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Birds take over UT campus trees

United Press International

AUSTIN - The University of Texas campus has been converted into what some say could be a set for the remake of the movie, "The

An estimated 40,000 migrating grackles, blackbirds, starlings and cowbirds have taken up temporary residence around dormitories, creating havoc with their droppings

and noisy chatter.

"There are 40,000 grackles and 3,000 pigeons going to the bathroom simultaneously," said David McKelvey, a bird expert hired by UT to get rid of the birds. "They leave a ton of manure on campus every night."

"We have to put our books over our heads at night when we walk," said Annette Whitworth, a freshman from Houston. "They're disgust-

grounds and maintenance department are using a pistol that propels firecracker-like explosives over the trees where the birds roost at night.

"We're giving them a dose of their own medicine," McKelvey said. "We hope they will relocate on campus away from the dorms.'

UT has ordered a "crow gun," a device that makes a popping sound and has an "AvAlarm" that emits sounds that distress grackles.

The birds feed away from the campus during the day, but McKelvey said they return at night because the buildings provide them with wind shelter and the campus is relatively free of predators.

"They just sack out here," he said. "They leave at dawn. When it's light enough to navigate, they boogie."

United Press International

HOUSTON - An anti-pornography crusader, who wanted to play a tape of a "dial-a-porn" message at the City Council meeting Wednes-day, was cut short by Mayor Kathy Whitmire, who turned the woman's microphone off.

Whitmire said she did not know if turning off the microphone was censorship, but said, "I felt it was the right thing to do."

The tape-recorded message in-cluded an explicit description of a homosexual sex act and concluded with an advertisement for a service that provides erotic telephone con-

versations for a fee.

About 85 high school students were at the meeting Wednesday night and Geneva Kirk Brooks asked the mayor to have the students leave before she played the tape. Whit-mire refused, saying it was an open meeting and she could not ask anyone to leave.

Brooks, a vocal advocate of measures to protect children from obscene materials, then announced the "dial-a-porn" telephone number and started to play the tape.

But Whitmire turned off Brooks' microphone and Councilwoman Christin Hartung began talking into her microphone, making it impossible for anyone except those closest to Brooks to hear the tape.

Hartung has asked City Attorney Jerry Smith to determine whether the council has the right to prohibit comments containing "explicit sex-ual language" or other "inappro-priate" language during public ses-sions.

Councilman Jim Greenwood also asked Smith to determine if Brooks' announcement of the telephone number violated any obscenity or pornography laws. 'We ought to see if she crossed

the line one time too many," Greenwood said of Brooks, who is a fre-

quent speaker at council meetings.

Brooks, president of Citizens
Against Pornography, said that to
prove she had distributed pornograstrate the message is pornographic

White: private prisons money-saving idea

AUSTIN, Texas - Gov. Mark White advocated the widely used federal concept of privately owned and operated prisons Thursday as a money-sav-

ing alternative to building costly state prisons to relieve overcrowding.

White said Texas lawmakers, facing a \$900 million revenue shortfall next year, will have to consider the private prison idea as an alternative to building new state facilities.

He said the private prisons would house minimum-to medium-security inmates in return for a per-day, per-inmate payment from the state.

Private prisons are being built and run by several national corporations.

The federal government spends \$21 million a year to house 3,200 inmates in 300 privately-run facilities.

"It is a very viable alternative, and with the reality of the budget and (the fact that) we need new prison capacity, this may be the only way we can get it," White said at his weekly news conference.

"The magic of it is you don't have to put up \$40 million for a new prison," White said. "That's the big up side to it."

White admitted contracting out to private entities might cost more over a long period of time than building a new state prison, but added, "When you go buy an automobile, do you pay cash now or do you pay for it over a term? When you don't have the cash and you need the car, it's the only way

He said he doubted the state would have problems maintaining control

over the treatment of inmates in a private prison.

"I'm sure you could find some abuse, but I really think that's something you'd have to read in old novels," he said. "I'm sure it wouldn't be a prob-He also said security would be easily handled by placing only non-vio-

lent inmates in private facilities.

Airline making big profits, asks for labor concessions

United Press International

ST. LOUIS — Ozark Airlines is spending \$48 million on new airplanes and tripling profits while asking employees to give it concessions designed to reduce labor costs.

'I guess it's difficult for employees to recognize the necessity of cost control when we're reporting profits," said Edward J. Crane, Ozark's president and chief executive, in a recent telephone interview. "We recent telephone interview. have to remain in a profitable position to remain a viable carrier. The St. Louis-based airline is pay

ing \$48 million for two new MD-80 jetliners. They go in service this month on Ozark flights from the Midwest to Florida.

Crane said the 152-seat planes, the airline's largest, will strengthen Ozark's hold on the lucrative winter travel business to the Sunshine State from the frozen Midwest. Flights are being added from Ozark's hub in St. Louis to the Florida cities of Tampa and Orlando.

We used to be a seasonal carrier, but now that we've gone to the vacation routes, we expect to do well with our Florida routes," Crane said. Eight of the 66 cities served by

Ozark are in Florida, and Crane said more Florida cities might be added to the flight schedules.

Ozark, which will celebrate its 35th anniversary in 1985, reported a third-quarter profit of just over \$4 million. Earnings per share were 34 cents, more than triple the performance in the corresponding period

Crane projected year-end reve-

nues to total \$480 million. Profits through the first three quarters were \$12.6 million

The profitable third quarter followed a record second-quarter profit. Such financial performances make shareholders happy, but they occurred while the airline was negotiating with three of its unions in an attempt to reduce labor costs.

"It's like a soap opera," airline analyst Robert Joedicke said of the negotiations. "Those labor contracts go on and on and on. The don't expire; they become extendable. Both sides naturally posture.

Joedicke, an analyst for Shearson Lehman American Express Inc. in New York, said he is not surprised Ozark successfully negotiated concessions this year with union pilots and flight attendants.

"When you're trying to control costs, labor understands that if you don't, the danger of shutting down is present," he said.

Talks are underway between Ozark and its clerical workers, mechanics and dispatchers. A federal mediator is supervising the negotiations with the clerical workers and the mechanics. Crane said Ozark is not seeking

across-the-board pay cuts for the air-line's 4,000 employees, but is asking workers to accept measures to increase productivity. For example, part of the agreement with flight at-tendants includes a 7 percent reduction in vacation time in 1985

"It's a long process, but I think it's working," Crane said of the costcontrol efforts.

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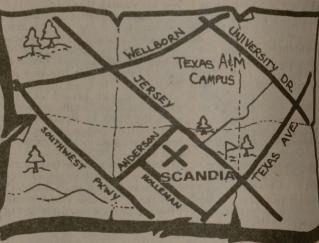
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