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Cogswell said people here would feel differently if the repercussions

"You could imagine the impact

here if one-fourth of the people in

College Station no longer had homes to live in," he said. "Breaking the law

'They don't care because the situ-

By Janet Goode

s sanctuary workers typically mages of tears and bloodshed ey speak of their efforts to

was the case Sunday night at United Methodist Church, several members of the nt discussed their particiin harboring Latin-American es fleeing political persecu-

orters say the church sanctvement is a revival of a tradating back to Greco-Roman and is aimed at saving the lives e endangered by civil strife in America. Sanctuary workers day they act as conductors w underground railroad" in ey secretly carry illegal imacross the border and hide

sanctuary worker Rob ell said, "Sanctuary is just one esponse . . . but churches are ots of responses as they alwhen people suffer.'

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They've shown us their scars," Cogswell said. "There's no question that these people are being tortu-

However, the sanctuary movement is not without opposition.

John A. Abriel, deputy district director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, said in a phone interview Wednesday that the

movement is a fraud. "(The sanctuary workers) are dis-seminating grossly exaggerated in-formation about the horror stories they (refugees) tell," he said. "The violence (in Central America) just isn't hot and heavy anymore.

Abriel said sanctuary is a small group of people who are masters of publicity

"It's just a civil disobedience act that plays on citizens' humanitaria-" he said.

Ellen Ritter, chairman of the committee that sponsored the Sunday night program, said although sanct-uary workers are of good con-science, "there's no doubt they are breaking the law."

But Cogswell said churches have a natural responsibility to aid the refu'It started with the Gospel," he

these refugees need help."

But Cogswell, like sanctuary coworkers Walter Long and Janis Heine, doesn't think he is breaking said. "Jesus was very clear in what he said to do about (the refugees). Jesus never said to put them in detention camps. And that's what (our governthe law. He said he believes the U.S. government is breaking its own laws.

Several Texas A&M students and Long said "the right of no return" is supposed to be upheld by the United States since it's stated in the church members said they feel sanctuary is morally right, but that the local community would never support U.N. Refugees Convention and Protocol that America will not deport Graduate student Joan Penzenstadler said the community is full of "closet liberals." refugees whose lives are endangered

in their native lands. But Abriel said these allegations are "so absurd it's pathetic" since no one agrees with every law. He added But A&M students John Alexander and Scott Bietendorf said they that no alien is returned with an apdon't think College Station residents plication for asylum pending.

> "It's just not true that people are killed when they go back to their countries," he said. "The sanctuary people have never shown us one documented case of someone getting killed by the government after deportation.

> Cogswell said that since refugees "miraculously" become economic immigrants once they cross the Rio Grande, they are denied refugee status and their rights

Restaurant Report

By Mike Sullivan Staff Writer

The restaurants listed below were inspected Sept. 9 through Tuesday by the Brazos County Health Department. The information is based on food service establishment reports.

SCORED BETWEEN 90 AND

• Grandy's at 1002 E. Harvey Road in College Station was in-spected by Mike Lester. Score — 90. Two points were subtracted from the report because some raw chicken was soaking in standing water. Another two-point vio-lation was cited in the report because soap and paper towels were needed at some stations. Six onepoint violations were cited in the report for the following: an ice scoop was left in an ice machine; some floors needed drains; some bulk containers needed to be covered and labeled; a hot water faucet was leaking; a dumpster area needed a general cleaning; a men's room needed repairing.

SCORED BETWEEN 85 AND

• Aggieland Inn at 1502 S.

Texas Ave. in College Station was inspected by David Pickens. Score — 89. Two points were deducted from the report because hot and cold plumbing weren't working at a hand sink. Another two-point violation was cited in the report because some canned goods were stored near a ceiling leak in a storage room, there was some food on a storage room floor and some soft drink containers needed to be removed from a chemical storage area. Seven one-point deductions were made from the report for the following: a grease build-up on a dishwasher; some tile covering needed repairing; some ceiling tiles needed repairing; some utensils needed to be stored in an organized manner; a back-siphonage prevention system needed to be installed at a rear door; some trash needed to be removed from the premises; an icedispensing utensil was being

stored improperly.
SCORED BETWEEN 80 AND

•International House of Pancakes at 103 S. College in College

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David Jefferson, a registered sanitarian at the department, says restaurants with scores of 95 or above generally have excellent operations and facilities. Jefferson says restaurants with scores in the 70s or low 80s

usually have serious violations on the health report. Scores can be misleading, Jefferson says, because restaurants can achieve the same score by having several major violations or an abundance of minor violations. He says the major violations might close the restaurant down while some minor violations can be corrected during

Jefferson says the department might close a restaurant if: the score is below 60, the personnel has infectious diseases, the restaurant lacks adequate refrigeration, a sewage backup exists in the building, the res-

taurant has a complete lack of sanitization for the food equipment.

Point deductions, or violations, on the report range from one point (minor violation) to five points (major violation). The department inspects each restaurant about every six months.

Sometimes a follow-up inspection must be made, usually within 10

days. Jefferson says a restaurant might require a follow-up inspection if it has a four- or five-point violation that cannot be corrected while the inspector is still there, or there are numerous small violations.

Inspectors at the department are registered sanitarians.

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games on Sund TIN (AP) — The Senate approved a bill od to work on Sa nesday that would defer until February the ning of \$860.5 million in state payments to exas employee and teacher retirement sys-

of which fall proposal was approved 19-6, but needs a ate vote to go to the House. It would beousands of dol effective only if the current special legis-

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The deferment of retirement payments to February is one of several measures designed to keep state checks from bouncing later this year as the Legislature tries to cope with a projected budget deficit of \$2.8 billion.

Under the bill, state payments from February through August 1987 would be prorated for a 12-month period. At the end of that period, the state also would pay a minimum of 8 percent in-terest on what the payments would have earned in interest had they not been deferred.

'There's no net loss in any way," Traeger said. There would be no effect on retirement benefits

or for employees thinking about going on retire-

In response to a question, Traeger said there would have been no need to borrow from the retirement funds if the special legislative session that convened Aug. 6 had passed a tax bill. In other action Wednesday, the Senate also ap-

proved a bill to clarify authority of the General Land Office to audit royalties paid for oil and gas leases on state lands and to hold hearings on any deficiences uncovered. So far, audits have shownthat more than \$20 million in delinquent royalties is owed to the state

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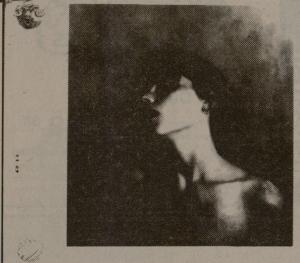
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