

# Supreme Court decision disables Gramm-Rudman

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Monday struck down a key portion of a law requiring a balanced budget by 1991, disabling the legislative machinery Congress assembled to attack spiraling federal deficits.

By a 7-2 vote, the justices said the central provision of the Gramm-Rudman Act — ordering automatic deficit reductions — violates the constitutionally required separation of powers between the executive and legislative branches.

The law's main supporters immediately said they would introduce legislation amending the act to conform with the court's objections.

President Reagan said the decision should not deter Congress from following through with spending cuts to slash budget deficit running in the range of \$200 billion a year.

In a written statement, Reagan said the decision brings the focus of compliance with the law "back to where it belongs: on the Congress."

Many say the absence of an automatic provision for cutting the budget will leave Congress in a stalemate.

Supporters of Gramm-Rudman say lawmakers who voted for it will have a tough time facing voters if they balk at implementing budget cuts.

In the Gramm-Rudman case, the court said the law improperly empowers an officer of Congress, the comptroller general, to perform an executive function.

The law empowered the comptroller general to order specific levels of deficit reduction to meet Gramm-Rudman targets.

Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, announcing the decision on the last day of presiding over a court session, said "convenience and efficiency" cannot justify an unconstitutional law.

"No one can doubt that Congress and the president are confronted with fiscal and economic problems of unprecedented magnitude," Burger said.

"By placing the responsibility for execution of the (act) in the hands of an officer who is subject to removal only by itself, Congress in effect has retained control over the execution of the act and has intruded into the executive function," he said. "The Constitution does not permit such intrusion."

The court gave Congress 60 days to implement fallback provisions of Gramm-Rudman authorizing the lawmakers to vote on a deficit-reduction package themselves in the event part of the law was invalidated.

The chief sponsors of the law — Gramm and Sens. Warren Rudman, R-N.H., and Ernest F. Hollings, D-S.C. — said they will seek the alternative of restricting congressional power over the comptroller general.

The proposal will be attached to a bill to raise the debt ceiling to pay the nation's bills, Gramm said.

The dissenters to the court's ruling were Justices Byron R. White and Harry A. Blackmun.

Joining Burger were Justice William H. Rehnquist, President Reagan's chief justice, and Justices William J. Brennan, Thurgood Marshall, Sandra Day O'Connor, Lewis F. Powell and John Paul Stevens.

# Farm Aid II

*Holiday concert was good, revenues not enough*

By Karl Pallmeyer  
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About 45,000 people braved the heat, traffic and each other on the Fourth of July for Farm Aid II, an 18-hour concert organized by Willie Nelson to benefit America's farmers. Those 45,000 fans got a fantastic concert but the thousands of farmers who have fallen upon hard times weren't so lucky.

Last year's Farm Aid concert in Champaign, Ill., made over \$9 million. Half of this amount has been used to buy seed, provide legal aid and provide other rural relief programs to benefit farmers in 40 states.

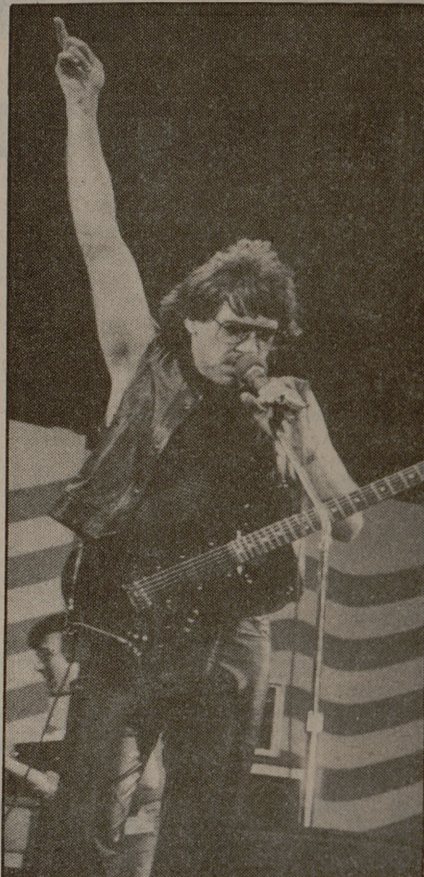
Farm Aid II brought in less than \$1.4 million from ticket sales and donations. Nelson said it might be necessary to have Farm Aid III.

The concert was plagued by problems from the planning stage. Originally the concert was to be held at Memorial Stadium at the University of Texas but the site was changed to Southpark Meadows, six miles south of Austin, due to problems with obtaining liability insurance.

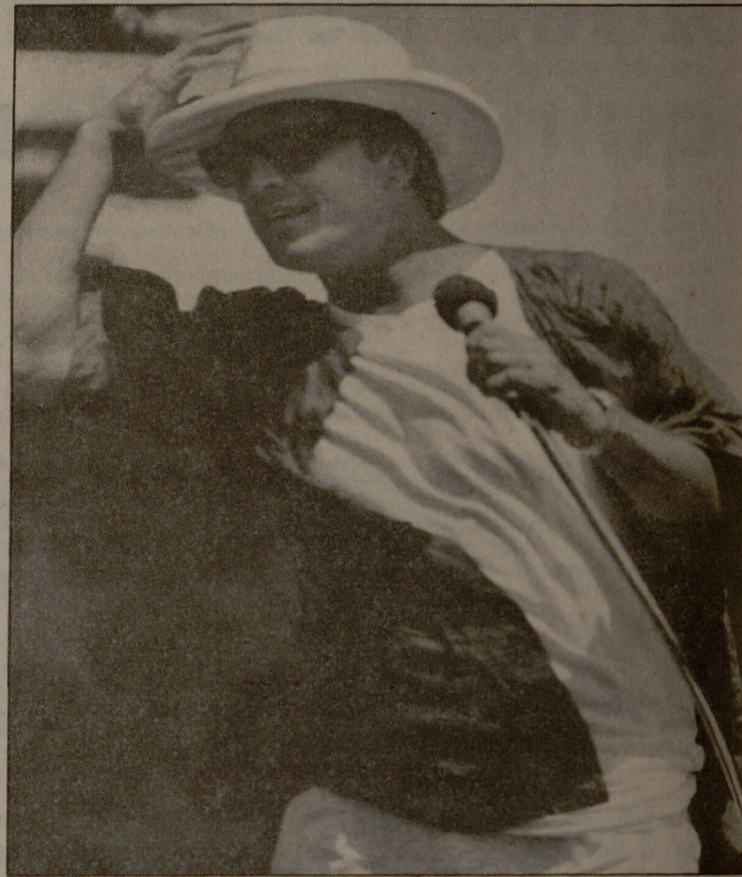
More insurance problems caused the site to be changed once again to Manor Downs, a horse racing track east of Austin, just one week before the concert.

Some 75 acts from rock, pop and country music including Nelson, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Steppenwolf, Arlo Guthrie, Neil Young, Waylon Jennings, the Beach Boys, Taj Mahal, the Blasters, the Unforgiven, Dwight Yoakum, Dave Mason, David Allen

Coe, John Bon Jovi, Joe Walsh, Jerry Jeff Walker, War, John



John Kay, lead vocalist of Steppenwolf, left, and Don Johnson, star of the television series Miami Vice, were among the more than 75 performers at



Photos by Tom Ownby

Cougar Mellencamp, X, Los Lobos, Maria McKee, George Jones, the Fabulous Thunderbirds, Rick James, Roger Miller and Box Car Willie played from 7 a.m. that morning until 1 a.m. the next

morning. Also appearing were television and movie personalities Don Johnson, David Soul, Heather Thomas, Rob Lowe, Charles Haid, Robert Guillaume and Minnie Mouse.

Farm Aid II, held July 4 at Manor Downs near Austin. The 18-hour concert brought in less than \$1.4 million.

Several political figures like the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower and Austin mayor Frank Cooksey were there for the festivities.

# Court upholds suspension for 'vulgar language'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saying public schools have a duty to teach "the habits and manners of civility," the Supreme Court on Monday gave school administrators nationwide broad disciplinary powers that in-

clude suspending students who use vulgar language or offensive terms.

By a 7-2 vote, the court upheld the 1983 suspension of a Spanaway, Wash., high school senior for giving an assembly speech filled with crude

sexual allusions, but no dirty words.

"Schools, as instruments of the state, may determine that the essential lessons of civil, mature conduct cannot be conveyed in a school that tolerates lewd, indecent or offensive

speech and conduct," Chief Justice Warren E. Burger wrote for the court.

Matthew Fraser's one-minute speech in support of a friend's candidacy for student body vice presi-

dent of Bethel High School caused a brief uproar among his fellow students. His friend, however, won by a wide margin.

In the speech, Fraser described his friend as "a man who is firm —

his firm in his pants . . . his character is firm . . . a man who will go to the very end, even the climax, for each and every one of you."

Monday's decision reversed the lower court rulings.



# McDONALD'S<sup>®</sup> INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS



Mike Calliham, horseshoe singles winner last fall, prepares to throw a shoe. Join Horseshoe Singles Action this second summer session. Sign ups begin July 10.

## Congratulations To the winners

Of Basketball Triples and Volleyball Triples for Summer Session I.

**Basketball Triples**  
Men's A - Triple Double  
Men's B - Ramblin Birds

**Volleyball Triples**  
Men's A - Net Gents  
Women's A - Split Six  
CoRec A - VBall VB's  
Men's B - Rugh's Radicals  
CoRec B - Triple Point

**Slowpitch Softball**  
Slowpitch finals were held Monday, July 7 so team winners were not available at press time. Watch for them in future highlights.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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# Intramural Sports Summer Session II

All entries open July 10 and close July 17.

## Team Sports

Leagues will be available for Men's, Women's and CoRec in classes A, B, and C. All currently enrolled students, faculty/staff and spouses with a recreational ID and intramural validation are eligible to participate. Rules for all sports are available in the Intramural-Recreational Sports office. Room 159 Read.

### VOLLEYBALL TRIPLES

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00  
SCHEDULES AVAILABLE: Friday, July 18 at noon  
PLAY BEGINS: Tuesday, July 22  
PLAYOFFS POSTED: Wednesday, July 30 at noon  
PLAYOFFS BEGIN: Thursday, July 31

### BASKETBALL TRIPLES

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00  
SCHEDULES AVAILABLE: Friday, July 18 at noon  
PLAY BEGINS: Monday, July 21  
PLAYOFFS POSTED: Tuesday, July 29 at noon  
PLAYOFFS BEGIN: Wednesday, July 30

### SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL

ENTRY FEE: \$25.00  
SCHEDULES AVAILABLE: Friday, July 18 at noon  
PLAY BEGINS: Monday, July 21  
PLAYOFFS POSTED: Wednesday, July 30 at 2 p.m.  
PLAYOFFS BEGIN: Thursday, July 31

RAINOUT AND INFORMATION NUMBER -- 845-2625.

## Individual and Dual Sports

All schedules will be available Friday, July 18 after 2 p.m. on the bulletin boards outside the Intramural-Recreational Sports office. Room 159 Read. Single elimination tournament will be offered in Classes A, B, & C. Class D will play round robin tournament.

**Tennis Doubles** - Matches consist of 2 out of 3 sets. Games are played to 4 points (no deuce). Each team must bring an unopened can of balls to each match.

**Horseshoe Singles** - Matches consist of 2 out of 3 games to 15 points. Horseshoes will be provided.

**Racquetball Singles** - IRA rules will apply. Matches are 2 games to 15 points with an 11 point tie breaker, if necessary. Each participant must bring an unopened can of balls to each match.

**Golf Doubles** - Green fees will be payed at the golf course. Classes A & B will play Best Ball while Class C will play a Florida Scramble. Participants will be assigned opponets based on skill level and must play within an assigned time period.

## Picnic At The Pool

The 8th Annual Picnic at the Pool is scheduled for Saturday July 12, 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. at the Cain Outdoor Pool. Admission is \$1.00 per person with hamburgers, ice cream and cokes available for purchase. Some of the activities planned include:

- Noon-? Food served
  - Noon-3 p.m. Music by Sky High Productions
  - 1 p.m. Backgammon Tournament
  - 1:30 p.m. Big Splash Contest
  - 2 p.m. Innertube Waterpolo Tournament
  - 3 p.m. Swim Races and Relays
  - 4 p.m. Nicest Legs Contest (male and female)
  - 4:15 p.m. Nicest Tan Contest
- For more information contact Paula Opal at 845-7826.

## TAMU Outdoors

**Surf Fishing Trip** - Follet's Island (near San Luis Pass), July 18-20. Fee is \$25.00 and includes rental of group camping equipment and life jackets, transportation costs, living fishing bait and experienced instruction in tactics of catching game fish. Fishing equipment is not provided. Sign ups continue through July 11. A pre-trip meeting is planned for Monday, July 14, 7:00 p.m. at the Grove. This trip is limited to 14 participants.

**Guadalupe River Canoeing Trip**, July 25-27. The cost for this trip is \$25.00 and includes rental of group camping equipment, campground fees, instruction before and during the trip, transportation costs and an experienced guide. This trip is limited to 14 participants who may sign up through Monday, July 21 in 159 Read Building. A pre-trip meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 21 at 7 p.m. in Room 203 MSC. A canoe clinic for trip participants is scheduled for Wednesday, July 23, 7 p.m. in the Outdoor pool.

For more information on these trips or TAMU Outdoors, call Patsy Greiner at 845-7826.