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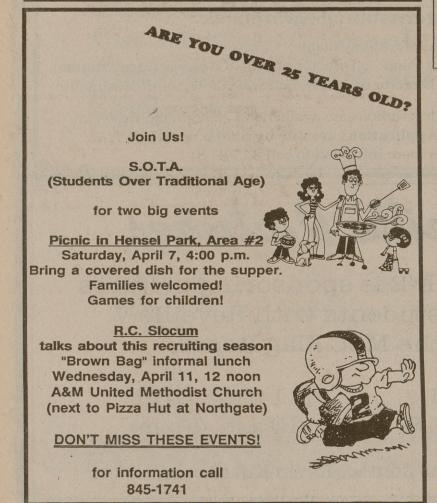
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# Richards claims opponent avoids issues relevant to state, campaign

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AUSTIN (AP) — Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ann Richards said Wednesday that allegations she said they saw Richards use illegal said they saw Richards use illegal drugs.

The same of the same o used illegal drugs more than 10 years ago are irrelevant and accused her opponent, Attorney General Jim Mattox, of refusing to talk about is-sues important to the state.

Kelly Fero, a campaign spokes-man for Mattox, said the attorney general welcomes the opportunity to Dallas which Richards bypassed.

which conflicted with the debate.

bridge project.

James D. Pitcock Jr., president of
Houston-based Williams Brothers
Construction Co. has donated
\$25,000 to Richards' campaign and \$15,000 to Mattox.

'He's been a very good friend to me, and I like him very much," Richdebate Richards on the issues and ards said. "He's a nice man. We cited Tuesday's televised debate in should do whatever we can do to bring about economic sanctions for

"He stood in front of the firing line," Kelly said. "Where was Ann?"
Richards said she did not attend because of a previous commitment for an Austin fund-raising event which say flicted with the debate.

The two candidates, who meet in an April 10 runoff election, agreed on one issue: Despite their avowed opposition to apartheid they will not apartheid

drugs.
"He doesn't deserve my attention to uphold.
Fero sa

or my response," she said.

'Every day it's a new rumor, it's a new allegation, it's a new charge or it's a nasty television spot," Richards

Richards, a recovering alcoholic, has refused to answer yes or no to the question of whether she ever

used an illegal drug.

She has repeatedly said that she has not had an alcoholic drink or taken a mood-altering drug in the

"I think it is totally irrelevant," Richards said. "No one has questioned that I have been the best state treasurer in the state of Texas. I have carried out my duties above re-

Fero said the drug question is im-

Fero said Mattox would not lease the names of those who sign the statements alleging they Richards use drugs, because the

ple have requested confidentiality

Thursday, April 5, 199

In another political developme Democratic State Treasur candidate Nikki Van Hightowers her runoff opponent, San & County Judge Tom Bowden, ha history of fiscal mismanagement

the county.

Van Hightower, the Ham
County Treasurer, cited a news per article that quoted Bowden saying, "After this year I will not county judge and I will recomme the court raise taxes each year

## Republican abortion plan draws criticism

AUSTIN (AP) — The traditionally anti-abortion state Republican Party on Wednesday said abortions should be allowed in some instances, drawing fire from some Democrats and pro-choice advocates who called the stand a political ploy.

"This plan puts our words into action and our philosophical principles into concrete legislative proposals," said state GOP Chairman Fred

But critics called the "legislative action plan" a smokescreen to cloud the anti-abortion stands of two topof-the-ticket Republicans, Sen. Phil Gramm and gubernatorial nominee Clayton Williams.

They only believe in abortion if the campaign of their candidate is in danger," said state Sen. Hugh Parmer, D-Fort Worth, who is chal-lenging Gramm in the November general election.

"We certainly welcome any intent on behalf of the Republican Party to better represent pro-choice Republicans, but this is an effort to keep the debate off the fundamental question, which is, who makes these personal decisions, women or politicians?" said Phyllis Dunham, executive director of the Texas Abortion Rights Action League.

Meyer said the plan, which would set an abortion deadline up to 20 weeks after pregnancy, would be supported by Republican candidates

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Anti-abortion activist faces trespassing trial for Austin clinic protest

AUSTIN (AP) — A trespassing trial has begun for anti-abortion activist Rex Moses, who was arrested last May during a demonstration at an Austin abortion

The trial before Travis County Court-at-Law Judge Wilford Flowers is in connection with a May 6, 1989, demonstration at which members of Moses' Austin Rescue organization blocked en-try to the Reproductive Services clinic in Austin.

Moses founded Body of Christ Rescue in Corpus Christi last year. Moses' organization pre-viously was based in Austin under the name Austin Rescue.

Moses also faces three other

for the next four years.

criminal complaints in connection with protests staged by Austin Rescue in 1988 and 1989. In opening statements and tes-timony Tuesday, defense attor-

ney Richard Munzinger tried to raise questions about whether Moses was within earshot of po-lice and clinic managers who ad-vised demonstrators to leave the

Assistant County Attorney Kate Kelley-Miller showed tele-vision news footage of a demonstration in which an Austin police officer used a megaphone to advise hymn-singing demonstrators they were trespassing and would be arrested if they did not dis-

tion, was involved in composing the plan. "I believe that he does support," Meyer said.

No one answered the telepholate Wednesday afternoon

Gramm's Washington office.
Parmer said even if Gram
agrees to the plan, he can't hi
from his record. He said Gramm co-sponsored five constituti amendments that would ban at tion even in cases of rape or inces

Under the state GOP propose women would be allowed to have abortion before the fetus is 20 wed

After 20 weeks, medical would be required to determine the fetus could live outside a mother's womb. If so, a wom could only get an abortion if her would otherwise be in danger.

The plan also calls for a proh tion on abortions that are based the sex of the fetus, and requir parental consent before an abort can be performed on a minor.

Other provisions would increa criminal penalties against a pers who harms an unborn child through assault of the mother; require the for the next four years.

He denied the plan contradicts Meyer said Gramm, who has been the GOP state platform to work for a under fire from Parmer over abortions be performed in sits to be licensed by the state. abortions be performed in clean facilities; and require abort

# Syndication war unresolved between Dallas newspapers

HOUSTON (AP) — The publisher of the Dallas Times Herald testified Wednesday that the paper lost thousands of readers and advertising strength when the rival Dallas Morning News struck a deal for 26 syndicated columns and comics that had appeared in the FORT WORTH (AP) — Some folks claim sauce is sauce, but the barbecue sauce at Stagecoach Bar-B-Q is enough like the sauce at the Spring Creek Barbecue that a judge has ordered Stage-Times Herald for years.

Publisher John Buzzetta was the first witness in the Times Herald's \$33 million anti-trust suit against the Dallas Morning News over transfer of the Universal Press Syndicate columns.

After the Morning News' parent company, A.H. Belo

Corp. formed a joint venture with the Kansas Citybased syndicate last year, UPS canceled the Times

The Times Hera Herald's contract for the features. "I was shocked," Buzzetta testified Wednesday, ref-

erring to the cancellation notice. "I'd never seen some-

thing like this happen.

"Here, in one fell swoop, I was going to lose some of the best features this newspaper had published for years and years. I thought I was going to have some serious losses.

Buzzetta tallied the circulation losses at 9,000 to 10,000 daily readers and more than 15,000 on Sunday. The Times Herald had been posting increases in circulation before Universal Press canceled the features, said Buzzetta, who bought the paper in 1988.

But afterward the paper began to lose "loyal readers" faithful to such features as Dear Abby, Erma Bombeck and Doonesbury, which were moved to the Morning

News.
"If you lose features, it means you lose some not be included in goes down," he said. loyal readers, and circulation goes down," he said.

If circulation declines, advertising follows, he The newspaper gets 90 percent of its revenue from vertising sales and 10 percent from newspaper sales. Court documents indicate the Morning News attra

60 percent of the circulation and newspaper advertis

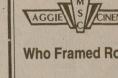
Buzzetta said a newspaper economist hired by the Times Herald quantified the damage of losing the fee

The Times Herald also is seeking unspecified pur tive damages from Belo and the Morning News.

In opening statements, Morning News attornes maintained the Times Herald has made circulation gains since losing the features.

Buzzetta said some of the circulation losses weren couped through special promotions, particularly alo tery. But he said the promotions have been expen - costing \$1.5 million so far - and do not have same lasting power to attract and keep "loyal reades that features have.

The Times Herald attorneys said they will try prove the Morning News conspired to lure the feature from the Times Herald in hopes of destroying newspe per competition in the Dallas market.



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