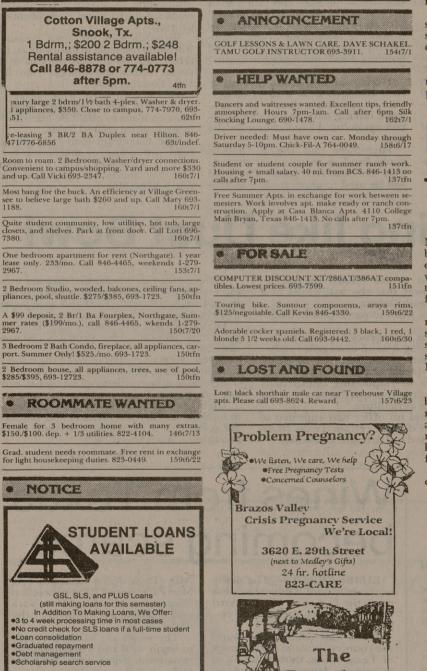




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# **Red Cross boosts** volunteer staffing

Red Cross, remembering the tor-nado last year that killed 37 people and injured more than 110 in a West Texas city, is preparing for another natural disaster by boosting its vol-unteer staff to 1,400.

"We were frightened," Gail Bar-ron, spokesman for the Dallas chap-ter of the Red Cross, said of the Saragosa twister. "If a tornado came into our area, we would be understaffed.

So, instead of waiting for another calamity, the chapter has launched a recruitment drive to quadruple its volunteer ranks.

The chapter has about 350 volunteers on call during disasters to run emergency shelters, operate food trucks and kitchens, counsel victims, assess property damage and perform other duties.

That number is 1,050 volunteers situations. short of what the organization is shooting for in the recruitment drive

Red Cross officials told the Dallas Times Herald Sunday they deter-mined the need for 1,400 by multiplying the number of people needed else," she said.

DALLAS (AP) — The American to operate a shelter during a less serious emergency by the number of shelters needed in a catastrophe.

"We are not in a crisis," Dan Wag-ner, director of the chapter's disaster services, said. "We just want to feel that we have enough volunteers to handle a crisis."

The closest the chapter has come to a crisis was last February when a fire in Oaklawn burned down 48 units of an apartment complex, leaving 140 people homeless.

Wagner said volunteers - mostly retired people, homemakers and business owners — helped victims find food and shelter, distributed blankets and later replace clothes, furniture and other things.

Janice Gardner, a bank teller who volunteers as a cook with the Red Cross, said she gets personal satisfaction out of helping others in sticky

Gardner, who grew up in a poor neighborhood in New York City's Harlem, knows what it's like to not to have all the necessities in life.

"I get a natural high knowing I can do something to help someone

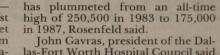
# Nursing schools try to increase recruits

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) -Nursing schools and hospitals must be innovative these days to get enough recruits as women turn from what has been a traditional occupation to highly paid professional fields that have better hours.

"The nursing shortage we have now is going to get worse as people seek other forms of employment," said Peri Rosenfeld, director of research for the National League for Nursing. "It's a big crisis.

We have no hints there's going to be a change in the perception of nursing," Rosenfeld said. "We live in a society that is materialistic and money conscious and people aren't looking into nursing or helping professions

Nationwide, the number of students enrolled in nursing programs



las-Fort Worth Hospital Council said throughout Texas the situation is no better. A 1987 council survey of 10 area schools showed there were 855 nursing graduates in programs that could have accommodated 1,566.

Just two years ago, the University of Texas at Arlington had a waiting list for its program. In fall 1987, 332 students were enrolled — about 130 under capacity. Students are accepted into the program in their junior year and must maintain a minimum grade-point average of 2.5.

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## Skin patch business increases Texas sale

#### **By Velia Velez** Reporter

Band-Aids help heal scratches or small cuts, but some people would like to believe they could be an aid in losing weight, stopping smoking or even avoiding AIDS and other diseases.

A business involving the selling of an adhesive skin "patch" that is claimed to be effective against a wide range of ailments has mushroomed recently in Texas.

Margaret Wilson of the Public Health Promotion Division of the Texas Department of Health said the skin patch is a bogus product that is not proven effective.

"The skin patches are a type of adhesive gauze patch supplied with a small vial that contains a liquid alleged to be effective against a wide range of ailments," Wilson said. "The liquid in the vial is often rub-bing alcohol, a mixture of herbs or

Manufacturers of the product say the skin patch can be applied to any part of the body and be effective. The product is harmless to the skin

The simplistic idea behind skin patch is what is making popular, Wilson said. It is set cause people would like to that a thing as simple as a could solve their health pole The product, which is be for \$30 to \$40 for a months is being advertised by mail.

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The advertisements and

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fraudulent, are a major factor product's success, Wilson said

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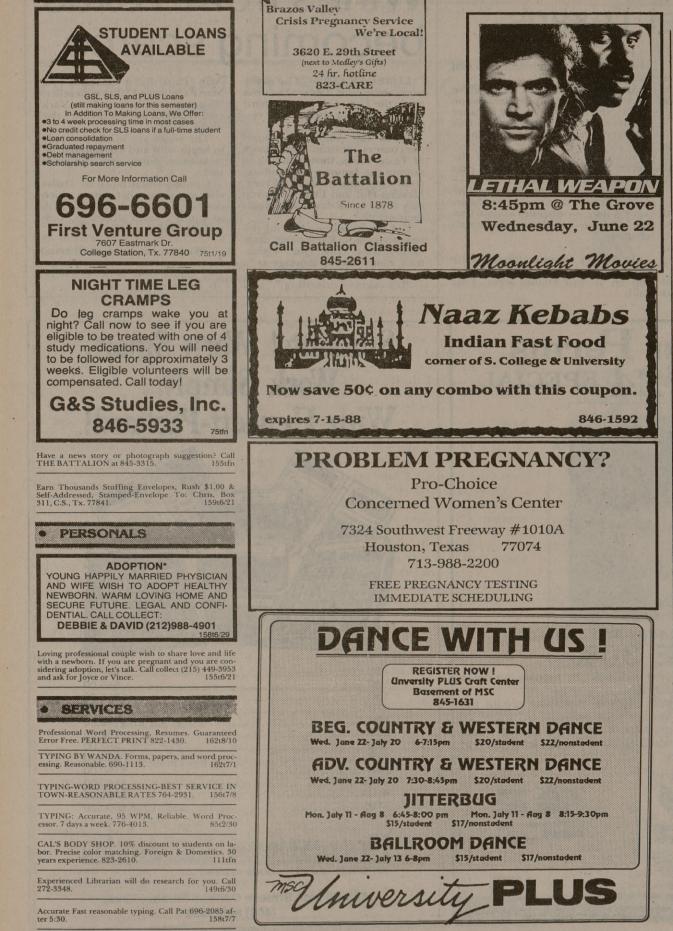
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