

Media firm says profits have doubled

DALLAS (AP) — Third-quarter earnings for A.H. Belo Corp., parent of the Dallas Morning News, doubled largely because of the sale of two Denver radio stations. But the media company said its operating profits were down 3.18 percent for the quarter. Belo's net earnings totaled \$6.4 million, up 114.77 percent from \$2.98 million last year. On a per-share basis, Belo earned 59 cents, compared with 27 cents per share a year earlier.

The earnings included lower taxes, less interest expense and a gain of \$3.3 million from the sale of Belo's two Denver radio properties, KOA-AM and KOAQ-FM, the company said Monday.

Earnings from operations were \$14.54 million for the quarter, down from \$15.02 million in the same three months of 1986.

The company said its earnings performance reflects "continued positive results" from its cost-containment efforts, lower interest expense, a lower tax rate and fewer shares outstanding.

Revenues for the quarter were \$91 million, a decline of 3.29 percent from the \$94.1 million reported for the 1986 period. But excluding revenues from disposed properties, revenues for the quarter were unchanged.

While overall revenues declined, revenues from Belo's publishing group rose slightly to \$53.4 million from \$53.3 million a year earlier. Broadcasting revenues declined 7.9 percent to \$37.5 million.

Net earnings for the first nine months were \$17.2 million, compared with \$12.2 million a year earlier.

Revenues for the first three quarters ending Sept. 30 were \$279.7 million, down 3.3 percent from the \$289.1 million last year.

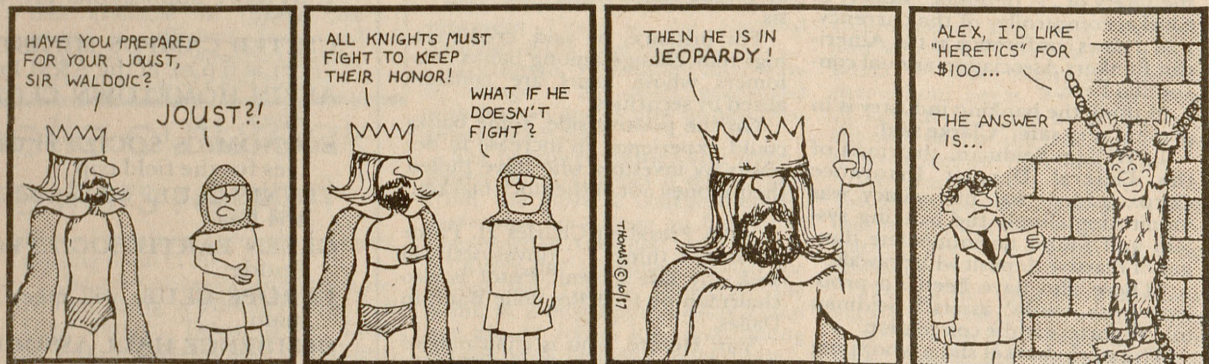
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Ecology program to focus on efforts to stop wildlife habitat destruction

By Jenny Palter
Reporter

A symposium titled "Fragile Communities: Ecological Perspectives In the Americas" will be held Thursday and Friday in Rudder Theatre.

Sponsored by the Association of Graduate Wildlife and Fisheries Scientists (AGWAFS), the program will focus on efforts to stop habitat destruction and the resulting loss of species.

Six scientists currently involved in research related to maintaining biological diversity are scheduled to speak.

Thursday's speakers are:

- Dr. David J. Schmidly, wildlife and fisheries department head, who will give an opening speech at 1 p.m.

- Dr. Stanley Temple, a professor of wildlife ecology from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, who will discuss ecological fragility at 1:30 p.m.

- Temple holds the Beers-Bascom chair in conservation.

- Dr. Ronald K. Chesser, associate professor of biological and museum sciences at Texas Tech University, who will discuss the genetics of fragile communities at 3 p.m.

- Dr. Eric R. Pianka of the zoology department at the University of

Texas, who will evaluate the community-level approach in ecology at 4 p.m.

Pianka holds the Denton A. Cooley Centennial Professorship in zoology.

Friday's speakers are:

- Dr. Michael A. Mares, zoology professor and director of the Stovall Museum of Natural History at the University of Oklahoma, who will discuss the social and economic aspects of Latin America's conservation problems at 9 a.m.

- Dr. J. Baird Callicott, professor of philosophy and natural resources at the University of Wisconsin at Ste-

ven's Point, who will explore concepts of nature and management philosophy at 10 a.m.

- Dr. John G. Robinson, associate professor of wildlife and range sciences at the University of Florida and Director of the Program of Studies in Tropical Conservation, who will discuss the future of tropical conservation at 1 p.m.

Funding for the symposium is provided by the MSC Jordan Institute for Environmental Awareness, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, the Office of the Dean of Agriculture and Charles Kaffie.

McClure's aunt to register day-care center

MIDLAND (AP) — The day-care center where Jessica McClure fell into an abandoned well was not registered with the state, but the woman who runs the facility is cooperating with investigators to make the home legal, officials said Tuesday.

Meanwhile, doctors at Midland Memorial Hospital continued to try to save the 18-month-old toddler's right foot from amputation while getting well wishes poured in from across the country.

Jamie Moore, McClure's aunt who also was caring for several other children at the time of the accident, was not registered with the Texas Department of Human Services to provide care at her home, agency caseworker Steve Horton said Tuesday.

Horton said he talked to Moore shortly after McClure fell into the well last Wednesday because he wasn't aware that she was using her home to care for children.

"I look at this one as a business," Horton said.

"Her sister, the child's mother, was working with her. They were providing care for unrelated children. They were subject to regulations."

He said about one-third of his caseload involves unregulated homes. He tells people they should cease operations or register their homes with the state agency.

"In this case, the provider is cooperating with our department and she has agreed to cease operations until we complete our investigation," Horton said about Moore.

David Beard, a policy specialist with the department's licensing division, said, "I'm told that she indicated to the local staff that she was not planning to care for children in at least two weeks and if and when she intends to do that (reopen), she would do it under proper regulations."

Horton said if McClure had not fallen 22 feet into the well, from which she was rescued Friday night, state officials probably never would have known the facility existed.

"Generally, the only way we find out about an unregulated facility is if there is a complaint or something like this," Horton said.

He said his agency's investigation would take about 30 days.

Moore was not immediately available for comment. Her telephone number is unpublished.

Texas law contains both civil and criminal penalties for day-care violations, Beard said.

"As to whether or not those will be pursued, I can't say," he said. "I tend to think not. I think the lady has been penalized enough through this horrible experience."

McClure remained in serious but stable condition Tuesday, undergoing oxygen tank treatments for her right foot, which was injured during her 58-hour ordeal in the well, hospital spokesman Sue Ristom said.

The foot suffered loss of blood circulation and doctors are doing everything possible to save the foot from amputation.

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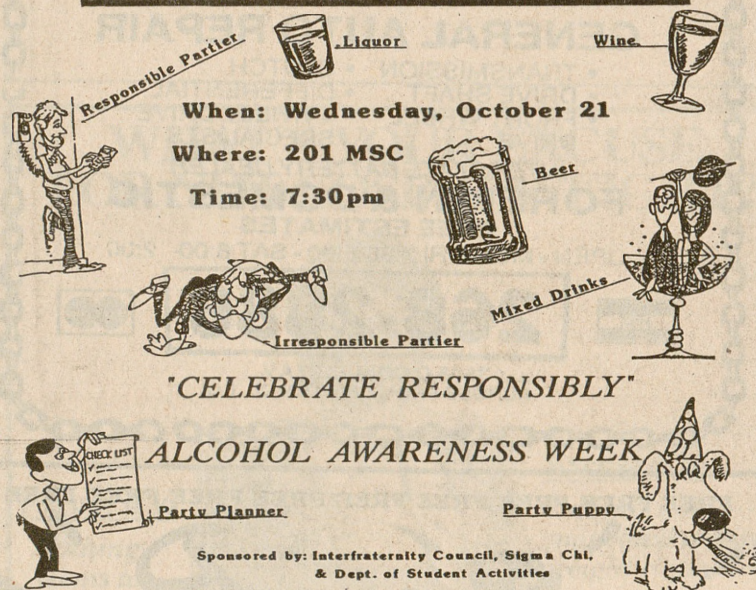
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