

Abortion

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to people I know," Cuthbert said. "I've just been asking people if they're interested in being a pro-choice activist."

"Collectively, I think there have been about 200 sent in from A&M because of the ones who went through (my professor), Pro-choice Aggies, NOW and myself. (My professor) and I got about 60 or 70 signed."

"I don't necessarily support abortion, but I think the right should always be there. The marchers on Washington who carried coathangers — I think that symbolizes the whole reason why I'm doing it. I

don't want it to have to go back to that for people who need and want abortions."

"I think sending the letters can make a difference, especially from here because A&M is such a conservative university. The more letters there are against overturning it, the more the attorney general is going to have to think about it."

Lisa Bordeau, assistant to the ACLU director of the Reproductive Freedom Project, said the ACLU sent the letter all over the nation to pro-choice organizations and their affiliates.

The Reproductive Freedom Project is devoted to trying to preserve

privacy and reproductive rights for all people. The ACLU works to defend the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution.

Bordeau said the ACLU headquarters in New York has received 200,000 of the form letters.

"They've come from all over the country — we've even had foreign ones," she said.

"We don't know if this will change anybody's mind, but I think we all want to show we're against the justice department revoking Roe vs. Wade. We think this would be a gross error and we just want to voice an opinion."

Lucy

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when she was operated upon, Dr. Robert Kass said.

Kass, who performed the operation, said at the time the tearing in Ball's aorta "progressed all the way down into her abdomen."

Ball, with her fire-engine red hair and siren wail, was considered the queen of situation comedy and a pioneer of the sitcom format.

"I and 100 million others will miss her," comedian George Burns said. "But we haven't lost Lucille Ball because she's still with us on television and we can see her on and on."

"Her red hair, her antics on the screen, her timing and her zest for life made her an American institution," former President and Nancy Reagan said in a statement. "Just the mention of her name brings a smile. . . . We love Lucy and will miss her deeply."

"It's a shock after working very closely with her and loving her for over 35 years," Ball's frequent side-

kick, Gale Gordon, who was in Edmonton, Alberta, said.

While in the hospital, the comedian was deluged with thousands of cards, letters, flowers and phone calls from fans as far away as Australia and Europe.

Ball and her late former husband, Desi Arnaz, starred in "I Love Lucy" from 1951 to 1957 and have been seen since in widely syndicated reruns. The late Vivian Vance and William Frawley played their neighbors, Fred and Ethel Mertz.

Her split-second timing, wide-mouthed wails and exaggerated pratfalls made the "I Love Lucy" show one of the most popular in television history.

Bridge clubs and bowling teams changed their meeting nights to watch Lucy and Ethel cook up still another ridiculous scheme that would push their long-suffering husbands to exasperation.

Ball's real, onscreen pregnancy marked a milestone in television, and an estimated 44 million viewers — more than for the inauguration of President Eisenhower — tuned in on Jan. 19, 1953, to watch Lucy Ricardo have Little Ricky.

Six injured in fall from bridge pier

DALLAS (AP) — Six construction workers were injured — two critically after falling 52 feet — when a bridge pier over the Trinity River bottom collapsed Wednesday.

A dozen workers were using machinery to smooth concrete atop the pier when the accident occurred about 1 p.m., said crane operator Frank Jurica, who lifted nine of the workers to safety.

"I was looking right at them when all of a sudden I heard a loud crack and saw the guys fall to the street," Jurica said. "It happened that quick."

"I knew I had to get the others off so I raised the man basket and brought down four or five the first time and the rest the second time," he said. "They were pretty shaken. We all were."

There were unconfirmed reports that the pier had been accidentally struck by a crane in the past.

The "super-plasticized" concrete had been poured on the deck about 20 minutes earlier, said bridge superintendent Jeff McKinney, of Traylor Bros. Inc. in Dallas.

Traylor Bros. was contracted by the city in 1987 to build two three-lane bridges at a cost of \$11 million to replace the antiquated two-lane Westmoreland Road along the river bottom, which occasionally floods.

The deck supports and pipe braces, called "overhanging false work" or "skeleton work" that is taken down when the concrete is dry, gave way inexplicably as the men worked to smooth the concrete, McKinney said.

Westmoreland was closed to traffic while investigators from the county and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration probed the accident Wednesday.

Donor

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provide information and answer any questions they might have. We don't pressure or try to persuade them in any way.

"Whenever I talk to people about being organ donors, I use myself as an example. I'm a registered organ donor. To me, it's neat to think that when I die, my body can be used to improve the quality of life for other people."

The Transplant Services Center creates awareness by giving presentations to health personnel.

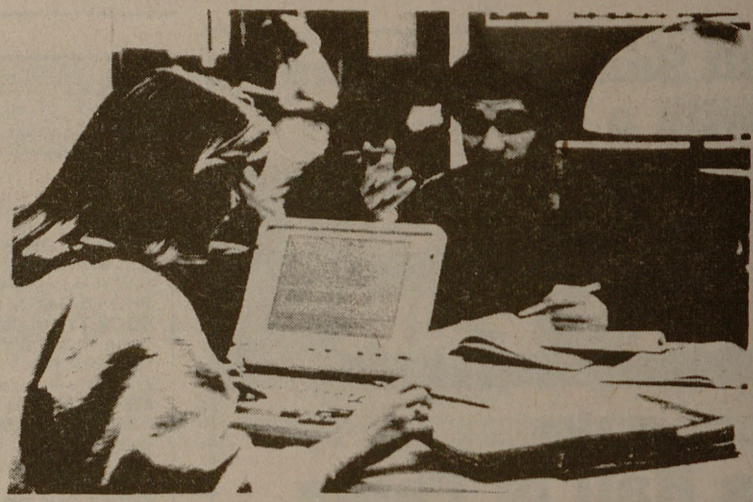
"We do them mainly because there's many new people coming into the field of medicine," Mathieu

said. "Nurses are our liasons in contact out in the field. Without them, we wouldn't even do a fraction of what we do. They're the ones that approach the families of people who are deceased or brain dead on the option of organ donation."

They also create awareness through campaigns and get free publicity as in the case of Lucille Ball's heart valve transplant last week.

"We got quite a few calls after that from people wanting information and wanting to be donors," he said.

For more information about becoming a donor, call 1-800-433-6667. The Transplant Services Center will send information as well as a donor registration card.



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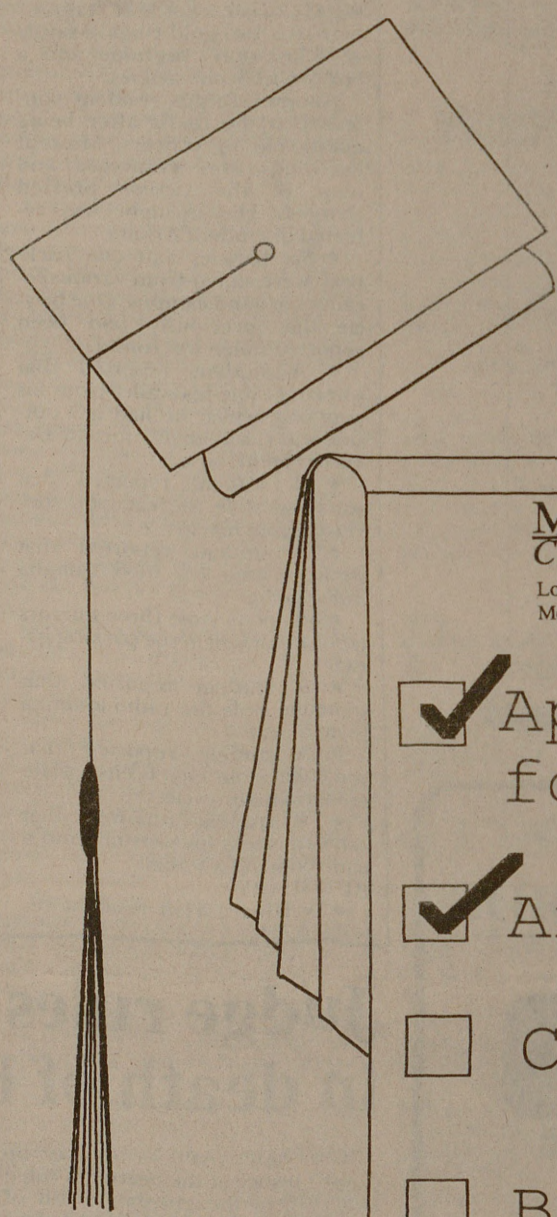
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