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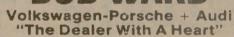
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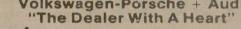


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# Population boom declines in Texas as growth tapers

From Staff and Wire Reports

Texas' population is growing at about half the rate it grew during the boom years of 1980-82, and preliminary figures for 1986 suggest growth may be stabilizing, according to a report released Thursday by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Sta-

"The state's population is still growing," said demographer Steve Murdock, professor and head of Texas A&M's rural sociology depart-

"It grew from 14.2 million people in 1980 to 16.4 million in 1985, but the rate of growth has slowed sub-

'In 1980-81 and 1981-82, a period of very rapid growth in Texas, the annual rate of increase was about 3.6 percent per year. But for 1984-85, the growth rate was about 1.8 percent, or about half of what it was in the boom years of 1980-82."

The study shows that 17 of the state's 26 metropolitan statistical areas — geographical areas of 50,000 or more inhabitants — experienced net out-migration between 1984 and 1985. Six of the metro areas were experiencing population declines because natural increase the excess of births relative to deaths — was not enough to offset net out-migration between 1984 and 1985. The population trends in the state's 254 counties show that 146

counties had population decreases during the 1960s. By contrast, dur-ing the 1970s only 44 had declines in population, and in 1980-82 only 41

counties lost population.

The trend reversed in 1982-84, with 68 counties showing decreases in their population. From 1984-85, the number of counties showing declining populations increased to 110.

In terms of net out-migration, 180 counties experienced out-migration in the 1960s, 84 in the 1970s, 57 from 1980-82, 93 from 1982-84 and 147 from 1984-85

The report said, "Prospects for renewed population growth at a level approximating the 1970s and early 1980s do not seem bright. Unless the state economy makes a rapid turn-around, it appears that the Texas boom in population growth is over, at least temporarily."

Rita Hamm, research associate for the rural sociology department, said the slowdown was primarily a result of the bad economic conditions in

Murdock said net in-migration averaged about 177,000 people per year during the 1970s but went to 364,000 from 1981-82. For 1984-85 it decreased to about 101,000 people.
"Now, about two-thirds of the

growth is from natural increase with only about a third resulting from net in-migration," Murdock said.

Even at 1.8 percent per year, the growth rate for Texas is substantially higher than that for the nation as a whole, which has been growing at about 1 percent per year. One of the reasons for Texas' above-average rate is that its rate of natural increase has held steady at about 1.2 percent per year during the 1980s.

The report said there is little doubt that the slowdown in Texas population growth is real, extensive and pervasive. The causes for these patterns appear to be largely eco-nomic and it seems unlikely that such growth will return to the levels of the 1970s and early 1980s until the Texas economy shows a substan-

## In Advance

#### Orchestra concert will feature piant

By Karl Pallmeyer

Music Critic
The Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra will present "Pictures' for the Ear" and an awardwinning pianist Saturday at 8 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium.

Under the direction of conduc-Franz Anton Krager, the BVSO is scheduled to perform Modest Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition" and Franz Shubert's "Overture to Rosamunde." Pianist Lin Wang will join the or-chestra for Frederic Chopin's Concerto No. 1 in E Minor for Pi-

Wang, 18, won the Gold Medal at the Brazos Valley Young Artist Competition last month. When she was 8, Wang had a music tea-cher show her how to read music so she could begin playing the piano. She received no formal instruction until she was admitted to the Preparatory School of the Shanghai Conservatory when she

Wang is one of four pianists from Shanghai, China, currently studying music at the University of Texas under a special program set up by UT music professor William Race.

Race, who had been invited by the Chinese to teach music at the Shanghai Conservatory, says he saw several young, talented pia-nists there and wanted to bring them to America to study. He worked out a program with UT to have the school sponsor these

students' education. Last sber, four pianists, in Wang, came to study musi Race at UT. Another Chine dent will join the progra

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first piano concerto wasn' lished until after the second Mussorgsky wrote "Pict an Exhibition" in memory friend, Russian artist A derovich Hartmann. The sition was inspired by sor Hartmann's drawings. BVSO will perform Maurice el's orchestral transcripitor

The opera "Rosumund Princess of Cyprus" was in by Shubert in only two days. Shubert didn't have time to an overture for the op used the overture from 'I berharfe," one of his earlie eras. Although the opera' munde" wasn't popular closed after two performan the name was given to the Zauberharfe" overture w was published.

Tickets for " 'Pictures' f Ear" are available at Rudde Office. Prices are \$12 for \$10 for students and sen zens, and \$8 for children 12 under. Call the Rudder Box fice at 845-1234 or the BVX fice at 846-7659 for more de

#### Speaker to discuss U.S.-Soviet relation

Can we trust the Soviets? Is world domination the Soviet goal? What are the Soviets really

These issues and more will be addressed at the MSC Political Forum's program on U.S.-Soviet relations to be held **Monday in** 601 Rudder at 7 p.m.

Ambassador Ralph Ear chief U.S. negotiator at neva Salt II talks and dir the U.S. Arms Control and mament Agency, is the feat speaker.

A reception will follow the

#### Man calls donations'the real issue'

# Tyler evangelist blasts Swaggart

Ted Armstrong says Jimmy Swaggart should stop criticizing fellow preacher Jim Bakker about his present troubles. Swaggart should follow Jesus' command to "let

he who is without sin among you cast the first stone," Armstrong said Wednesday.

The evangelist said the real issue behind the Bakker controversy may be the competition for donations from TV viewers. He said the two evangelists are "paying the price for living under the trappings of power and large incomes."

"You've got to understand that these people are all competing for the same market," Armstrong told the *Houston Chronicle*. "You can't

put a price tag on the Gospel. "The limelight and multimillion-dollar budgets of TV evangelism can be a corrupting influence. These people are not above this type of

Swaggart, Bakker, Oral Roberts and other TV evangelists have similar programs and all ask for donations, something Armstrong said he has never done during his 33 years on television and

Armstrong became well-known when he was the evangelist for "The World Tomorrow" TV when he was host for "The World Tomorrow." that the vast majority of the public feels the was host for "The World Tomorrow." way."

program, but was ousted in a power struggle at the California-based Worldwide Church of God Armstrong said he had not read about the

Bakker controversy until Wednesday.
"I never watch those people," said Armstrong,

"The limelight and multimilliondollar budgets of TV evangelism can be a corrupting influence. These people (Jimmy Swaggart and Jim Bakker) are not above this type of thing."

— Tyler evangelist Garner Ted Armstrong

showing in 14 U.S. cities. He estimates his total taste in my mouth," Armstrong said. "Image of the showing in 14 U.S. cities."

Swaggart initiated an investigation of Bal Assemblies of God denomination Swaggart and Bakker are ministers withth tecostal denomination. "That's shocking," Armstrong said To the guy go on television and preach forging

Swaggart should forgive Bakker "to avoid itual grave-robbing," he said.
Swaggart has denied accusations from lear's organization that he attempted to take

Bakker's \$172 million PTL evangelistic mi

near Charlotte, N.C.

Armstrong, 57, now president of the based Church of God International, was by his father, the late Herbert W. Armstrong. nine years ago in a widely publicized disput fiscal policies at the Worldwide Churchoff Armstrong's father, who died in 1986, of him after accusing him of trying to take on church. The younger Armstrong denied the

"The use of blatant, teary-eyed fund is

## Bush's son: Iran deal causes problems for bil

AUSTIN (AP) — The continuing controversy over the Iran-Contra arms deal creates political problems for George Bush's presidential bid, his son said Thursday. George W. Bush said he fears con-

gressional investigations and news reports might distract the public from his father's qualifications.

The Iran thing has created enough confusion so it takes away one of our strengths, and that is get-ting people to see what George Bush is made out of and what his worth is," George W. Bush said. "What it does, it tends to confuse

voters so they don't focus on George Bush's strengths," he said. "He is the best-qualified guy to run the governThe younger Bush is in Austin to announce leaders of the vice president's Texas campaign staff.

He said he worries about Democrat-controlled congressional committees investigating the sale of arms to Iran and diversion of profits to the Nicaraguan Contra rebels. "You've got to be concerned about

it because the ball is now in the committees controlled by the Demo-crats," Bush said. "And they're going to make as much political hay out of it as possible.'

Leading Bush's Texas presidential campaign will be Tom Loeffler, former congressman and unsuccessful gubernatorial candidate, and Republican Party activist Penny Butler of Houston.

Loeffler said the Iran controversy makes the race tougher but predicted the vice president will win the 1988 GOP nomination.

"We know we have a challenge,"
Loeffler said. "It's not going to be a cakewalk. But I know who's the that early, Bush said. front-runner, and I know who in my judgment is the most qualified man in America to be president.

"We're beginning the process of getting another Texan elected to the presidency of the United States. Saying his father's main Republi-

can competition is Kansas Sen. Bob Dole, Bush said the southern "Super Tuesday" primary will be a tremen-party... have got an enor dous advantage to the vice presi-

dent, who also sough the 60 idential nomination in 1980.

More than a dozen south will hold their primaries or 1988, meaning that for time, about half the GOP Convention delegates will be

"It's an incumbent's dream said. "On Super Tuesday, 16 or 17 primary states on You've got to be able to money and organize a board for a one-day prim never happened before.

"The people who around the circle once, party . . . have got an er vantage.





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