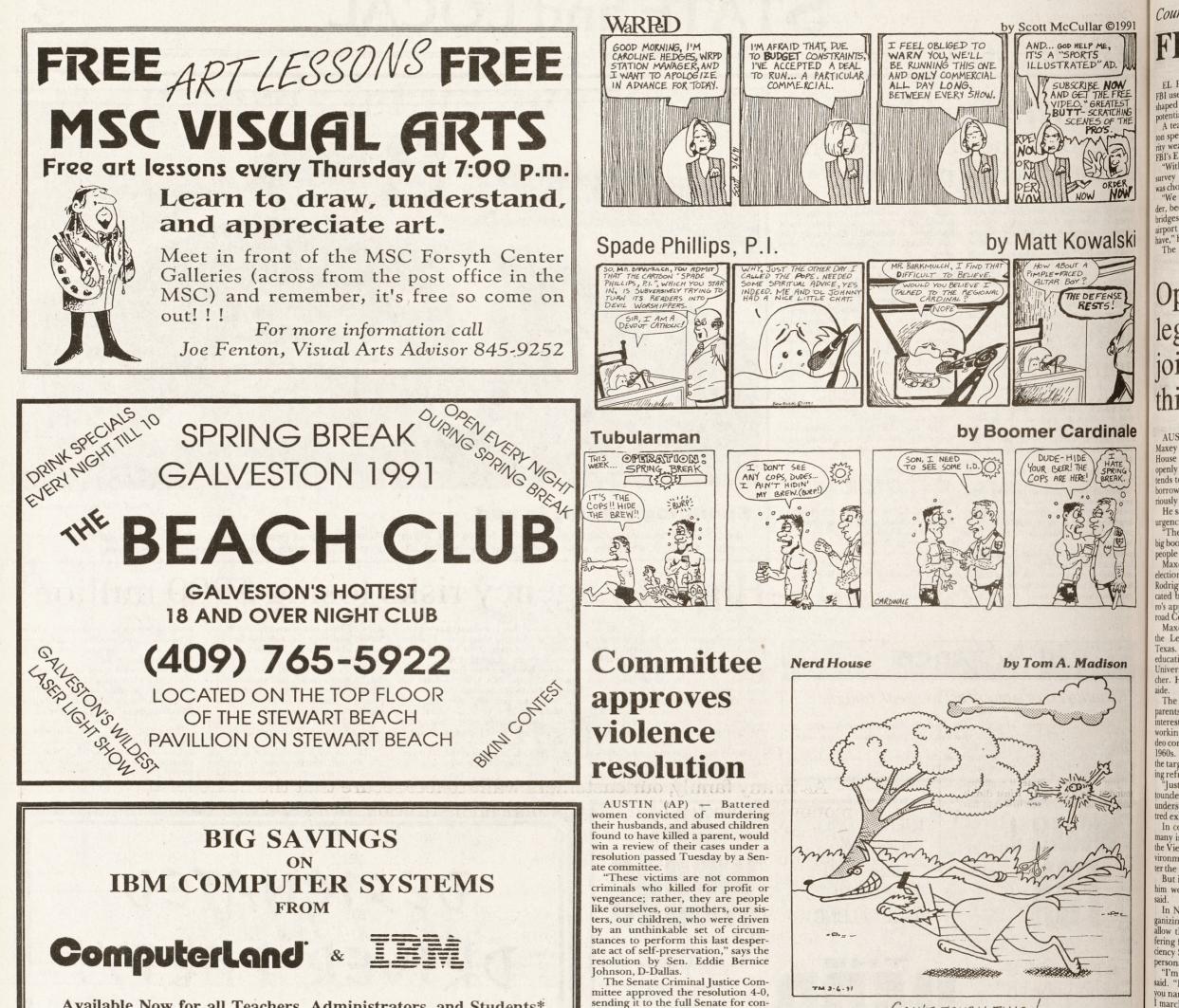
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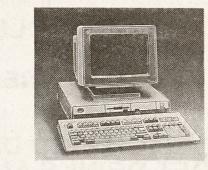
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The resolution asks Gov. Ann Richards to direct the Board of Pardons and Paroles to investigate murder and manslaughter cases that were directly related to domestic violence.

The board would report back to Richards with any recommendations for pardons or clemency. The measure also asks Richards to

direct the Texas Youth Commission and Texas Juvenile Probation Commission to identify any children found to have committed murder or manslaughter, after the child or a family member was subjected to domestic violence.

The commissions also would report to Richards. State law does not provide for pardoning a child, so a different mechanism may have to be worked out, said Deborah Tucker, executive director of the Texas Council on Family Violence.

The case reviews would be done in conjunction with the Council on Family Violence. Richards supports such an investigation, said Chuck McDonald, a spokesman for the governor.

"What we anticipate is that given the number of people incarcerated in Texas, and the nature of family violence, that we may well end up with more than 100 cases that are actually reviewed and submitted to the governor for her to consider taking action on," Tucker said.

She said 41 women and one man have been identified so far who could be affected.

The resolution also would apply to men battered by their spouses. However, Tucker said, women are the ones abused 96 percent of the time.

David Throop of Austin testified that it is important for men to be included in the measure.

"I do know of men that have killed themselves after years of abuse, and my knowledge is that men do sometimes explode the way women do after being severely abused by their spouses," he said.

In 60 percent of homes where a woman is beaten, the children also are abused, said the resolution.

Japanese buyers rescue 7-Eleven

CAN'T TOUCH THIS

DALLAS (AP) — Japanese inves-tors took control Tuesday of Southland Corp., owner of the 7-Eleven convenience store chain, as part of a deal that ended the company's four-month stay in bankruptcy court.

Southland's Chapter 11 reorganization plan, approved by a bank-ruptcy judge Feb. 21, proposed the \$430 million purchase of Southland by Ito Yokado Co. Ltd. and Seven-

Éleven Japan Co. Ltd. The company's chief financial of-ficer, Clark Matthews, became Southland's chief executive with the consummation of the deal, which took control of the company from the Dallas family that founded it in 1927.

Southland badly need the cash infusion from the Japanese affiliates to get out from the debt burden of a 1987 leveraged buyout. It raced through bankruptcy court to meet a March 15 deadline the Japanese had set for the purchase offer.

Matthews said Southland will be stronger because of the cash influx. "But equally important is the fact that (Ito Yokodo and Seven-Eleven Japan) know both the convenience retailing business and 7-Eleven very well," he said in a statement.

The purchase gives the Japanese affiliates a 70 percent stake in the new Southland. The reorganization plan also provided a 25 percent stake in the new company for bondholders and other creditors.

Southland's stockholders, primar-ily the founding Thompson family, will have a 5 percent stake. Some bondholders have an option to increase their stake in Southland at the expense of the Thompsons.

The securities and stock exchanges will begin soon, said South-

land spokeswoman Cecilia Nor-wood. The company's new common stock will trade on NASDAQ with the new bonds and warrants traded over the counter and not quoted by

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the exchange. The Dallas company owns 6,600 7-Eleven stores in the United States and Canada and licenses another 6,400 stores in 22 countries. About 4,200 of the overseas stores are op-

erated by the Japanese buyers. Norwood said customers would see "no difference whatsoever" in the operations of 7-Eleven. "We expect the company to continue oper

ating as it has in the past," she said. The company filed for bank ruptcy protection in late October saying it was burdened by debt from the \$5 billion leveraged buyout the Thompsons made to take the com pany private in 1987.

The company filed a "prepack aged" bankruptcy plan, one that has already been approved by creditors, to speed through the reorganization process.

Some bondholders complained, in a confirmation hearing in Decem-ber, that Southland solicited votes on the plan from the wrong people.

The company conducted its reo ganization vote among the invest ment brokers, called record holders who keep Southland bonds on be half of individual investors. But dis sident bondholders said individual investors should have been given a vote

Southland didn't have the ability under securities laws, to find ou who the individuals were until U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Harold Abramson authorized such disclosure and ordered a second vote.