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## Supermarket bans paper

for 'porn' ads

AUSTIN (AP) — An alternative weekly newspaper has been banned from 17 area H.E.B. supermarkets after an anti-pornography crusader complained that its personal classi-fied ads promote homosexuality and promiscuity

An H.E.B. spokesman said Wednesday the supermarket had or-dered removal of the Austin Chronicle because the ads, which were criticized by activist Mark Weaver, were

The explicit nature of the classifieds was probably the deciding factor... whether it's men seeking men or women seeking men," H.E.B. spokesman Mike de la Garza said.

Chronicle publisher Nick Barbaro said H.E.B. has the right to pull the newspaper from its stores, but he call for a readers' boycott against the San Antonio-based grocery giant.

"I hate to see them (H.E.B.) cave in to that kind of pressure with the feeling they're not going to get any pressure from us," he told the Austin American-Statesman.

The Chronicle is distributed at no charge in 500 outlets around Austin. Barbaro said about 2,000 copies are delivered by a San Antonio-based distributor every week to H.E.B., which has carried the newspaper for about a year.

Weaver, an ordained Baptist minister, has frequently lodged protests against publications and businesses that he claims promote pornography and homosexuality. He also heads the American Family Association of Texas and said the ads promote promiscuity and homosexuality, and contribute to the spread of AIDS and other sexually transmitted dis-

In addition to features on city politics and the local entertainment scene, the Chronicle publishes a variety of personal ads in its classified advertising section under the headings "Men Seek Women," "Women Seek Men," "Men Seek Men," Women Seek Women," and "Varia-

"I don't think there is anything wrong with our personals," Barbaro

The newspaper probably rejects one or two ads each week "because they describe sexual acts specifically," he said. Others, he said, are not accepted because they "just sound weird."

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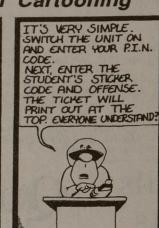
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# Board: Alton bus wreck avoidable

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's largest trucking industry organization said Thursday a school bus accident that killed 21 students last month in Alton might have been prevented if other trade groups had not delayed implementation of new safety regulations.

The National Transportation Safety Board found half of the brakes defective on a soft drink truck that hit a school bus, sending it into a water-filled pit.

Lee Dickinson, an NTSB member, told the Austin American-Statesman that the Dr Pepper truck "would have been taken off the road" under a routine inspection in any state but Texas.

He said three of six brakes on the truck were not properly adjusted. Thorough inspections gators following the Sept. 21 crash that killed 21 and injured 60.

NTSB spokeswoman Drucella Andersen in Washington Thursday backed up Dickinson's assertion, but she also pointed out that investigators had found nothing "to indicate a total failure of the braking system.

The Texas Motor Transportation Association said it began lobbying in 1985 for "strong truck safety regulations in Texas," but other special interest groups resisted.

The actions of special interest groups to postpone enforcement of these laws might have been a factor in this tragedy," said Robert Floyd, president of the Texas Motor Transportation Associa-

The TMTA represents about 450 trucking were performed on the vehicle by NTSB investi- companies and 350 affiliated companies, said the organization's director of public relation Hampton Rogers.

"The laws were finally passed in Texasin!" and set to be enforced beginning in 1988," he said. "However, our initial success was shortwhen certain groups pressured the Legislature postpone enforcement so they could seek extition from the new laws during the 1989 rep

Enforcement of stricter trucking safety regul tions in Texas went into effect last Sundaydays after the Alton tragedy.

During its regular session last May, the lap lature reconsidered the laws and approve weaker version of the federal truck safety rep tions adopted by 49 other states.

# NAACP threatens complaint against DHS ?

AUSTIN (AP) — A branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People accused the Texas Department of Human Services of discrimination Thursday and called for a meeting with the agency's commissioner.

The NAACP's Austin branch will file a federal complaint if its concerns cannot be resolved through negotiations with Human Services Commissioner Ronald Lindsey, said Gary Bledsoe, branch president.

"I would like to request that you take the bull by the horns and remedy past discrimination in your agency immediately and adopt some policies that will allow qualified your agency," Bledsoe said in a letter

Lindsey, who was named commissioner in July, did not immediately return a telephone call from the Associated Press. DHS spokesman Bill Woods said he was confident Lindsey would meet with NAACP representatives.

Thirty department employees from around the state have filed discrimination complaints with the NAACP, Bledsoe said. Several of the workers appeared with him at a news conference.

The discrimination complaints inblacks and Hispanics to move up in volve policies concerning employment, promotion, treatment on the job, discipline and retaliation, Bled-

In order to give Lindsey time to respond, the NAACP branch said it will wait one week before filing an administrative complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

'This alternative is being offered because the employees have all expressed views that Mr. Lindsey seems to be a person who wants to do the right thing and should be given a chance to do so," Bledsoe "We are ... greatly concerned the very low numbers of blads authority positions in your area.

If the response is not satisfactory, a complaint will be filed under a provision of the U.S. Code that prohib-

its federal funding to any entity discriminates, Bledsoe said.

The NAACP branch said blacks fill none of the 27 highest sitions at the welfare agency, a that 75 percent of all agency emp ees terminated for insubordina are black.

Twenty-three agency division sections have no black represen tives, except for support staff, is soe said. He said complaints come from Austin, Dallas, House

authority positions in your ages he said in the letter to Lindsey. gnancy Program can fail to emplo

## In Advance

### NOVACON convention invades MSC today &

In the dealer's room, war aficionados can buy or trade war paraphernalia, such as board games, comic books and armor made at the convention.

NOVA expects 60-100 people to participate in this convention, a

warm-up to its bigger convention, WARCON, in the spring.
Tickets are \$4 and go on sale today at 4 p.m. in 203 MSC.

NOVA, a student fantasy as wargame club at Texas A&M, whold its fifth annual mini was gaming convention, NOVACON this weekend.

An assortment of wargam board games and fantasy/ro playing games will be pla around the clock at the MSC. movies will be shown in 146 MS throughout the convention which begins today.

## Officials charge SADD sends 'mixed message'

AUSTIN (AP) - A student program against drunken driving was praised by state and local officials Thursday but charged with sending a "mixed message" to junior and se-nior high school students by Texans'

War on Drugs.
Students Against Driving Drunk, or SADD, which uses money from Anheuser-Busch, Inc., joined House Speaker Gib Lewis and others on the steps of the Capitol for a statewide organizational effort.

John Rogers of the Department of Public Safety, who is state coordina-tor for SADD, said the goal of the program was to place a chapter in every junior and senior high school in Texas, reaching more than 1 mil-

"You are the backbone of the program, the model for your peers," Rogers told approximately 75 students, who wore T-shirts saying, The best of life is yet to be.

Lewis, who raised the SADD flag at the Capitol, said the organization "can make, and is making, a remarkable difference in the lives and potential of our students and their

He described students as the

"heart of the campaign."
SADD noted in a statement that Anheuser-Busch had recently announced that it would make available to every Texas high school kits to start SADD chapters.