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Airline denies any interest in Pan Am

FORT WORTH (AP) — American Airlines' officials denied their interest in acquiring Pan American World Airlines during a series of frank talks with employees, a spokesman said Tuesday.

AMR Corp., American's parent company, made the announcement Monday. The company did not rule out buying any assets of the international carrier.

"If assets were to be made available by Pan Am or any other airline, it would make good business sense for American Airlines to consider those assets at that time," American spokesman Al Becker said.

However, Becker said that's only a hypothetical issue. "To my knowledge, Pan Am has not made anything available," he said.

Officials at Pan Am's parent company said Monday they are considering selling the carrier's Northeast shuttle route.

Jeff Kriendler, a spokesman for Pan Am, said the carrier does not want to sell the shuttle and will do so only if labor costs cannot be reduced through present negotiations with its two unions.

AMR's announcement came about a month after reports that the company was eyeing Pan Am as a possible acquisition. Becker said the company usually doesn't comment on reports, but made an exception in this case.

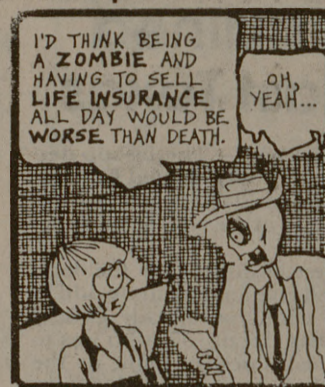
"Obviously, it has gotten a lot of attention," he said. "We are going to begin our round of employee meetings. One of the issues we are going to address is just to tell employees where we stand on the Pan Am question."

Becker said American's growth philosophy focuses on internal restructuring rather than outside acquisitions, although he noted American is trying to acquire AirCal.

The Department of Transportation announced last week it was granting tentative approval to that merger.

Wall Street analysts said the Monday announcement wasn't a surprise.

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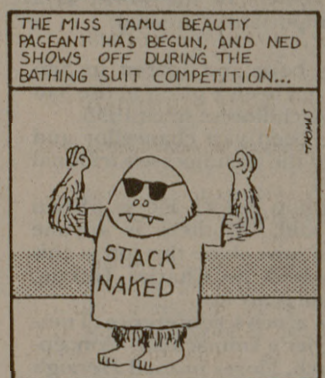


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by Scott McCullar

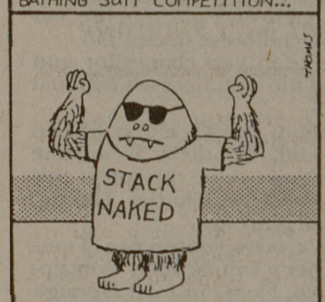
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FOR JUDGEMENT ON POISE AND PERSONALITY, NED ANSWERS A QUESTION...

FOR THE TALENT COMPETITION, HE SPITS WATERMELON SEEDS...

BUT NED REALLY WINS THE CROWD WITH THE EVENING GOWN COMPETITION...



by Kevin Thomas

Official: Issue of serving liquor at alumni center still undecided

By Teresa Roberson
Reporter

Despite rumors that the new Clayton Williams Alumni Center will serve liquor on special occasions, the issue remains undecided, Randy Matson, executive director of the Association of Former Students, said.

The association is leasing the center from the Texas A&M Committee members in the association haven't talked with University officials about serving liquor.

Matson said the topic must be discussed with officials, and if they decide against it being served, then the association will continue to have some functions at the Hilton Hotel in College Station.

Kathy Vonderhaar, Matson's secretary, said the special functions probably will consist of dinners and receptions for executive council members that are conducted annually in conjunction with evening council meetings.

Matson said, "I think that serving liquor would be on a limited basis."

The types of liquor and when they would be served also is undecided, he said.

The new former students' association building is at the corner of Jersey Street and Houston Street across from the University Police Department.

The association is more than 100 years old and it's time it has a permanent home, Matson said.

The association's new home will have an area of about 6,000 square feet, he said, while the association's old facility has approximately 1,800 square feet and is too small to accommodate the association's needs.

"Even though the MSC was a good location for us," Matson said, "the alumni will have more visibility with the students in the new building."

Grandmother watches government

Muckracker keeps city hall honest

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Every city needs a woman like Josephine McLean.

That's what even the detractors say about her — Brownsville's most celebrated muckraker.

She's tenacious: certain in her cause and relentless in her pursuit. And she's devoted to her self-appointed role as a full-time government watchdog.

She's a slight, 5-foot-tall, gray-haired grandmother of nine whose very presence has been known to inspire migraine spells in the most sublime minds that rule over City Hall.

"She's a hard pill to swallow," said one public official who spoke on condition of anonymity. "But I can honestly say there's a place in every community for someone like her."

"She plays an important role: keeping city officials on their toes and perhaps a little more honest than they might otherwise be."

City Commissioner Harry McNair said, "I'd rather have her for me than against me because once she gets on a roll about something she thinks you've done wrong, she'll look

into each and every action you take and won't leave one stone unturned."

Although others are not as kind in their appraisal of this "little ol' lady

"Because I raise hell when I think something is not right, people call me a troublemaker. But I just believe in standing up for people who . . . can't stand up for themselves."

— Josephine McLean

in sneakers" — as she often refers to herself, most of the regular observers of City Hall politics are ambivalent.

Is she a professional citizen or a perennial troublemaker?

McLean, 68, says she is neither.

"Because I raise hell when I think something is not right, people call me a troublemaker," she said. "But I just believe in standing up for people who for some reason or another can't stand up for themselves."

she was employed in 1969 as a teacher of the handicapped in the Brownsville public school system.

First she challenged the school district's policies toward orthopedically handicapped students, maintaining that they weren't getting the attention they deserved. She ended up requesting a reassignment.

In 1972, she single-handedly took on the Texas State Technical Institute campus in Harlingen, alleging, among other things, that school offi-

cial had set up on campus a post-private weekend retreat for ISTI officials from Waco, a dry city.

Her husband, Charlie, was fired as head of the electronics division at the vocational school. Despite appeals to state and federal authorities, McLean was never able to muster an official investigation.

After she retired from her teaching career in 1984 — to wage a failed campaign for a seat on the school board — McLean became an institution at the Brownsville City Commission meetings.

That same year, she helped organize Concerned Citizens of Brownsville Inc., a non-profit, government watchdog group. Finally, she was no longer a lone crusader.

But McLean's critics say she is directing a witch hunt based on rumors and gossip.

"She gets hold of some rumor about something alleged to have happened and she just goes crazy," another city official said.

McLean says she only does what any concerned taxpayer should: Keep watch on how tax dollars are spent.

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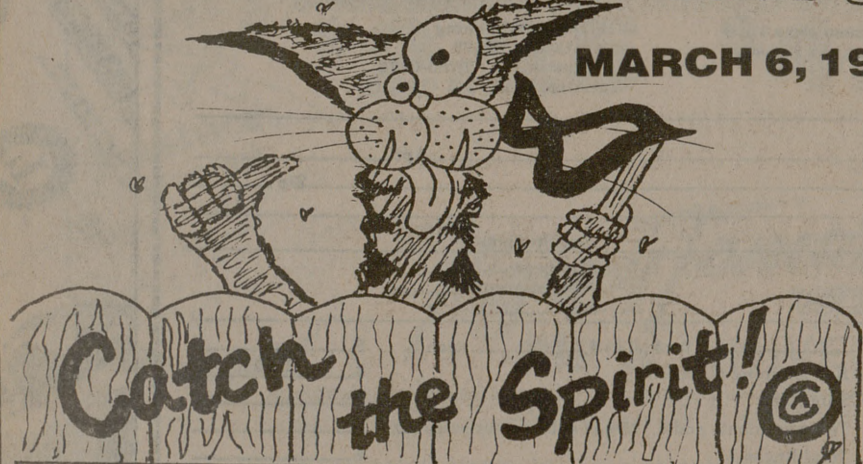
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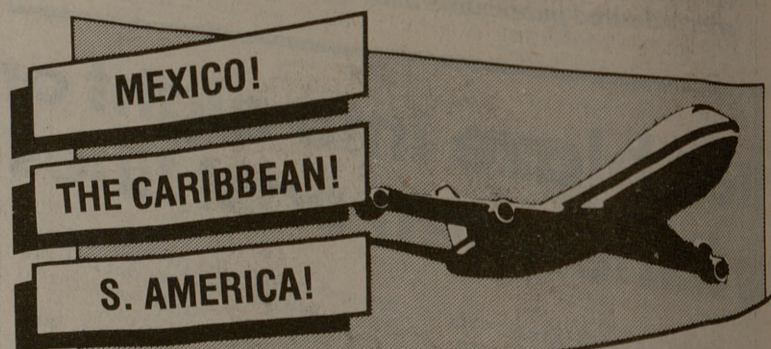
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