

Radio station listeners tear apart library in hunt for money

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FORT WORTH — A radio station says it will pay for damage caused to the Fort Worth public library after a promotion telling listeners that money had been hidden in books left the facility in shambles.

An afternoon disc jockey at country radio station KYNG-FM, based in Dallas, contrived the promotion after reading an article about how few people go to libraries, said program director Dan Pearman.

"He thought putting a few dollars here and there might motivate people to go to the library," Pearman said Wednesday.

The promotion sent more than 800 people scurrying through the library's doors Tuesday, ripping the covers off books and then throwing them to the floor, said library spokeswoman Marsha Anderson.

"It was very bad," she said. "You had lots of people coming in and people pulling books off the shelves."

Anderson said people were "climbing the shelves, stepping on each other and elbowing people in the face" to get to books.

Listeners told library officials that the station had hidden up to \$10,000. However, Pearman said the DJ offered only \$100.

"Whatever harm we caused we need to rectify," Pearman said. "We're just very apologetic for the incident and sorry it happened."

He acknowledged that the radio station did not tell library officials about the promotion.

"It was kind of a last-minute inspiration, and typically when he does that kind of stuff, 30 or 40 people show up and then they leave," Pearman said.

No damage estimate has been made. Anderson said it will take several days for the books to be returned to their proper places.

As of Wednesday morning, library staff members had picked up about 1,000 books from the floor, she said.

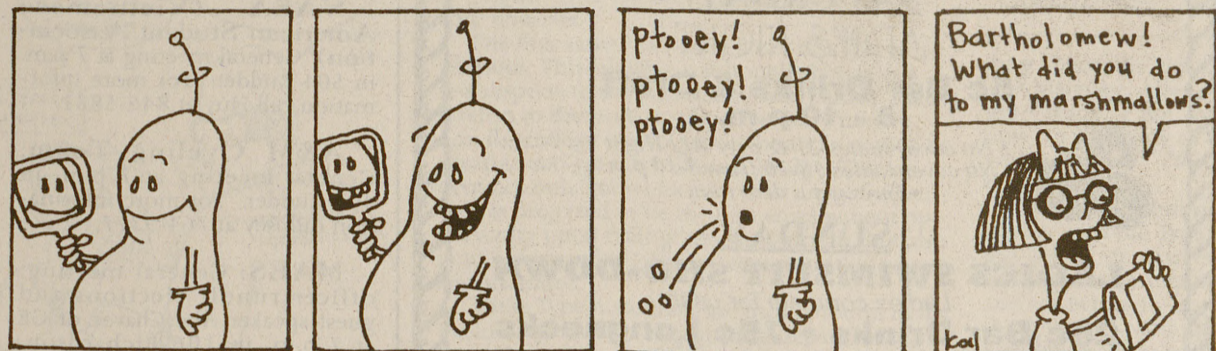
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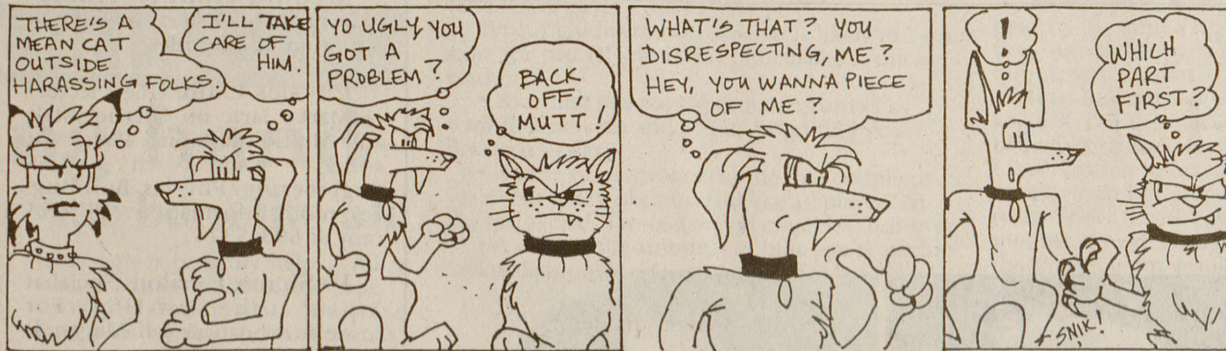
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Genetics

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Hsueh said several recent methods have been developed to work with infertile couples, including directly injecting sperm into eggs, using surgical procedures, in vitro fertilization and even borrowing eggs.

Hsueh said technology has become so advanced that children can now have five parents: a mother, a

father, a genetic mother, a genetic father and a surrogate mother.

"In terms of the social implications, this is a really wide open field," he said.

Hsueh also discussed the development and use of contraception.

"After being introduced in 1956, (birth control) pills have really changed our whole society's view on sex," Hsueh said.

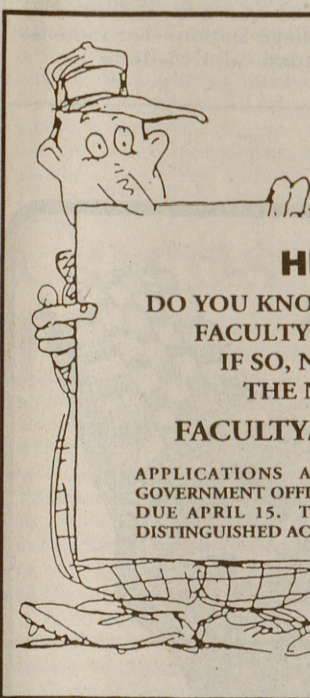
The introduction of the controversial abortion pill, RU-486, was another issue Hsueh discussed.

"This drug is going to become a very effective means of oral contraception," he said.

Hsueh said the scientific community needs to be careful in further advances by determining the implications some methods introduce.

"We need to decide how we are going to handle all these changes."

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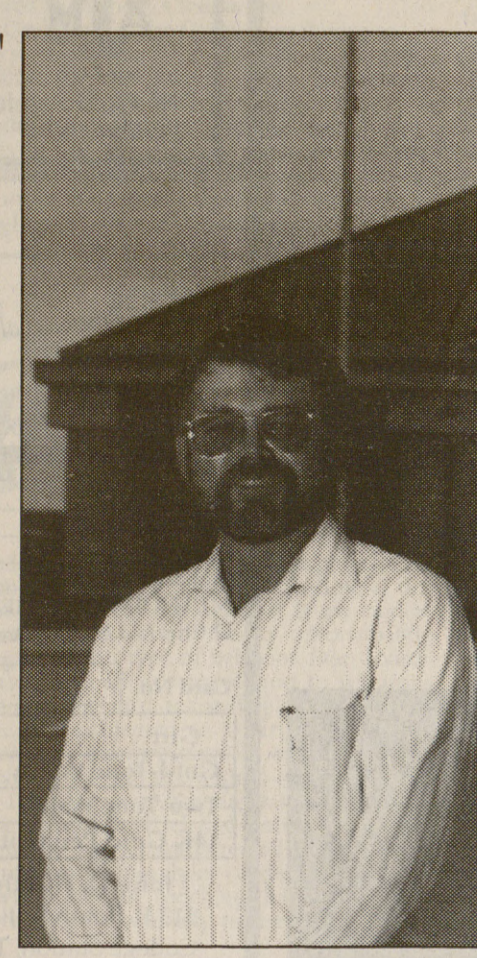
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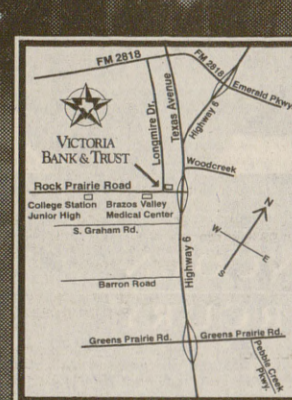
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