

SHOE

by Jeff MacNelly



## St. Joseph to get proceeds from Sunday benefit dance

By TAMARA BELL  
Staff Writer

A dance benefiting St. Joseph Hospital will be held at the Texas Hall of Fame Sunday from 5p.m.-9 p.m.

Elizabeth Scott, public relations director for the hospital, said money raised at the dance will be used to update the radiology department.

"Currently we (the hospital) are in the process of raising \$2 million in order to add equipment that the community needs and deserves," Scott said.

"A large sum of the money will go toward the renovation of some rooms in order to house the new CAT scan (computerized axial tomographic scanner)."

This is the first year the Bryan Knights of Columbus Council #1834 has sponsored the dance. In past years, the organization has made contributions.

Deputy Grand Knight Glen Boone is in charge of the event.

A dance will generate more revenue for the hospital because the entire community can contribute by purchasing tickets, he said.

"The community is pitching in," Boone said. "Paul Emola, owner of Hall of Fame, has donated use of the club and the knights are paying for the band, the Hall of Fame Gang. It's going to be just like a Thursday night."

"We are helping the hospital with our contribution because, as a non-profit hospital, sometimes it's impossible to get the large amount of money needed to fund a project. The hospital helps the community. It gives so much that we believe we should give something in return." Admission to the dance is \$5.

## Texans feel now is the time to make major purchases

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A consumer confidence survey released Thursday shows Texans, particularly those in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, believe now is a good time to make major purchases.

The survey, sponsored by the First City Bancorporation of Texas, is based on 1,000 telephone interviews conducted throughout the state between Jan. 17 and Jan. 31.

Charles T. Franckle, vice president and chief economist of First City, said the survey showed consumer confidence in Texas was at a higher level in January than was shown in a similar survey taken last fall.

The biggest boost in confidence was shown when respondents were asked if they considered now to be a

good time to make major purchases. In the January poll, 59.1 percent of the respondents believed this is a good time for major purchases. Last fall, only 50.7 percent showed such confidence.

"Positive assessments of lower interest rates, lower inflation and continued economic growth nationwide clearly outweighed the negative aspects of the softness in energy prices in the minds of Texas consumers," said Franckle in a statement released by First City.

The survey found 69.2 percent of respondents in North Texas agreed that now is a good time for major purchases, as opposed to 58.7 percent last fall. North Texans were also more positive when asked about their expectations for economic conditions during the next five years.

Less confidence, but still a positive rate, was found in other areas of the state, with central Texas ranking second and followed, in order, by the Gulf region, South Texas, West Texas and East Texas.

In the Gulf region, which includes Houston, there was a modest gain in consumer confidence. A total of 55.9 percent of the respondents thought this is a good time for major purchases, an increase from 45.6 percent last fall.

Also, more Gulf area residents consider themselves better off — 45 percent compared to 39 percent last fall.

"Texans feel that they have participated in the current economic recovery," Franckle said, "but that even better times lie ahead."

## Psychic to give seminar teaching brain utilization

By JEFF L. BRADY  
Reporter

A Bryan psychic who has helped police unravel dead-end murder cases will demonstrate a different facet of his mental prowess next week in a study/stress seminar here.

Andrew Barnhart says though he has helped solve 97 major cases with the aid of his subconscious mind, none of his abilities are unique. He says everyone has some psychic awareness in varying degrees.

Barnhart says the same processes that allow him to solve crimes can aid students in studying. Barnhart's seminars, or Mental Awareness Programs, will be Sunday, Monday and Tuesday in the Aggeland Hotel. Fees are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

"During the seminar I'm going to increase your grades," Barnhart says. "And I'm going to increase your ability to study."

However, Barnhart says he will only be able to tell participants how to utilize their brains — it will be up to them to follow his guidelines. But most have no problems, he says.

"They see the results and the results speak for themselves," he says.

Barnhart says he feels driven to

teach his mental techniques to anyone and everyone he can.

"The mind is capable of doing anything we will allow it to do," says Barnhart. "The abilities that I possess are nothing special."

While he has never received a degree beyond high school, Barnhart says his gift of psychic awareness has given him an insight into the capabilities of the human mind. That insight is what he tries to pass on during his seminars.

"We don't use our minds," he says. Only 6 percent of the brain's total capacity is ever fully utilized, but years of research, experience and trial and error have helped him understand the brain's functioning, he says.

"There's 94 percent of the mind that we really have no idea about," he says. "Why waste it?"

The Mental Awareness Program involves lectures on the history of the psyche, self meditation, films on telepathy and telekinesis, study skill sessions and group discussions.

"I show you the dos and don'ts of study," Barnhart says.

Barnhart says he decided to move his family out of Bloomfield, N.M.,

six years ago when mental and police work requests were frequent. Since settling in Station, he says he has maintained a low profile, but is active in police investigations. He is happy doing anything else.

"I don't believe in abilities I've been given," Barnhart says. He is now able to support himself and his wife on income from appearances and seminars. The one scheduled here.

The Bryan-College Station community, however, is not as receptive to psychic as he says.

Barnhart has become a target to skeptics and criticism. He is determined to remain in the area despite its conservative leanings. He says he is doing more here than he could on the coast, even though that area is more receptive to psychic phenomena.

"The good Lord has provided these abilities," Barnhart says. "These are not the Lord's. It's time to break out of our

## Overtime

Union leaders hail decision on wages

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The U.S. Supreme Court ruling this week requiring state and local governments to pay overtime wages is being hailed by union leaders as a major victory. But Texas government leaders say the ruling may have little effect.

In a 5-4 decision, the Supreme Court said the federal government could impose minimum wage and overtime laws on transit systems operated by state and local agencies.

The decision stemmed from a suit by an employee of the San Antonio bus system.

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The ruling apparently brings state and local government workers under the Fair Labor Standards Act, which requires employers to pay time and a half when employees work more than a standard work week.

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"I think it will be a major victory for state employees," Peter Fears, business manager of the Austin chapter of the American Federation of State, Local and Municipal Employees, said. In the past, the state has treated them like second-class citizens and hasn't paid time and a half.

Some government attorneys said they are interpreting the opinion much more cautiously than the unions.

Carl Lynch, the acting city director of personnel, said, "By and large, the city has well followed the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, so I don't think it will have a big impact."

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