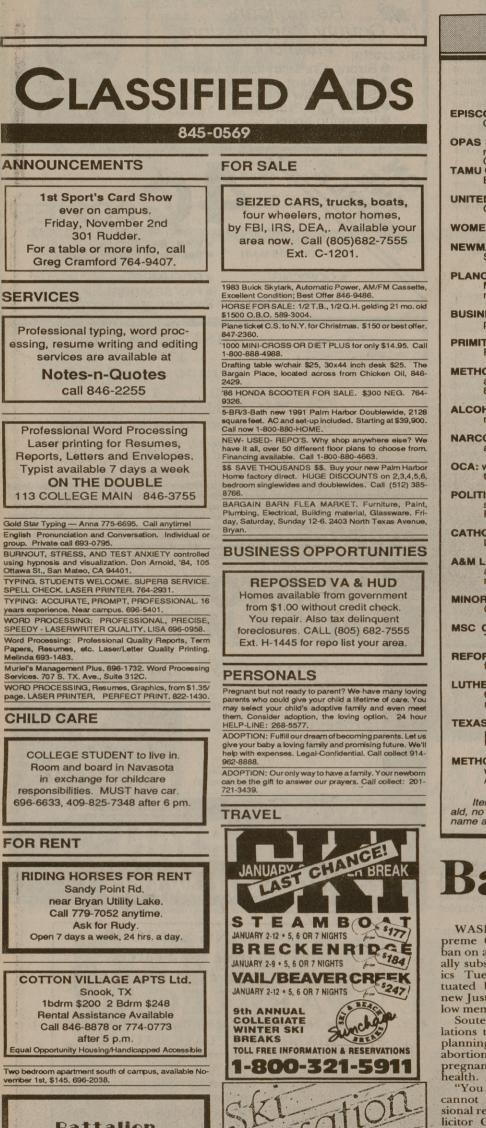
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- EPISCOPAL STUDENT CENTER: will have Eucharist and community dinner at the Canterbury House. Call 693-4245 for more information.
- OPAS STARK SERIES AND DEPT. OF PHIL. AND HUMANITIES: will meet at noon in 402 Academic Bldg. Concert will feature Hsia-Jung Chang, pianist. Call Rebecca at 845-3355.
  TAMU GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY: will have a meeting at 6 p.m. in 122 O&M. Call Bryan at 847-1772 for more information.
- UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY: will have Aggie supper at A&M Presbyterian Church. Call Mike at 846-1221 for more information.
- WOMEN'S BONFIRE COMMITTEE: will have a meeting at 7 p.m. in 206 MSC.
- NEWMAN: will have informal mass and creative liturgy at 7:15 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center. Call 846-5717 for more information.
- PLANO HOMETOWN CLUB: will have lunch with other Plano students at 11 a.m. Meet by the cowhide-covered chairs at the south end of the MSC cafete-
- BUSINESS STUDENT COUNCIL: will have a Blocker Halloween party from 10 to 4 p.m. in the lobby
- PRIMITIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP: will have worship service at 7 p.m. at the All Faiths Chapel. Call Chris at 847-7000 for more information.
- METHODIST STUDENT CENTER: will have informal worship service at 7 p.m. and a Halloween dance at 8 p.m. at the Methodist Student Center. Call Max at 846-4701 for more information.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: will have a discussion at noon. Call the C.D.P.E. for more information at 845-0280.
- NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS: will have a discussion at 8:30 p.m. Call the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280 for more information.
- OCA: will have Aggieland Spooktacular Haunted House from 6 p.m. to midnight on the second floor of the MSC. Call Christi at 696-1159 for more information.
- POLITICAL FORUM INSIGHTS COMMITTEE: will have Walter Kamphoefuer to speak on immigration and bilingualism at noon at the Cashiers' Dining Room. Call 845-1515 for more information.
- CATHOLICS ON THE QUAD: this week's topic: Halloween, from 9 to 10 p.m. in Lounge F. Call 847-2008 for more information.
- A&M LUTHERAN COLLEGIANS: will have Bible study "Christ and the Single Life" at 9 p.m. in the Meditation Room at the All Faiths Chapel. Call 693-4514 for more information.
- MINORITY LIBERAL ARTS SOCIETY: will have a meeting at 8 p.m. in 226 MSC. Call Paul at 693-7549 for more information.
- MSC COMMITTEE FOR THE AWARENESS OF MEXICAN-AMERICAN CUL-TURE: will have Dia de los Muertos at 7 p.m. in 224 MSC.
- **REFORMED UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP:** will meet in 308 Rudder at 7 p.m. for fellowship and Bible study. Call Chris at 776-1185 for more information.
- LUTHERAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP: will have evening prayer and supper at 6:30 p.m. at the University Lutheran Chapel. Call 846-6687 for more infor-
- TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COALITION: will have a Halloween party at 8 p.m. Dress as your favorite environmental disaster. Call Mary at 846-6767 or Filo at 847-6560 for more information.
- METHODIST STUDENT CENTER AND CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will have a Halloween dance and prizes for costumes at the Catholic Student Association. \$2 per person. Call Troy at 847-7946 for more information.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDon-ald, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We publish the name and phone number of the contact only if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a

#### Thursday

- INDIA ASSOCIATION: general body meeting at 7 p.m. in 203 Zachry. Call Verniat 846-3587 for more information.
- MSC OPAS: "LBJ" at 8 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium. Call 845-1234 for more informa-
- SIGMA IOTA EPSILON: general meeting with election of officers at 7 p.m. in 510 Rudder. Call Teri at 847-4907 for more information.
- AGGIE BONFIRE: Fightin' Texas Aggie Centerpole raised at 6:03 p.m. at Duncan Field. Call Tom at 764-9026 for more information.
- NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS: general assembly meeting at 7 p.m. in 308 Rudder
- SOCIETY OF MEXICAN-AMERICAN ENGINEERS AND SCIENTISTS: general meeting, T-shirts and membership cards to be handed out at 7 p.m. in 102 Zachry. HP calculator to be given away. Call Albert at 696-5923 for more in-formation.
- GEOGRAPHICAL HONOR SOCIETY: short organizational meeting at 7 p.m. in 112 O&M. Call Bryan at 847-1222 for more information.
- AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF AERONAUTICS AND ASTRONAUTICS: Space Shu-tle Cmdr. Loren Shriver will discuss space flight at 7 p.m. in 103 Zachy, Call Craig at 846-8098 for more information.
- RIO GRANDE VALLEY HOMETOWN CLUB: general meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 510 Rudder. Call William at 846-9203 for more information.
- MEXICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: general meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 502 Rudder. Call Alex at 696-0098 for more information.
- S.W.A.P.: Nature vs. Nurture at 8:30 p.m. in 410 Rudder. Call John at 847-0996/or more information.
- SPEECH COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION: field trip meeting at 6:30 p.m. in 18 Blocker. Call 693-5630 for more information.
- MSC WILEY LECTURE SERIES: Program Symposia "The New Nuclear Threat" guest speakers Dr. Ron Hatchett and Dr. Richard Thomas at 8:30 p.m.in 501 Rudder.
- AGGIE PLAYERS: present Gilbert and Sullivans' "The Mikado" at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater. Call 845-1234 for more information.
- STUDENT ACTIVITIES: speaker seminar applications will be available in 208 Pavilion through Nov. 21. Call 845-1133 for more information.
- BETA ALPHA PSI: professional meeting with Price Waterhouse at 6:30 p.m. inthe Hilton. Officer applications due at meeting.
- ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS: general discussion at 6 p.m. Call C.P.D.E.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: general discussion at noon. Call C.P.D.E. for more
- NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS: general discussion at 8:30 p.m. Call C.P.D.E. for
- CHILD PLACEMENT CENTER AND AGAPE SOCIAL SERVICES: Birth Parent Support Group meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Child Placement Center, 5 versity Dr. East #801. Call 268-5577 or 776-2007 for more information
- EARTH FIRST!: "Greenfire" Wilderness Revival Tour with Scotty Johnson, mus-cian and Roger Featherstone, speaker at 8 p.m. in A&M United Methods Church, 417 University Dr. Tickets \$3 in advance or \$5 at the door. Cal Dwight at 693-7383 for more information.

Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are run or first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3316.

# **Ban on abortion counseling argued**

What's Up

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court began scrutinizing a ban on abortion counseling at federally subsidized family planning clinics Tuesday in arguments punc-tuated by pointed questions from new Justice David H. Souter and fellow members.

Souter voiced doubts about regulations that bar doctors and family planning counselors from discussing abortion even with women whose pregnancies are endangering their

"You are telling us the physician cannot perform his usual profes-sional responsibility," Souter told Solicitor General Kenneth Starr, the comply with a 1970 federal law and, Bush administration's top court- if so, whether they violate the Conroom lawyer. "You are telling us the stitution.

Souter voices doubts about regulations barring counseling

secretary (of Health and Human Services) in effect may preclude professional speech.'

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Although fueled by the continu-Last year, some 4,000 family planing struggle over abortion, the legal ning clinics nationwide received dispute over the regulations centers about \$140 million in federal assis-

A decision is expected by July. The argument is over information available to the 5 million low-income Starr, conceding the ban "tilts women who depend on family plan-against abortion," defended its val- ning clinics and similar health care ning clinics and similar health care providers.

None of the justices indicated any interest Tuesday in using the case 10 alter the court's 1973 Roe vs. Wate decision that legalized abortion. Roe vs. Wade was not mention

at all by Starr or Harvard law profe sor Laurence Tribe, representing those who challenged the regul tions.

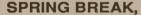
"This is strictly a First Amend-ment argument," Tribe told du court

Four justices have criticized the 1973 ruling, and the court last year gave states greater leeway to make abortions more difficult to obtain Souter, whose views on the issue a unknown, is considered a pivota vote for the future of legalized abor tion.

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Enforcement of the regulations, issued by the Reagan administration in 1988, has been blocked virtually everywhere by legal challenges.

## Commerce report fails to dissuade analysts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy grew at a faster-than-expected 1.8 percent rate in the third quarter, the government said Tuesday, but the report failed to dissuade many analysts who believe the economy is entering a recession.

The Commerce Department report on the gross national product showed that consumers buying cars and other items had continued to drive the longest peacetime economic expansion in U.S. history through September. Whether the expansion reaches its eighth anniversary in November was a matter of debate.

This release contradicts those who believe we are in a recession or are about to enter one,' Commerce Undersecretary Michael R. Darby

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told reporters. His boss, Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher, added in San Antonio, "I hope all the doom-sayers and nay-sayers and cluck-cluckers go back in their holes for a while."

"I believe we're in a recession." economist Bruce Steinberg of Merrill Lynch Capital Markets in New York said. "I think that most of the things showing strength in the third quarter will be weak in the fourth, particularly consumer spending."

Robert G. Dederick, chief economist for the Northern Trust Co. in Chicago, also believes the economy is declining this quarter. He contended that much of the GNP strength "was concentrated early in the quarter. It is by no means certain that it was growing 1.8 when the quart ended." Indeed, Michael Boskin, chairman Bush's Council of Economic Advisers, said While this is pleasant news about the third quart ter, we are concerned about a sluggish four quarter and the early part of 1991." He added that he "was certainly pleased" with

the Federal Reserve's action Monday in pushin down a key short-term interest rate, a move that might be expected to boost economic growth.

The Commerce Department had continue bad news about the housing industry Tuesday. reported that sales of new homes slumped 6 per cent in September.

#### **Oil earnings statements** ELECT THE EXPERIENCED, CONSERVATIVE JUDGE defend profiteering charge Promote Judge STEVE NEW YORK (AP) — The petro-leum industry as a whole did not something of a mix, ranging fr double- and triple-digit increases profits at some companies to doub reap a third-quarter windfall from Persian Gulf crisis, a leading digit decreases at others. the trade group said Tuesday in a de-fense of Big Oil against charges of Judge - County Court at Law No. 2 Amerada Hess Corp., for example, reported a 440.5 percent crease in earnings, based largely profiteering. Married to the former Becky Brimmer, Class of '79 / two children, ages 6 and 3 $\,$ 'The third-quarter earnings profits from oil futures trading. statements released by several oil

briefing.

companies show that oil companies

have not gouged the public," Ameri-

can Petroleum Institute President Charles J. DiBona said at a press

DiBona said total operating in-come was unchanged from the third

quarter of 1989 and below the same

period in 1988, based on reports from 18 top U.S. petroleum compa-

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"It shows they were able to jut the future better than other people DiBona said.

In response to the API repo some industry foes still contend the companies were taking adva tage of the Gulf crisis, which bega with Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

Christopher Dyson of the Ralph Nader consumer group, Buyers U said he believes oil companies we trying to conceal how well they doing