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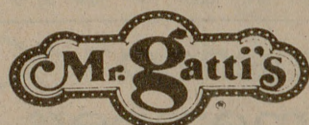
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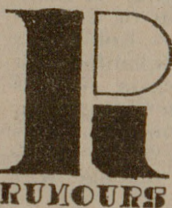
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RUMOUR:

Ninety percent of the rumours
published in this column are
true.

FACT:

April 8, 1986 this column
made the following announce-
ment: stated in part... work will
begin to construct a railroad
tunnel parallel to the rail line
that runs through campus.
The roof of the tunnel will be
ground level and will support
wheel vehicles.



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Behind The
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**House endorses
anti-smoking bill
targeting students**

AUSTIN (AP) — A lawmaker
who took his first cigarette puff in
junior high school won House
endorsement Wednesday for his bill
banning students from smoking at
public schools and at school-spon-
sored events.

"Smoking kills 17,000 Texans an-
nually," Rep. Jim McWilliams, D-
Hallsville, told the House.

His measure, with an amendment
that extends the ban to cover snuff,
won preliminary approval in a non-
record vote. The bill is scheduled for
a final House vote next week that
could send it to the Senate.

McWilliams said in an interview
that the ban could help prevent
some students from getting involved
with tobacco. Peer pressure to smoke
is difficult to overcome, he said, re-
calling why he began a smoking
habit that lasted for 36 years until he
quit two years ago.

"I felt like I was tougher and
smarter and bigger than everybody
else because I smoked," McWilliams
said.

Rep. Jerry Beauchamp, D-San
Antonio, who added the snuff-ban
amendment, said, "The younger
generation of boys are using a lot of
snuff and it's causing cancer of the
lip and gums."

Also Wednesday, the House voted
final approval to Rep. Charles Finn-
nell's bill that adjusts penalties for
animal cruelty. Finnell, D-Holliday,
wants to lower the penalty for minor
offenses against animals. He said
that would allow quicker prosecution.

He also wants to allow prison
terms for three-time violators of animal
cruelty laws.

The Finnell bill was sent to the
Senate on a 81-55 vote.

**S&L official:
Failures force
more control**

DALLAS (AP) — Federal re-
gulators by the end of 1988 may be
managing four times the value of
assets they now control because of
savings and loan failures in a
state region that includes Texas.
top FSLIC official said.

Thomas Procopio, director of
the Federal Savings and Loan In-
surance Corp.'s southern region,
told the Dallas Times Herald in an
interview that his office already is administering
about \$2 billion in assets of
failed S&Ls in the region.

"If recapitalization plans
through, that could double the
year and maybe double again
next year," Procopio said. The
\$8 billion in assets from failed
S&Ls in the region by 1989 is a
conservative estimate, he added.

Late Wednesday, the
Home Loan Bank of Dallas issued
a statement saying that there are
no plans to acquire assets of
failed S&Ls.

North

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the Iran-Contra affair set to begin
May 5, investigators are discussing
the possibility of having former Na-
tional Security Adviser Robert Mc-
Farlane as the leadoff witness.
Sources said that McFarlane has
been spending much of his time in
recent weeks meeting with investiga-
tors for the special counsel and the
House and Senate committees.

Investigators also disclosed they
are negotiating with Albert Hakim's
lawyers to obtain his testimony, in-
cluding records of his financial deal-
ings. Hakim, an Iranian-American
businessman, has been named as a
key figure in the military supply op-
eration to the Contras and linked to
North and retired Maj. Gen. Rich-
ard Secord as one of the joint hold-
ers in a Swiss bank account.

The White House memos that
were altered were written by North
in 1985 to McFarlane, who was Rea-
gan's national security adviser and

North's boss at the time, sources
said.

They said that North and his sec-
retary destroyed documents as
North's activities as a National Secu-
rity Council aide came under scru-
tiny last November by Attorney Gen-
eral Edwin Meese III, who led an

investigation by Justice Depart-
ment officials.

That investigation was begun
weekend before North was named
his role in the sale of arms to the
Contras and possible diversion of profits
to the Nicaraguan rebels known as

Tunnel

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flights, the engineers are working
on multiple projects.

The rocket escape system is de-
signed for limited use, mainly after
an aborted launch.

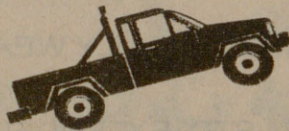
"It's not designed for use in any-
thing but an abort situation, espe-
cially when you feel you'll have to
ditch over water," he said. "The line
of thought now is if you have to
ditch over water, you have less than
a 50-50 chance of surviving because
the vehicle will break up."

"If you have some kind of
where you've had an explosion,
around the engines maybe, and
has destroyed some of the rear
of it, the vehicle may not be able
and you wouldn't be able to use
escape system."

Despite its limitations, NASA
administrators want the system as
escape option in place for the
shuttle flight. Romere doubts it
will be certified for use by then,
but he is confident that his team
will find answers to the
questions they face.

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