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Right-to-life teams oppose abortions based on fetus' sex

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vented," the president of Texans United for Life said Monday in supporting a ban on such abortions.

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Meanwhile, the Texas Abortion Rights Action League's executive director said the measure would hurt women and is not needed because the procedure is not performed for

that reason.

Bill Price of Texans United for Life distributed newspaper articles on the subject to the House State Affairs Committee, which had before it

several abortion measures. One article said national surveys indicate the percentage of geneticists who approve of prenatal diagnosis for sex selection rose from 1 percent

in 1973 to nearly 20 percent in 1988.
"It is deeply distressing that the abortion mentality in our country has resulted in such a trivializing of the value of human life that even that tiny unborn baby's gender is now enough reason, in some peo-ple's minds, to kill her," Price said in prepared testimony.

Phyllis Dunham, TARAL director, said the bill, and another supported by Price that would require minors to get parental consent to have an abortion, are "really de-

signed to confuse the public.
"The bills actually are blatantly bad for women in the long run, and yet on the surface they seem very, very reasonable," Dunham told re-

Women who have abortions after tests such as amniocentesis, which

AUSTIN (AP) — Aborting a fetus on the basis of gender is "the most frivolous use of abortion yet inmalities or severe health problems,"

she said.
"What this bill would mean is that that handful of women, and it's only a handful each year in this state, would be subjected to justifying to the state their motives for having those abortions," she said. "Women don't seek these kinds of abortions and physicians don't perform abortions on the basis of gender selection. It just doesn't happen.

Price said in his testimony that maybe there are only a few unborn babies being killed for the most frivolous reason ever invented, but let me ask you, how many of these sex-selection killings would I have to document to get your support?"

Of the parental consent measure,

Dunham said at least 80 percent of minors already involve at least one parent in the decision to have an abortion. Those who do not, cannot for such reasons as incest or violence in the home, she said.

"You're talking about kids hurting themselves, self-inducing, throwing themselves down stairs, using knitting needles or going across the border," she said. "The bottom line is it's going to hurt some kids and possibly kill some.

Price said a Texas Poll survey showed 70 percent of Texans support parental consent legislation.

"Frankly, I am surprised that we are still debating the issue of parental consent," he said. "This Legislature has shown no reluctance to enact laws in other areas for the spemay be used to determine the sex of cial care and protection of minors.

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Suspect remains jailed on two murder charges

FORT WORTH (AP) - Police on Monday examined evidence from the scene of a television station executive's robbery-slaying while a man accused in the death and other killings over a two-year period remained imprisoned.

Ricky Lee Green of Azle appeared before Judge Joe Drago on a capital murder charge filed Sunday. The 28-year-old man also was charged Saturday with one count of murder, Mark Barta, Tarrant County assis-

tant district attorney, said.
Green remained Monday in Tarrant County jail in lieu of bonds of \$500,000 and \$750,000 on the two charges, Dorothy Greene, a sheriff's spokesman, said.

Prosecutors said Green also was suspected of stabbing to death two women in his Boyd mobile home in

Green was charged in the December 1986 death of Steven Fefferman, 28-year-old sales manager for KXAS-TV in Fort Worth.

Fefferman was found tied to his bed and buried under a pile of clothing in his Fort Worth town house, authorities said. He had been castrated, slashed and stabbed, law offi-

'It was murder in the course of robbery," said Barta. He said a slaying committed during commission of another felony qualifies under state law as capital murder, punishable by death.

The murder charge was filed against Green in the death of a 16year-old boy who lived with his mother in a Fort Worth trailer park

on Lake Worth, authorities said Cult kidnapping rumors prove false, officials say

PECOS (AP) — Rumors that a band of Satan worshipers planned to kidnap some children in West Texas Statan worshipers planned to meet Sunday somewhere between Pecos Sunday somewhere Betwee

Similar gossip circulated in South and East Texas last month following the arrests in Mexico of four mem-bers of a drug-smuggling cult ac-cused of performing human sacri-fices

department and the Reeves County Sheriff's office to ask about the kidnapping reports.

"The rumors going around about founded. children being kidnapped are not true," Pecos Police Chief Troy tential problem and are alert, just in Moore said. "We have had no re- case," Brewer said.

17 children under the age of 4 were to be used in a sacrificial ritual, but police said they were aware of no such meeting of Satan worshipers

The rumors in Brownsville, Harlingen, McAllen and Hemphill were unfounded, but parents still rushed to school to pick up their children before the end of the school day.

Percentaging and What we're working with in the first place are only rumors about alleged Satanic activity," Moore said. "We don't discount rumors. We check them out. But at this time there has been nothing found to "What we're working with in the "We don't discount rumors. We check them out. But at this time Pecos parents called the city police there has been nothing found to

Substantiate the rumors."

Chief sheriff's deputy Jack
Brewer agreed the reports were un-

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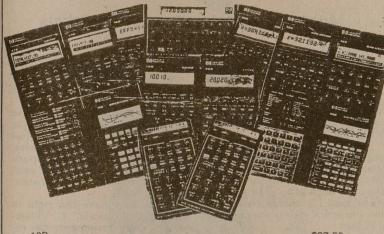
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