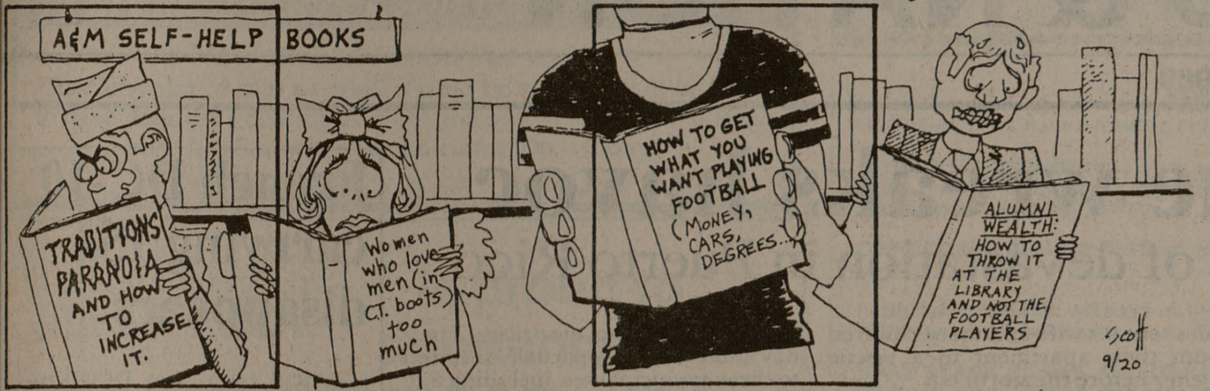


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Dallas lawyer enters race for governor

AUSTIN (AP) — Dallas lawyer Tom Luce entered the Republican race for governor Tuesday, saying he had received the encouragement of retiring Gov. Bill Clements.

Luce, 49, entered a field where three candidates already have been campaigning and raising money for months. But he said he's not worried about the late start.

"I haven't even done my Christmas shopping, and the primary's in March, so I don't consider it all that late," he said. Luce said he had been considering the race for only three to four weeks and made the decision late last week.

He also said he wasn't concerned about a weekend opinion poll which showed him with only 1 percent support among likely GOP voters, arguing that it is too early to place importance on such surveys.

Luce has worked as a legal trouble-shooter for Dallas billionaire H. Ross Perot, who earlier said he would support Luce's gubernatorial bid. His campaign finance chairman will be Dallas financier and philanthropist Peter O'Donnell.

Luce joins a field that includes Railroad Commission Chairman Kent Hance, Midland oilman Clayton Williams and former secretary of state Jack Rains.

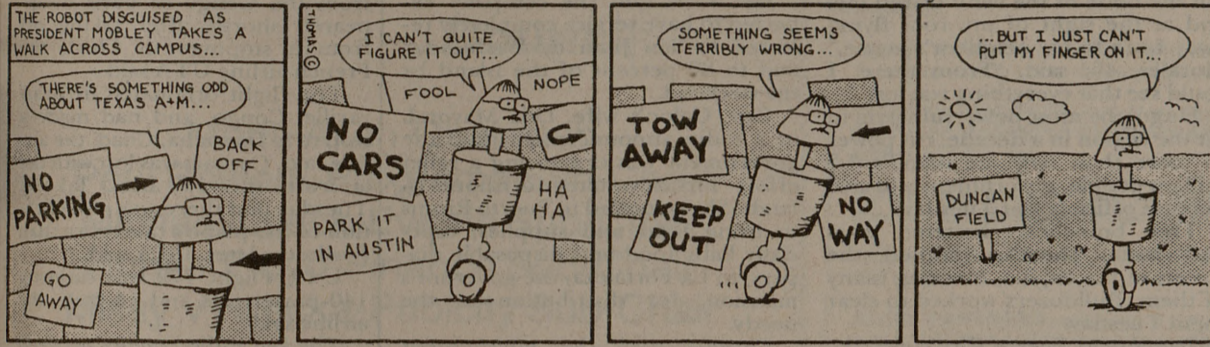
A number of top Dallas Republicans reportedly had urged Luce to run, including Clements.

Asked about the governor's support, Luce would say only, "He encouraged me to run. He said he thought I'd be a good governor." Clements, the only Republican Texas governor this century, was vacationing in Africa and not available for comment.

A founder of the Hughes and Luce law firm, Luce played a major role in the 1984 passage of House Bill 72, the sweeping reforms of Texas public schools. During that debate, he served as lobbyist for Perot, who chaired the Select Committee on Public Education that made reform recommendations to the Legislature.

As chairman of the Texas National Research Laboratory Commission, Luce successfully lobbied Congress to fund the \$4.4 billion superconducting super collider project to be built near Waxahachie. Luce said continuing education reform and fighting illegal drugs would be key themes in his campaign. He also pledged to work for continued economic development.

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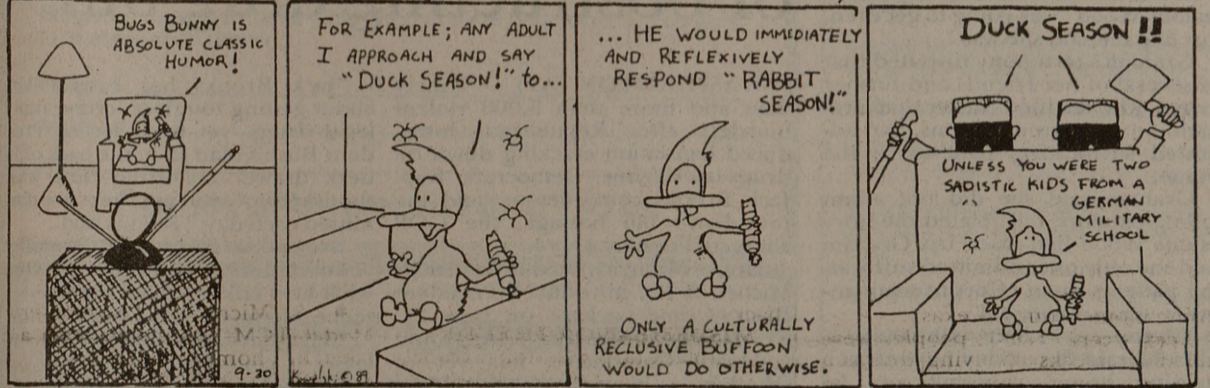
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JP calls abortion clinic 'slaughterhouse'

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A justice of the peace who called an abortion clinic a "slaughterhouse" said Tuesday he just blurted the word out after being stung by the clinic director's criticism.

Reproductive Services Director Patti Pagels criticized Justice of the Peace Fred Chavez for releasing 51 anti-abortion demonstrators on personal recognizance bonds. The demonstrators were charged with Class B misdemeanors at a protest Saturday.

After hearing the criticism, Chavez told the El Paso Times if "she doesn't agree with my decision, she should move her slaughterhouse out of this precinct."

The comment shocked Pagels, who said, "I'm appalled that someone in the judicial system

should say something like that." "I was talking about the law and the procedures and the jurisdiction and the district... and I blurted that out," Chavez told the Associated Press on Tuesday.

Chavez said he is in his 11th year as a justice of the peace, and that the voters who elected him are familiar with his view that abortion is murder.

He said he believes the U.S. Supreme Court will restrict the landmark Roe v. Wade case further than justices did in ruling on a Missouri case July 3.

"Politicians don't like to talk about abortion when running for office," Chavez said, adding that he never has shied from the topic.

In connection with the same anti-abortion protest that prompted Chavez' comments, El Paso Sheriff's Deputy Betty Lalicker has been suspended for 30 days and, with her husband, faces charges of false imprisonment.

Mrs. Lalicker and her husband Don, a minister at the county jail, are accused of grabbing a woman who was trying to enter the clinic.

Lalicker said they were watching the protest when they were arrested. "We were picked out of the crowd unfairly," he said.

He said he and his wife are not members of Rescue El Paso, the group that organized the protest, but sympathize with the cause.

Mrs. Lalicker may be reinstated or fired after the suspension.

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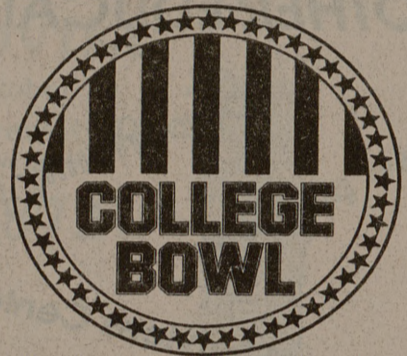
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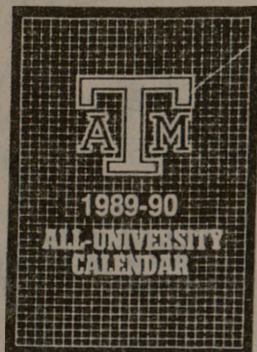
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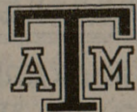


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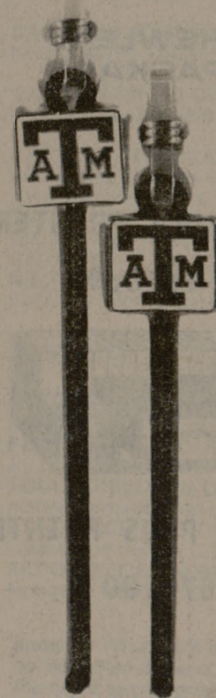
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