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# Brazos Sinfonietta performance well-received despite rough spots

By Brian Frederick  
Music Reviewer

In spite of some rough spots, last night's performance of the Brazos Sinfonietta deserved a larger audience than the few hundred that half-filled Rudder Theater.

Sponsored by the University Chamber Series, the program included works by Mozart, Bach, Dvorak and Rameau. George Calvin Adams, principal bassoonist and Associate Conductor for the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra, conducted.

Aggies may complain that College Station is a cultural black hole, but when one may hear Bach's First Brandenburg Concerto, Jean-Philippe Rameau's Les Indes Galantes

### Review

Second Suite, Mozart's Divertimento in D Major, and Antonin Dvorak's Serenade in D minor, it demonstrates that such contentions are not true.

Initially comprised of about 25 pieces including a hapsichord, the sinfonietta opened with Rameau's Les Indes Galantes. It crisply performed the piece's pretty melodies and drew warm applause from the audience.

Mozart's Divertimento followed. Its moods swung from lively allegros to melancholy adagios and back again. Penny Zent punctuated the piece with her fluttering flute solos,

which provided many of the evening's high points.

The performances were often rough, and the brass particularly lacked sharpness.

Bach's well-known Brandenburg Concerto provided the sinfonietta some problems as well.

Nevertheless, the audience was appreciative of the performers' efforts.

In spite of a few difficulties, the sinfonietta gave a performance that was both solid and satisfying.

The Brazos Sinfonietta has performed as the chamber ensemble of the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra since it was formed in 1984.

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## Hispanics: English-only 'racist, divisive' issue

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Hispanic leaders assailed an English-only referendum Wednesday that won overwhelming Republican approval, calling it a racist, divisive issue that was not good for Hispanics or the GOP.

Hispanic leaders said they were upset, but not surprised that the non-binding referendum won 93 percent approval on the Republican primary ballot Tuesday.

Oscar Moran, national president of the League of United Latin American Citizens, said the English-only issue was just another form of discrimination.

"You only see this movement as Hispanics, blacks and other minorities begin to assert themselves in the political arena," Moran, a Republican, said.

"It's a very simplistic, backward approach that creates divisiveness and polarization in the community," he said.

The question on the referendum, which sought a yes or no response, read, "English should be established as the official language of the state of Texas and the United States of America."

## Nine-count indictment accuses candidate

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston lawyer running for a state district criminal court judge position is accused of bank fraud and other charges in a nine-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury.

The indictment says Raymond Dickens Jr., 59, pocketed money lent to him for home improvements and intimidated a former secretary in an attempt to stop her from talking to federal officials.

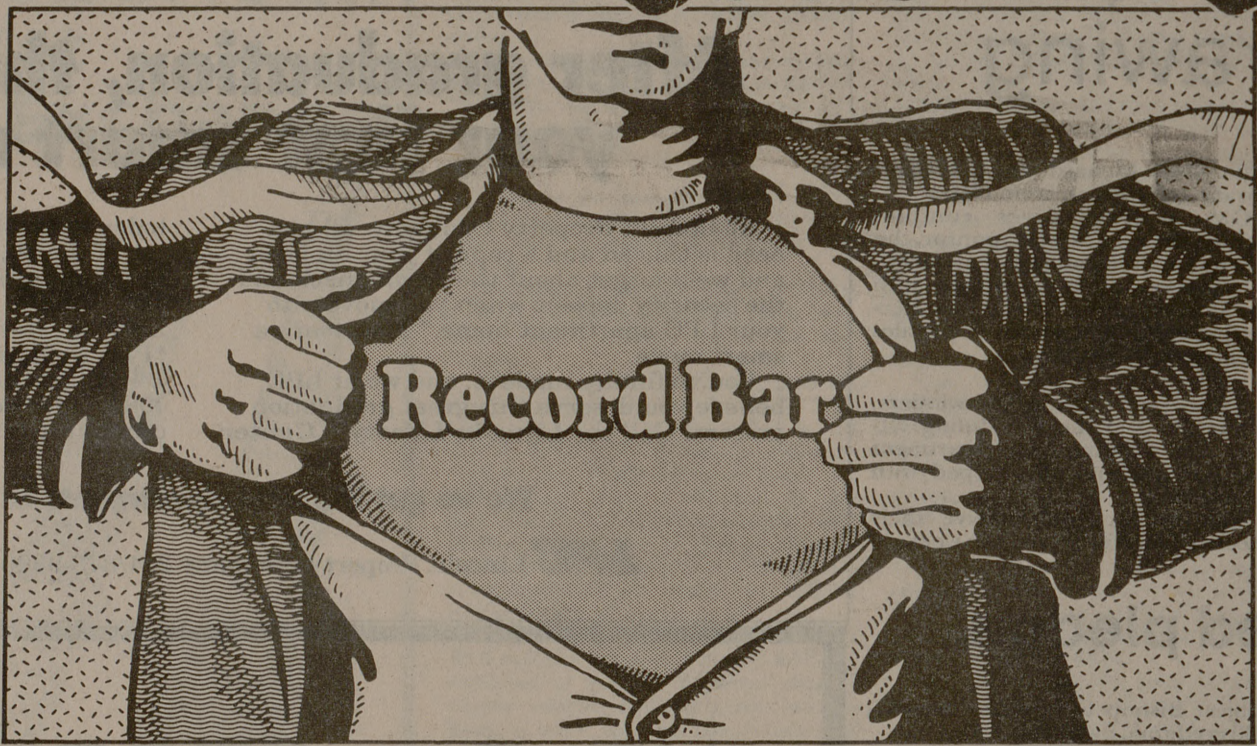
The indictment was returned Friday, but not released by the

federal clerk's office until Tuesday.

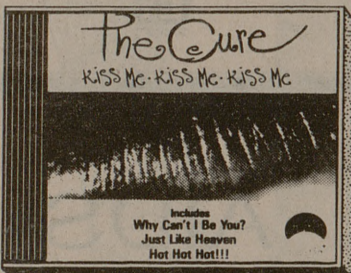
He was a candidate in the Republican primary for the 17th district court in Harris County. The latest returns show him with 31.5 percent of the vote while Mike Wilkinson grabbed 50 percent for the Republican nomination.

Dickens faces up to 32 years in prison and a \$2.25 million fine if convicted of six counts of making a false statement, two counts of fraud and one count of intimidation.

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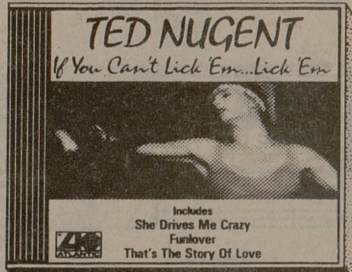
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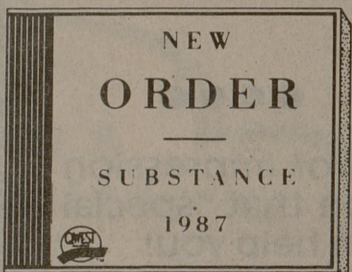
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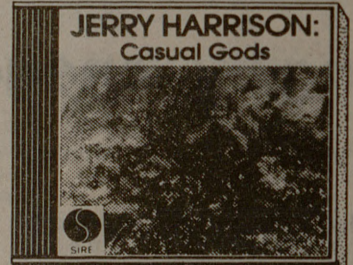
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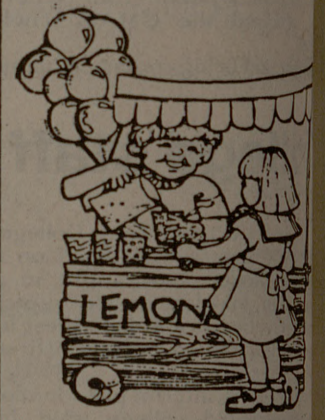
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