

Thursday, November 1, 1990

Tickets for performances of Bolshoi ballet go on sale

Tickets for the nine world premiere performances of the Bolshoi Ballet-Grigorovich Company at Texas A&M will go on sale at 10 a.m. Saturday.

In effect, a double world premiere will unfold Nov. 23. The new company will debut with the first Bolshoi version of "The Nutcracker" performed in the United States in over a quarter century.

The performances are sponsored by MSC OPAS.

Tickets for the premiere weekend performances of "The Nutcracker" range from \$15 to \$50, and can be purchased on campus, or at Ticketron outlets by calling 1-800-275-0000.

Tickets for the Nov. 23, 24 and 25 performances are \$30 for a balcony seat, \$40 for the last 13 rows in the orchestra level and \$50 for the first rows in the orchestra level, the mezzanine and boxes.

Tickets for the 2 p.m. Nov. 25 performance are \$15, \$25 and \$35 for similar seating arrangements.

Ticket prices for the Nov. 30 and two Dec. 1 performances of "The Nutcracker" range from \$15 to \$35.

The Texas A&M performances of "The Nutcracker" will feature exact replicas of the sets and costumes used at the Bolshoi Theatre, organizers said.

On Nov. 27 and 28, 7 p.m. perfor-

mances of "The Best of the Bolshoi" will cost \$15 for the balcony, \$25 for the last 13 rows on the orchestra level and \$35 for the first rows on the orchestra level, the mezzanine level and boxes.

"The Best of the Bolshoi" features a mixed repertoire and Act II of "Swan Lake."

The Bolshoi Ballet-Grigorovich Company is the first major Soviet troupe independent of state subsidies — relying exclusively on income from performances and touring seasons.

For more information about ticket sales, contact OPAS at (409) 845-1661.

'I just forgot it'

Richards: TV stumble shows different man than commercial

FORT WORTH (AP) — Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ann Richards said Wednesday that Republican rival Clayton Williams doesn't look good when he's not appearing in a scripted TV commercial.

Since Williams fumbled a question about a proposed constitutional amendment during a televised interview Tuesday, Richards has said that shows voters he isn't qualified to be governor.

"I think they (the gaffes) have had an effect, because the person that you see that talks informally in response to questions is a different person than the one you see in the carefully staged, memorized message, 30-second television spots," she said.

The latest gaffe was on Williams' mind as he got some last-minute help from the GOP's heavy hitters — former President Ronald Reagan and U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm.

"All I can tell you is that I'm familiar with the amendment; I was familiar with the amendment, voted for it, and I just forgot it," Williams said while attending a tribute to Reagan in Houston. "I don't think it'll make the least bit of difference, but the people of Texas are going to decide that in the final poll next Tuesday."

Richards said Williams' latest stumble over the proposed constitutional amendment on confirma-

tion of gubernatorial appointments probably wouldn't damage the Republican by itself. But as one of a series, it does, she said.

"I don't think any individual action has all that impact," Richards said. "I think that it has been a long series of misstatements and inappropriate behavior."

Williams has been criticized for making a joke about rape and for saying he hoped Richards, a recovering alcoholic who recently touted her 10th year of sobriety, hadn't started drinking again.

"The people see that," she said. "They watch millions of dollars worth of TV, and they see one person who's self-assured, knowledgeable, knows it all."

But when Williams is more closely scrutinized, she said, "They see someone who is uncertain, who seems to be under a lot of stress, not handling tension well."

Richards spoke in an interview, flying from a Fort Worth rally at Tarrant County Junior College to one in Tyler. U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen joined her.

During the Houston fund raiser, Williams compared the 1990 Texas gubernatorial campaign to the 1980 presidential election in which Reagan defeated President Jimmy Carter.

"That election was about change and so is this one," Williams said.

Recovery plan approved for 7-Eleven; stores plan to keep products on shelves

DALLAS (AP) — A U.S. Bankruptcy Court judge has approved a key operating plan that ensures the 7-Eleven convenience store chain will keep products on its shelves while its parent, Southland Corp., goes through Chapter 11 reorganization.

Judge Harold Abramson on Friday approved a trade order that allows Southland, the nation's largest convenience store chain, to pay the \$220 million it owes its vendors for everything from candy bars to gasoline.

Dallas-based Southland filed Wednesday for bankruptcy after it failed to win the support of enough creditors for a restructuring plan. The company had been staggering under the debt brought on by its \$4.9 billion leveraged buyout in 1987.

The vendors agreed Friday to continue to offer Southland normal credit terms while the company struggles to emerge from bankruptcy.

The plan approved by Abramson was a key test of Southland's attempt at a prepackaged reorganization in which much of the negotiating with creditors is done in advance to speed the company's course through bankruptcy.

"We're very pleased about the whole situation," said Southland spokeswoman Cecilia Stubbs Norwood. "We didn't know if it would work or not."

Southland's efforts to restructure would have been crippled had Abramson denied the request to pay debts incurred before the bankruptcy filing, Southland attorney Mike Sutherland said.

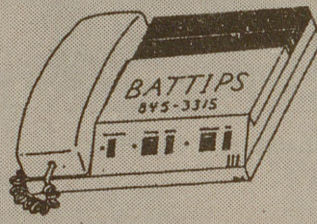
"In some other cases, the relationship with vendors has been impaired and it took a long time to restore that relationship," said Sutherland, who is with the Houston-based Vinson & Elkins.

A key Southland vendor agreed that it is important for the retailer to maintain a positive relationship with vendors and that the plan approved by Abramson goes a long way toward that end.

"Everybody agreed it was in the best interests of Southland and the proposed (bankruptcy) plan," Anheuser-Busch spokesman Russell Munsch, said.

Under the agreement, the vendors can be forced to return payments to Southland if they refuse to offer credit in the future.

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The BATTIPS number is 845-3315.

Ideas can include news stories, feature ideas and personality profiles of interesting people.

Political forum hosts candidates

MSC Political Forum will sponsor an election awareness day today from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the MSC.

Candidates for local elections will speak every 15 minutes in the MSC Flagroom. Information on candidates and issues in the Nov. 6 election will be distributed in the MSC main hallway.

The events and information are free, and anyone interested in learning more about the candidates and issues is welcome.

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