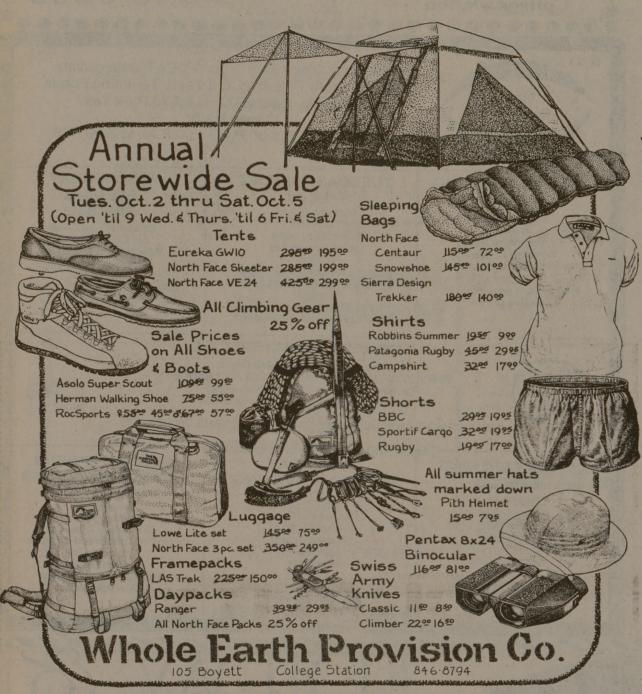
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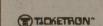
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Reform

Official recommends merging, closing colleges

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The chairman of the Mexican American Democrats of Texas recommended Wednesday that certain colleges be closed and others merged as part of higher education reform in the state.

Ruben Bonilla Jr., of Corpus Christi, said his recommendations reflect the "sentiment held by Mexican American Democrats that our state must begin the rigorous task of educating all its citizens if we are to continue to be among the nation's economic leaders.

To do otherwise — to neglect again our Hispanic population is to promote mediocrity and to lend credence to the perception that Hispanics are our 'forgotten Texans,'" he

Bonilla's recommendations were made in a letter to Larry Temple of Austin, chairman of the new Select Committee on Higher Education.

Bonilla said he would ask MAD's executive committee to support the recommendations when it meets in Corpus Christi on Oct. 12. MAD has approximately 10,000 members, Bonilla said.

'I don't think there will be much disagreement," he said. His recommendations include:

· Closing colleges "with extremely low enrollment," such as the Texas A&M University at Galveston or the University of Texas at Permian Basin in Odessa.

'On the other hand," Bonilla said, if UT-Permian Basin "were to recruit actively the large number of Hispanic students to be found in areas of West Texas, its enrollment would increase dramatically."

 Combining or merging colleges "within the same city providing same or similar services, such as North Texas State University and Texas Woman's University" in Denton.

 Possibly closing or merging small colleges "within a very nez geographical range of one anothe such as the Collin County Campu and the Richland Campus of Dall County Community College."

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Judge dismisses suits filed against Houston-based Continental Airline

HOUSTON — A federal bankruptcy judge on Wednesday rejected allegations that striking Continental Airlines pilots and flight attendants were wrongfully discharged, and dismissed \$1.4 billion in claims against

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge R. Glover Roberts granted Continental's motion for summary judgment on claims by the Air Line Pilots Association and the Union of Flight Attendants.

This court rejects any suggestion that a strike may be equated with a constructive discharge," Roberts said

"The fact that the pilots and flight attendants . . . were not discharged and did not resign but rather went on strike in and of itself precludes a finding of wrong-

ful discharge," he said. More than \$2 billion in claims against the Houston-based carrier have been rejected by the bankruptcy

court within the last month. Officials of the two unions were not immediately available for comment.

ALPA calculated its wrongful discharge claims at \$1.3 billion, adding the value of wages and benefits that the 924 striking pilots would have received if they had worked until retirement, Continental said in a release. Claims for each striking pilot was about \$1.4 million,

Continental said. Claims by the flight attendants' union averaged

Loout \$100,000 for each of the 1,100 striking flight atendants, based on expected future compensation and

value of intangible rights, the release said.

Members of ALPA walked out at Continental on 0a 1, 1983, one week after the airline, then the eighth large est in the nation, sought protection from its credim under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptey la slashed wages up to 50 percent and scaled down its op

Continental continued to operate with strikebreak-

And ALPA last month temporarily suspended po-eting in the walkout but insisted the strike was official continuing. The union also authorized striking pilosu bid for their old positions at Continental.

The carrier has posted vacancies for almost 400 postions that could become available next year, and more than 500 striking pilots have submitted requests to return to work, the airline said.

But Continental sued ALPA in Houston federal court, accusing the union of trying to disrupt fligh schedules by encouraging striking pilots to apply in jobs they do not intend to accept.

The union is suing Continental, saying that ALPPA continues as the Continental pilots' bargaining agent and that the company is violating the federal Railwa Labor Act by attempting to withdraw recognition of the

Death row inmate says stay only temporary

Greenville

HUNTSVILLE,— Convicted killer John Michael Lamb said Wednesday he was not surprised that he won a court order blocking his scheduled death early next week but expects he will get another execution date soon.

"It's obviously a very temporary stay," said Lamb, who faced death early Monday for the November 1982 shooting death of a Virginia businessman, Jerry Chafin, in a Greenville motel room.

"I expect I'll have another date in a couple of months. I can't see a district judge is going to rule in my fahe said. vor,

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals postponed the execution because Lamb's attorneys have not

Banner is out of town and was not expected to return until the day of

been able to get in touch with the sentencing judge, E. Paul Banner of

the execution - too late to rule on a motion filed on behalf of Lamb, according to attorney Carolyn Garcia of Houston.

The appeals court said the execu-tion could not go ahead until the matter was resolved. Lamb's attorneys are complaining that he had ineffective counsel during his trial.
"I should have brought Perry Ma-

son out of retirement to try my case," he joked.

Lamb said he was not aware of the ay until he was told of it by fellow inmates and reporters during regularly scheduled press interviews on "I knew I was going to get one,"

Lamb insisted he was not afraid to "But when the moment comes II

be shaking like a chicken," he said "After all, I'm human." Lamb's stay left Anthony Charles Williams as the only inmate amon the 210 on Death Row in Texas with an execution date.

Williams, convicted of sexual & sault and capital murder in the blud-geoning death of a 13-year-old Houston girl, is slated to die Oct. 1 He has refused all recent requests

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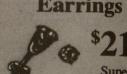
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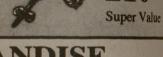
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