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**FBI director's wife  
quits head position  
of anti-drug group**

AUSTIN (AP) — Alice Sessions, wife of FBI Director William Sessions, has resigned as head of a highly touted Texas anti-drug program in a dispute over its fund-raising and spending practices. Sessions said her abrupt departure from the "Join the Move" project a month ago also followed complaints that telephone solicitors had used the FBI chief's name to court donations.

"I just couldn't be associated with that," she told the *Austin American-Statesman*. "I didn't get real accountability from them. So I got out."

Officials of the program, sponsored by the Austin-based Texas Department of Public Safety Officers' Association (DPSOA), said there was no wrongdoing.

"She may have some particular disagreements with some of the things that the association is doing, but I think overall our goals are positive," DPSOA Executive Director Lane Denton said. "We're willing to commit money to a program that hopefully can be helpful."

The DPSOA was targeted four months ago in a controversy over phone fund raising by police groups. State Rep. Keith Oakley, an advocate of tighter restrictions on phone solicitors, said Sessions' complaints will rekindle the issue.

Oakley, D-Terrell, helped write legislation to require such fund-raising groups to disclose how much of the money they raise goes to charity and how much to cover administrative costs. Gov. Bill Clements vetoed the bill in June, calling it unnecessary.

"I strongly feel that the resignation of Mrs. Sessions will give an added measure of interest to resur-

rect that legislation and should arouse public awareness of some serious problems," Oakley said.

Sessions began serving as an unpaid honorary chairman of "Join the Move" in January, when the program was launched with endorsements from state officials. School rallies and video and poster contests followed, stressing the anti-drug theme in grades 5-7.

As the campaign grew, Sessions said, educational materials were being sent out late and planning appeared disorganized. In response to her concerns, she said, DPSOA began paying her a \$1,000-a-month

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consulting fee to head the project. Money quickly became an issue, she said.

DPSOA has a contract with an Arizona firm to raise money through phone solicitations. Boxes of spices, jellies and sauces are sold for \$27.95 each, and DPSOA gets a royalty, Denton said.

A portion of the royalties were to go to "Join the Move," Denton said, and solicitors began touting it in their phone campaign.

**What's Up**

Tuesday

**HISPANIC BUSINESS STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** will take pictures for year-book at 6:30 p.m. in the lobby of Zachry.

**TAMU SYSTEM ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT STAFF:** will have a Christmas program and reception at noon in 201 MSC. Call Peggy Ritchey at 845-5311 for more information.

**MSC CEPHEID VARIABLE:** will have its final meeting of the semester at 8:30 p.m. in 510 Rudder.

**SADDLE & SIRLOIN CLUB:** will have a business meeting and Marx Howell with the Texas Department of Public Safety will speak on criminal law enforcement and the application of memory training and hypnosis at 7 p.m. in 115 Kleberg.

**AGGIE ALLIANCE:** will have a Christmas party at 6 p.m. at Mama's Pizzeria Culpepper Plaza. Free food and drinks.

**STUDENT Y:** will have a Christmas service with the Singing Cadets and speaker Jo Hudson at 7:30 p.m. at the All Faiths Chapel.

**PAID:** will have a Christmas banquet at 7:30 p.m. at Case Ole in Post Oak Mall. Dress casually. Call Tobin Strickland at 696-6653 for more information.

**BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION:** will take a tour of the Medical School at 7 p.m. Meet in 201 Veterinary Medicine Complex. Call Ingrid at 846-8708 for more information.

**ECONOMICS SOCIETY:** will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Kyle Field Press Box. Call Cindy at 693-1014 for more information.

**MEXICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** will meet at 8 p.m. at Wing Joint at Northgate. Call Gabriela at 693-2501 for more information.

Wednesday

**A&M CYCLING TEAM:** will sell T-shirts at meeting at 7 p.m. in 502 Rudder.

**SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 104 Reed McDonald.

**SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS:** will meet and hold elections at 6 p.m. in Zachry. Check banner for room number.

**MSC SCONA:** will have a General Committee Meeting at 6 p.m. in 501 Rudder.

**SADDLE & SIRLOIN CLUB:** will have a Christmas formal at 8 p.m. at the Texas Hall of Fame. Tickets are \$6 per person or \$10 per couple.

*Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publish the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are run on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315.*

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7:00 9:15

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**Clements supports floor price on oil**

HOUSTON (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements told two Cabinet officials Monday that a new national energy policy should include a \$20-a-barrel floor price on oil for five years.

In remarks before a U.S. Department of Energy hearing, Clements told Energy Secretary James L. Watkins and Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan that the key to developing an energy resource base is through incentives and improved technology.

"World oil prices are set by OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) and other nations which hold most of the world's oil reserves," Clements said. "That's why it is in our nation's best interest to establish a floor price and

I urge that a floor be imposed for five years, at least five years, at \$20 per barrel.

"To put that figure in perspective, \$20 a barrel in 1989 equates to about \$11 a barrel 10 years ago. That's just about where world oil prices were before prices shot up in 1979, due to the Iran-Iraq war."

The \$20 floor price would ensure survival of an already volatile price range for oil, he said.

Oil prices peaked in the early 1980s, but prices plunged to less than \$10 per 42-gallon barrel in the summer of 1986.

Congressman Joe Barton, R-Ennis, agreed with Clements' floor price idea, but suggested the price be set at \$25 per barrel.

Other suggestions included more funding for research and exploration-oriented tax incentives. Monday's hearing at the University of Houston was one of six this month throughout the country being held in an effort to form a national energy plan.

Sen. Phil Gramm also urged that oil producers be given tax incentives to boost production.

In opening remarks, Lujan said the United States currently relies on foreign imports for more than 42 percent of domestic oil consumption. He urged domestic producers to explore for oil and natural gas domestically instead of taking their business overseas.

**Missing journalist returns to Dallas after being lost in Central America**

DALLAS (AP) — Leaders of Hispanic groups in Dallas said they were ecstatic Monday that a missing Dallas journalist reportedly had been found.

But a spokesman for a Hispanic group said journalists still have concerns over the safety of reporters in Central America.

Sal Valdez, 44, a manager and reporter for Cadena Radio Centro, a Spanish-language radio network based in Dallas, had been missing from San Salvador since Nov. 28. But network president Barrett Alley issued a statement Monday saying Valdez was all right and would arrive in Dallas Monday night.

Hispanic groups had planned a vigil for Valdez when it was assumed he was dead.

Anna Macias, a vigil organizer and vice president of the Dallas-Fort Worth Network of Hispanic Communicators, said the focus of the vigil would be changed from a memorial to a platform to protest conditions in Central America.

"As far as we're concerned, we're just going to say that we're really,

really thankful that our colleague is all right," Macias said. "This still raises the issue of how journalists are being treated in Central America. I think it's ridiculous we can't go there and practice our profession."

She said Valdez is known as a "street smart" reporter. "A lot of his

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friends were telling us he's a very, very savvy reporter and that they found it so hard to believe something would happen to him."

Macias said her group has not

heard directly from Valdez and is relying on a statement issued early Monday by Alley, which said, "We are extremely grateful to receive word that Sal Valdez appears to be all right and will be returning to Dallas this evening."

Macias said, "Due to security reasons, we have no more information at this time. As soon as Sal is debriefed, we will have a full release and statement as to his disappearance."

Alley was "somewhere in California," network controller Bill Cherry said. He said he did not know where Alley was or how to reach him.

Valdez arrived in El Salvador Nov. 25 to report on the latest outbreak in that country's civil war.

Javier Rubio, a CRC reporter, said Valdez had filed seven to 10 stories per day during his stay. Nearly all dealt with current or former members of the Salvadoran government, including President Alfredo Cristiani and the country's minister of defense.

**Barge explodes, 1 man missing**

HOUSTON (AP) — A man was missing and another injured Monday afternoon after a fuel barge exploded in the Houston Ship Channel, a sheriff's department spokesman said.

Cpl. Rodney Tooley with the Harris County Sheriff's Department said the injured man was transported to a local hospital and suffered from burns. The severity of the burns and name of the hospital was not immediately known.

The barge was located just north of the Lynchburg Ferry in east Harris County when it exploded about 1 p.m., Tooley said.

Houston Fire Department boats and a sheriff's marine division boat were on the scene pumping water on the burning barge.

The initial explosion sent up thick black smoke that was visible from downtown Houston, about 20 miles away.

U.S. Coast Guard officials said the crew was cleaning the barge that had been carrying a form of natural gas.

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