

Pockets of silver

Dancers to receive Susan B. Anthony dollars

By Alysia Woods
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Soviet dancers with the Bolshoi Ballet Grigorovich Company will have a decidedly American jingle in their pockets after the Wednesday premiere of Swan Lake at Texas A&M.

The troupe's daily allowances will be doled out in Susan B. Anthony dollars, an idea developed during the company's 1990 U.S. premiere at A&M, says Bill Morrison, a representative for the MSC Opera and Performing Arts Society (OPAS).

"We realized the dancers loved to go shopping in the area," Morrison says. "They would spend all of the money that was given to them almost instantly."

The Bolshoi arrives tonight and will stay a week for several performances of Swan Lake. The 85 dancers and production assistants are paid \$25 daily.

Members of the dance company use the money to buy clothes or to dine out at local restaurants.

Morrison says the Susan B. Anthony dollar idea was developed to show area businesses what kind of impact the ballet has on the local economy.

"They will be spending all their money in Bryan-College Station because they can get more for their money here than in the Soviet Union," Morrison says. "They

don't have the opportunity to buy what we often take for granted."

As a result of the company's week-long spending spree, the Susan B. Anthony dollars will be highly recognizable, he says.

Julie Ogborn, a human resources manager at Foley's in Post Oak Mall, says the idea is "rather exciting." "Last year, we were somewhat aware of whom they were because of the language barrier," Ogborn said. "But this is just another way for us to recognize them and give them special attention in the store."

In addition to the dancers' per diem, Rudder Box Office and some concession stands will give change in Susan B. Anthony dollars. Morrison says about \$17,000 was obtained from the Dallas Federal Reserve System with the help of Don Adam, chief executive officer and chairman of the board at First American Bank in Bryan.

Anne Black, executive director of OPAS, says the effort was not easy.

"We basically cleaned out the federal reserve in Dallas," Black says.

Morrison says each dollar spent in Bryan-College Station is turned over seven and a half times. The more it circulates, he says, the more the coin's value increases and that's how the B-CS economy can benefit from the Su-



Last year, members of the Bolshoi Ballet spent money in Bryan-College Station area businesses. This year, the dancers' spending spree will be more noticeable because they will be using Susan B. Anthony dollars.

san B. Anthony circulation campaign.

"It will last for a long time," Morrison says. "We will notice them much more and will be reminded of the Bolshoi company."

Tickets for Swan Lake are available at the Rudder Box Office and are \$30, \$40 and \$50 for non-students and \$20, \$30 and \$40 for

A&M students. Matinee prices are lower for the ballet's weekend performance.

Swan Lake will be presented beginning tonight in Rudder Auditorium. Performances will last through Sunday. Evening performances are at 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday matinees at 1:30 p.m.

Richards doubts benefit of harassment hearings

AUSTIN (AP) — The three days of televised hearings on sexual harassment charges against

U.S. Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas have focused the nation's attention on a very serious problem, Gov. Ann Richards said Monday.

But the governor said she's not certain the controversy will help eliminate work place harassment.

"I think it has certainly brought to the forefront an issue that both men and women need to be more aware of," Richards said.

"I really thought about this a lot last night. I think whatever effect that it has in an immediate way is probably beneficial, in that there's a lot of discussion about it ... But I suspect that anyone who is in the habit of harassment, after an initial self-examination, will probably keep on," she said.

Like thousands of Americans, the governor said she watched portions of the televised hearings over law professor Anita Hill's allegations against Thomas, who was her boss in two federal jobs in the early 1980s.

Richards said she was torn by the testimony of both, adding that she's happy she won't have to cast a vote on whether to place

Thomas on the nation's high court.

"I just felt really terribly for both those people," she said. "They both are so sincere, and people who speak on their behalf are so sincere, that I think it must be a semblance of truth what both of them are saying."

"I guess I came away with the feeling that we all ought to be nicer to each other. I've always been glad I wasn't in the U.S. Senate, and today I'm happier," she said.

The governor said the hearings — which included the cross-examination of Ms. Hill — demonstrate difficulties encountered by women who press charges.

She recalled some serious questioning Ms. Hill's former leagues about why they didn't advise her to speak out when the harassment occurred or to press charges.

"I thought this process a perfect example of why you do file suit. Because you know you do, you're going to be chopped in little pieces," Richards said.

"I don't think that in terms of women that it sets us back. I think that it will give women some pause before they press charges of sexual harassment, because they themselves are going to be put on trial."



Richards

Bentsen, Gramm choose opposite sides on Supreme Court nomination

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Sens. Lloyd Bentsen and Phil Gramm remained split Monday on their support for Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas, the day before the Senate was to vote on the embattled jurist's confirmation.

An ardent Thomas supporter, Gramm was not swayed by the graphic testimony presented by Oklahoma law professor Anita

Hill, who alleged her former boss had sexually harassed her in the early 1980s.

Gramm had endorsed Thomas in September, days before Hill's allegations became public. He called



Bentsen

Thomas a "distinguished jurist and a remarkable and talented man."

"The senator has seen nothing in the interim to cause him to change his view," press secretary Larry Neal said Monday.

Bentsen withheld word on the nomination until last week, when he announced he was opposing Thomas for reasons unrelated to Hill's charges.

"There are far more qualified individuals the President could have chosen," Bentsen said, adding that Thomas had "only minimum qualifications."

A Bentsen spokesman said Monday that the senator's position remained the same following three days of grueling testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee by both accuser and ac-

cusced. "There would be no reason for him to change his opinion. It wasn't based on this issue here," the spokesman said.

When Thomas was first nominated, it appeared that Bentsen might support him. Following a private meeting, Bentsen had said he was "favorably impressed" by the nominee.

Some said it was not surpris-

ing that Bentsen would oppose Thomas.

"I think that he is listening to what people are saying," said Rick Levy, staff counsel for Texas AFL-CIO. "I was pleased (Bentsen's) statement didn't refer to the Anita Hill case at all and was based solely on (Thomas') qualifications as a judge," Levy said.

Former NBA star uses his downfall for reasons not to use, abuse drugs

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his game almost immediately. His average plummeted from 26 points and 12 rebounds per game to a meager 7 points and 4 rebounds, leading to his suspension. Even after that, he said he couldn't see the connection between his game and his addiction.

"I was in heavy denial. My denial was to the point where we were playing one night, and Kareem (Abdul-Jabbar) was pounding and saying 'I need you to get

more rebounds,' Haywood said. "I said 'Man, are you crazy? How can I get an offensive rebound when your shots are coming off of the wrong side of the backboard?'"

Every time he tried to break his habit, there was someone willing to help him get hooked again, he said. He played in Italy for a year and got away from the drugs, but when he returned to the United States he fell back into old habits, and couldn't understand why his life was falling

apart. "The drug drove me insane, and all of my friends were insane," Haywood said. "I was using 151 proof rum, and I would hit the pipe (of cocaine) and drink the rum all night. Not only was I addicted, but I was an alcoholic too."

Haywood said he decided to seek help several times, but always found an excuse to avoid drug clinics, until an incident with his daughter convinced him he could no longer ignore his problem.

"In 1983 they had a DARE program in my daughter's school, where officers would come along and talk about drugs and drug paraphernalia," he said. "They asked if anybody had seen this stuff, and my daughter said her daddy had all of it, and took it into the bathroom and blew bubbles all night."

"After that I checked into rehab for 30 days, and finally got in touch with Spencer Haywood," he said. "I learned to cry, and learned a lot about myself."

Haywood said awareness of the problems of alcohol and drug dependency has vastly improved since his days in the NBA, when 80 percent of professional basketball players used drugs.

"I remember about two weeks ago when Bill Walsh was on TV and said the most disheartening thing about winning the 1981 championship was that the whole team was high on cocaine," Haywood said. "We had players, and we had coaches, everyone was getting high and no one knew any

better, but the leagues have responded."

Haywood said, however, despite the leagues' efforts to curb drug use he believes athletes are drinking more and that steroid use is the next big addiction that must be faced.

"Steroid use is as widespread as drug use was," Haywood said. "The testing programs they have for steroids now are available and you can get around them."

"It (steroids) is an enhancer some degree, but it's also deadly



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