

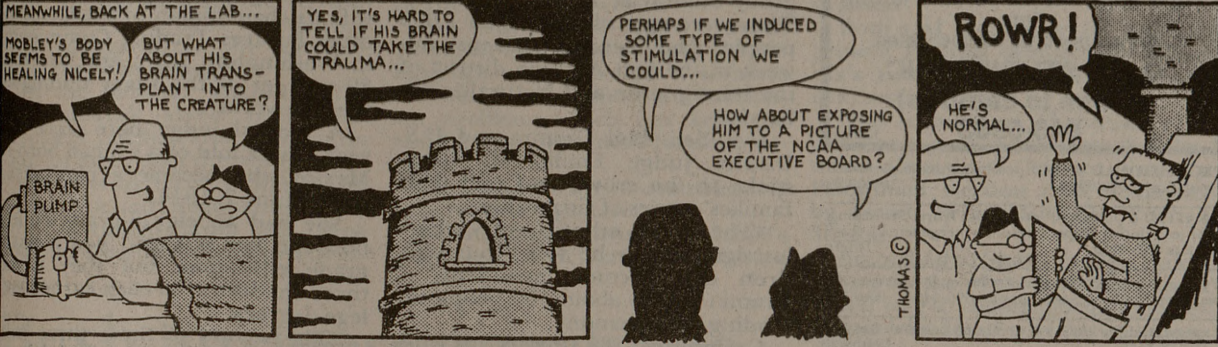
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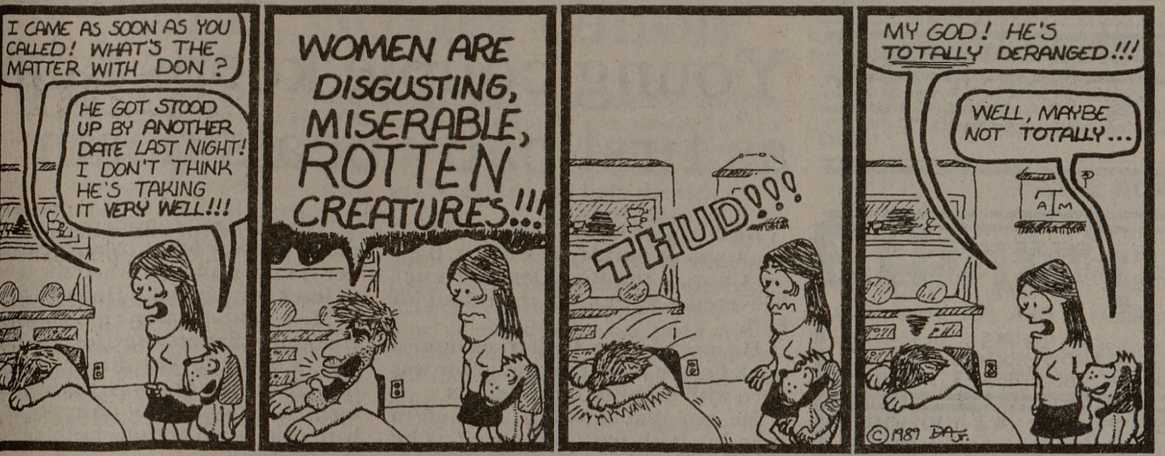
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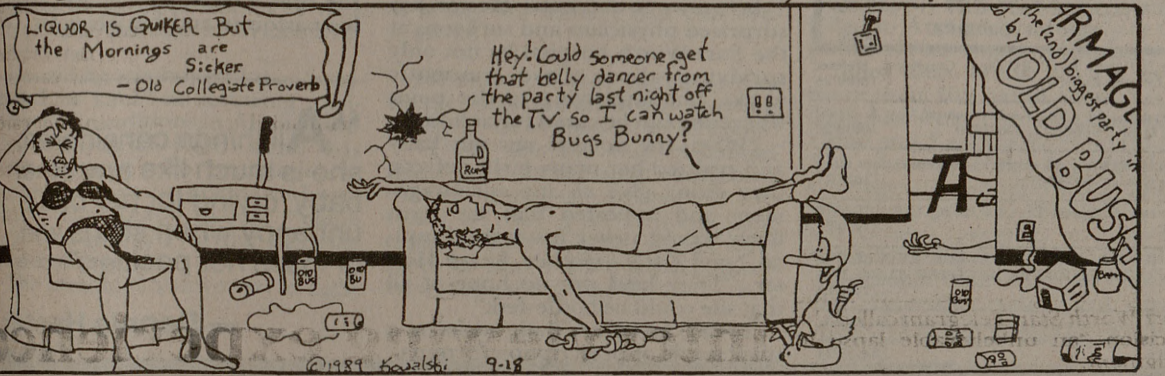
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Officials' out-of-town jaunts cost Texas taxpayers \$90,000

AUSTIN (AP) — Statewide elected officials running for re-election or higher offices billed taxpayers about \$90,000 for trips outside Texas during the past 2½ years, at times staying in posh hotels, eating at fine restaurants or ordering expensive room service.

The spending has drawn concern from some lawmakers and public interest groups who say the Legislature should restrict out-of-state travel by elected officials, especially when the state is struggling to make ends meet.

This year, lawmakers had to resort to \$1 billion of bookkeeping gimmicks to balance the state budget, while Texas continues to rank near the bottom of states in assistance to poor people.

"It would be reasonable to put some restrictions," on out-of-state travel by elected officials, said Sen. Kent Caperton, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

"I don't think we ought to make statewide elected officials stay in the Motel 6, but I do think there's the potential for abuse," Caperton, D-Bryan, told the *Austin American-Statesman*.

"It does seem reasonable to have some limitations," said Pam Fridrich, executive director of Common Cause.

But officials who made the trips say they were for the benefit of the state.

Travel records since January, 1987, obtained under the Texas Open Records Act, show that Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, a Democrat who is seeking re-election, spent \$39,674 on 39 trips, including 26 to Washington, D.C.

Most of his visits to Washington involved meeting with congressmen and federal officials on issues such as pollution and beach cleanup.

"My political agenda is to clean up the Gulf of Mexico and to clean up the air," Mauro said. "At some point, what's good public policy and what's good for the individual elected official become one and the same."

Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Kent Hance, a Republican candidate for governor, spent \$16,322. Hance's trips included four to Vienna, Austria, to attend meetings of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Activists urge 90 world zoo directors to shun smugglers who sell animals

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Animal rights activists urged delegates attending an annual worldwide zoo conference to shun dealers who smuggle animals without regard to international regulation.

About 25 people picketed Sunday's opening of the annual meeting of the International Union of Directors of Zoological Gardens in San Antonio.

"They (directors) are aware of the ongoing problem, and we would like for them to make an official blacklist of unscrupulous dealers who provide animals to some foreign zoos and animal parks," said John Hollrah, vice president of Voice for Animals.

The demonstration, also supported by the International Primate Protection League, was not a protest of the convention being held this week, Hollrah said.

"We just feel this group needs to do something about the problem," he said.

More than 90 zoo directors from throughout the world are attending the conference, which includes sessions on animal conservation and captive breeding.

Louis DiSabato, director of the

San Antonio Zoo, said conference delegates will discuss illegal animal dealing.

"The president of the zoo directors union has already spoken about it, and it will be brought up again during our closed sessions," he said.

Giving an example of unregulated animal trafficking, Hollrah discussed the recent capture of two gorillas shipped in June to a zoo in

Guadalajara, Mexico.

The animals were captured in a country that is not a member of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species and does not enforce wildlife laws, he said.

To capture that pair of gorillas, others were lost because dealers usually must kill the mother to get the young, Hollrah said.

Idea for Corpus gambling liner attracts only one ship company

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The deadline has passed with only one company submitting a proposal to operate a gambling cruise ship out of the Port of Corpus Christi, a port official said Monday.

An evaluation already has begun for the proposal submitted by Pride Cruise Lines Ltd. of Gulfport, Miss., said Col. Nolan C. Rhodes, the port's engineering director.

Rhodes said the port earlier this year contacted 22 companies known to operate day cruises, and heard back from eight of them. But Pride Cruise Lines Ltd. was the only one to

submit a proposal by Friday's 5 p.m. deadline.

"We said in essence, 'Hello world. We're interested. We want to know if you are,'" Rhodes said Monday.

"We'll launch an extensive investigation, of course, particularly into the financial capabilities of the company," Rhodes said.

Other aspects to be examined include the Mississippi company's marketing plans, its ability to provide service and its planned schedule of cruises, Rhodes said.



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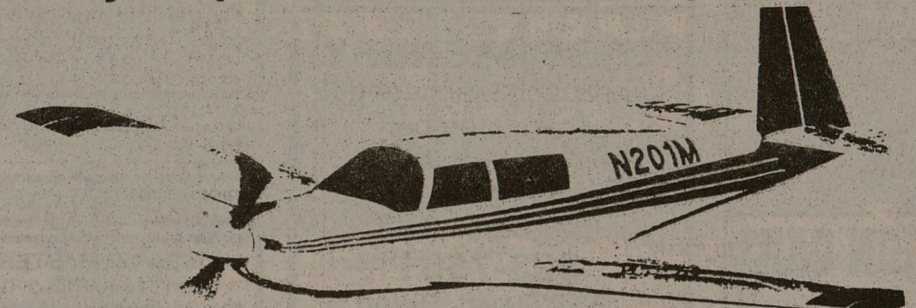
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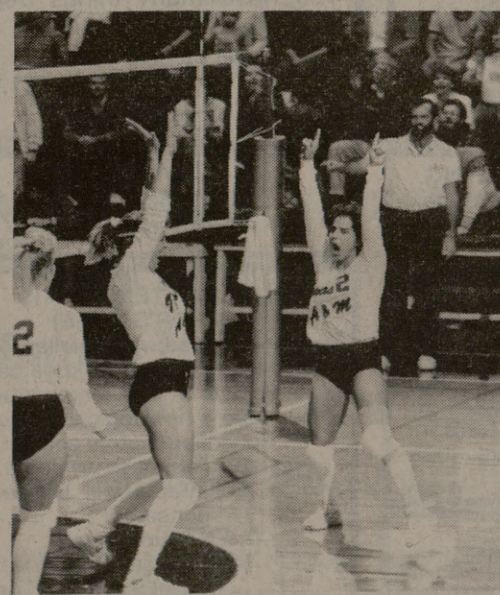
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