights to the property now under eminent domain proceedings, Wolfram said.







Wolfram said develment of the property by Hi xas was prohibited until a

Fritch officials in 1980 passed

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