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Annual Christmas craft festival will be today, tomorrow at MSC

By Kim File
 Reporter
 University Plus will have its ninth annual craft festival from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Wednesday at Rudder Fountain.
 Wayne Helton, University Plus supervisor, said all the crafts will be handmade.
 "Everything there will be handcrafted by the people who are selling it," Helton said. "None of the items will be mass production-type things that are seen in the malls or other retail stores."
 Texas A&M senior Susan Miller said she waits for the festival before she starts her Christmas shopping every year.
 "I've been able to find the most unusual gifts," Miller said.

Helton said the outdoor festival will feature from 50 to 60 craft vendors, primarily from Texas.
 "Most of our vendors come from surrounding metropolitan areas," he said. "A lot come from the Houston, Fort Worth and Austin areas."
 Helton said prices will vary. "There will be things below \$5," he said, "and in the jewelry areas particularly, you may see some things priced upwards of \$50. But most vendors, I'm sure, will be keeping it a little lower than that."
 The festival will feature Christmas specialty craftsmen as well as those who sell non-seasonal items, he said.
 "As far as Christmas things,

you're going to see a lot of people offering wreaths and various handmade decorations for the Christmas tree and other places," he said. "Also, they'll be offering folk art items with wooden cutouts of children's toys and animals and that sort of thing."
 The majority of the vendors participating, however, are those specializing in a product line on a full-time basis, he said.
 There will be potters, jewelers and photographers, among others.
 "This year, we have more of the serious craftsmen that have a particular product concentration," he said. "Shows like ours, the Renaissance Festival and the Scarborough Fair provide the sole source of income for many of these people."



Graphic by Susan C.

Former state congressman Kazen dies funeral services slated for Wednesday

AUSTIN (AP) — Services will be held Wednesday for former Texas Congressman Abraham "Chick" Kazen Jr. of Laredo, who died from a heart attack.
 Kazen, 68, who had served in the Texas Legislature before being elected to Congress in 1966, had been admitted to Seton Medical Center Thanksgiving night suffering from chest pains, hospital spokesman M.A. Bengtson said Monday. He died Sunday night, she said.
 A native of Laredo, Kazen graduated from Laredo High School and attended the University of Texas and Cumberland University Law School.
 A pilot during World War II, he served in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, India and Burma.

Kazen flew more than 17,000 hours in overseas combat during the war, and he also served as the personal pilot for Gen. Sir Oliver Leese, the commander of Allied Ground Forces in the China-Burma-India theater.
 Kazen served in the Texas House of Representatives from 1947 to 1952 and the Texas Senate from 1953 through 1966.
 He served as president pro tempore of the Senate in 1959. During his legislative career, he sponsored a preschool program for non-English speaking children.
 While in Washington, Kazen served as chairman of the House subcommittee on water and power resources. He served through 1984.
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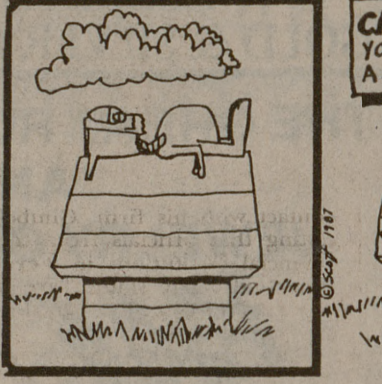
from San Antonio's south side to Laredo and west to Eagle Pass.
 A rosary is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. today. The funeral Mass is scheduled for Wednesday morning at Blessed Sacrament Church in Laredo.
 Kazen is survived by his wife, Consuelo, five children and eight grandchildren.
 U.S. Rep. Albert Bustamante, who defeated Kazen in the 1984 Democratic primary, said he told him a few months ago he was feeling well.
 "To hear of his passing certainly saddens me," Bustamante said.
 "His family has had a lot of history in the political and business areas."

by Scott McCulloch

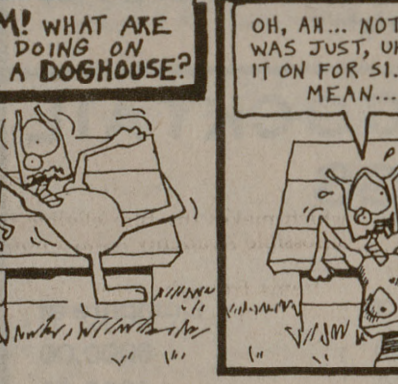
UTSA professor offers ideas about divorce

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Many divorce settlements could stop being family feuds if bickering spouses and attorneys adopt a new economic divorce settlement formula, a professor says.
 Keith Fairchild, an economics professor at the University of Texas at San Antonio, said his formula equally divides community property and future income resulting from the marriage.
 "If there is a net benefit of \$40,000 to the couple (as a result of their marriage) then I say \$20,000 to each (in the divorce settlement)," Fairchild said.
 Current law provides for the equal division of property that a couple acquires during marriage. When it comes to future income, however, few guidelines exist, Fairchild said.
 Fairchild said his model ensures that any benefit or loss resulting from the marriage, particularly a change in the earnings potential and future risks, be shared equally.
 "My economic modeling of divorce settlements determines what would be fair in an economic sense," he said.
 Much of Fairchild's model deals with future income flow, he said.
 "Generally, what is focused upon more is where one spouse forgoes certain career opportunities to help the other through university, or one of them gets transferred and the other has to give up his job, thus setting back his career in order to keep the marriage intact," Fairchild said.
 He also said the model ensures that future risks are taken into account.
 "To the extent that the marriage has augmented somebody's earnings potential, the individual who made the sacrifice has hurt his earnings due to the marriage," Fairchild said.
 "He or she should recover half of that loss in the event of divorce," he said.

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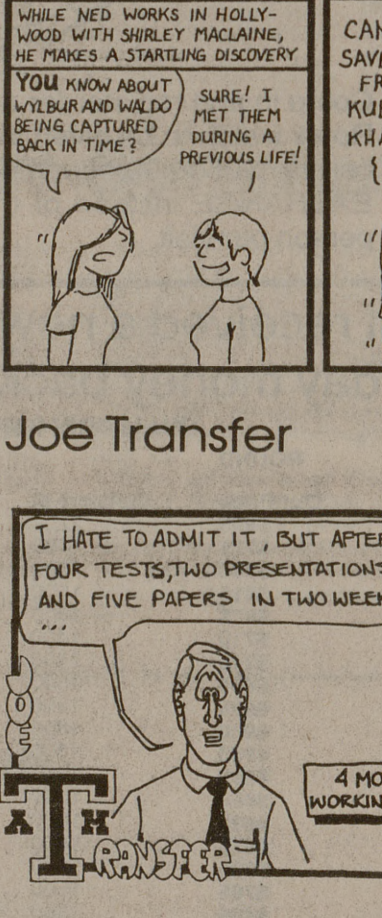


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