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Mrs. Steve Skaggs receives condolences from more than 150 students, faculty and staff who attended a memoriam for her husband, an associate professor of Health and Kineseology professor who died last week.

## Student arrested for alleged assault

David Waltz Editor

A UTPA freshman was arrested Friday for allegedly sexually assaulting a female classmate in a swimming class.

According to a campus police report, Robey Reyes, 20, freshman police administration major, put his hands on her breasts, buttocks, genital area and penetrated her with his fingers.

The report was filed by an undisclosed female student and the incidents allegedly took place during previous class sessions.

Reyes, a Rio Grande City resident, was arrested after a judicial court issued a warrant for two counts of assault and one count of sexual assault.

Reyes was taken before Arnaldo Corpus, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3 in Mission, Saturday and released early Saturday morning on \$3,000 bail.

Al Ogletree, baseball coach and swimming instructor, said he was informed by the female student about the incidents before she filed the report. Ogletree said he confronted Reyes who denied any wrongdoing.

Ogletree refused to comment on the incidents but said he felt the issue was between Reyes and the female student.

"It's their business," Olgetree said.

## **Clinton wins second term**

## First Democrat in 50 years to recapture White House

WASHINGTON (Knight-Ridder-Tribune)- Bill Clinton capitalized on a robust economy and his formidable political skills to win re-election Tuesday, making him the first Democrat to recapture the White House in more than a half-century.

His re-election capped a stunning comeback from the political humiliation dealt him midway through his first term, when voters rebuffed his leadership.

Four years ago, it was a weak economy that enabled Clinton to beat George Bush. This year, it was a strong economy, leading to voter contentment, that gave Clinton the strength to overcome other, personal vulnerabilities.

More than half of voters said Clinton was not honest, according to a survey of voters leaving the polls, and even half of Clinton's supporters said they had reservations about supporting him.

Both Republican candidate Bob Dole and Reform Party candidate Ross Perot tried to profit from those misgivings, raising questions about the president's character and suggesting that he was not fit to represent the United States on the world stage.

In the end, though, voters said overwhelmingly that issues were more important to them than character, and that it was Clinton, not Dole or Perot, who shared more of their views.



Pres. Clinton and Hilliary Clinton vote at union station in Little Rock.



election day outside Robert E. Elementary in Edinburg.

Supporters urge citizens to vote for their favorites on

#### Republican party wins both houses of Congress

WASHINGTON - Incumbents won by the dozens and the Republican Party was likely to retain control of both houses of Congress despite a strong showing by President Clinton.

Incumbents won Republicans outdid their rivals in Senate races, capturing Democratic seats in Alabama and Nebraska. Democrats held onto seats in New Jersey, Michigan, Massachusetts, Georgia and Illinois.

In the House, after 236 races had been called, there was no change in the balance of power.

"It looks like we're back to the old pattern where incumbency helped both sides," said New York political scientist Craig Rimmerman. "From the standpoint of the electorate, they saw no reason to make any big changes. It's probably attributable to the economy and to the fact we're at peace."

At stake is control of the national political agenda. For the Republicans and House Speaker Newt Gingrich, in particular the results are a referendum on their self-described revolution.

Gingrich appears likely to keep his pulpit and get a second chance to define a winning set of conservative reforms.

## Officials forsee change in trend **Mexican officials optimistic**

#### Nick Anderson The Associated Press

MEXICO CITY - Mindful of a disastrous devaluation nearly two years ago, foreign investors were understandably rattled when the Mexican peso lost 6 percent of its value last month

But government officials and many economists insist the recent currency depreciation does not signal a repeat of the December 1994 financial crisis that threw the country into its deepest recession in six decades.

"This is a small adjustment," said David Martinez Serna, an economist at the University of Monterrey in northern Mexico. "Far better to manage a sliding exchange rate than to freeze the peso's value at a certain level that would induce a sharp crash."

Still, the sudden volatility has caused some investors to pull back from Mexican financial markets until they see where the currency settles. The stock market's leading IPC index, which hit a record 3,433 on Aug. 27, had skidded to 3,213 by the end of October.

On 48-hour spot markets last Friday, banking leader Banamex quotes the peso closing at 7.95 to the dollar - stronger than its 7.97 close the day before and better than its record low of just over 8 to the dollar Wednesday.

Until October, the currency had hovered most of the year around 7.5 to the dollar. For workers whose wages have been eroded by high inflation, a weakening peso could add another wallop to the wallet.

Pablo Andrade, 49, a newspaper vendor and waiter in Mexico City, said the 80 pesos he and his wife bring home each day, now equivalent to about \$10, is barely enough to feed and clothe his four children.

"Everything's gone up to the clouds - rent, electricity bills, taxes," Andrade lamented. "Before, a little money would go a long way. Now a lot of money buys you nothing.

A weak peso makes Mexican goods cheaper abroad, helping export-oriented manufacturers. But it also raises the price of imports at home, hurting domestic consumption. Mexico's current peso policy dates to the economic crisis of December 1994.

At that time, the administration of newly elected President Ernesto Zedillo was forced by a shortage of dollars and massive short-term debt obligations to end a regime fixing the peso within a certain range of dollar values.

Since then, Zedillo has pledged repeatedly to let the peso float wherever traders will take it.

"If there were predictable rules governing exchange rates, there would be more stability in financial markets," Pablo Riveroll, analyst at Merrill Lynch & Co., told a news conference late last week. But rules are exactly what the government has shied away from.

Government officials predict investor jitters will be a passing phenomenon. They note many private analysts had predicted the currency would end the year weaker than 8 to the

dollar, and that some economists had even complained in September the peso was overvalued.

"It seems paradoxical that a few weeks ago there was public discussion that the exchange rate had been too stable, and now a little bit of movement is causing excessive worries," Treasury Secretary Guillermo Ortiz told reporters.

The peso also may be suffering from the recent surge in the dollar, the benchmark against which the peso is measured. The dollar has been cresting in recent weeks against other foreign currencies, including the Japanese yen.

Despite Zedillo's "free-floating" policy, the central bank has at times this year sought to steady the peso's dollar value by contracting the money supply and raising interest rates.

Government officials say their strategy has worked. The inflation rate has been cut in half this year to about 26 percent and is forecast at . 15 percent next year. The economy is rebounding. It is expected to grow about 4 percent this year after contracting nearly 7 percent in 1995.

Despite the peso troubles, experts say financial markets could soon rally. In a report last Friday, the Morgan Stanley & Co. investment bank foresaw better times for the stock market.

"We see no fundamental reason for the market's current weakness," said the report by analysts Robert J. Pelosky and Hernando Cortina. "We continue to view Mexico's fundamentals positively."

#### Heavy rains may finally end Texas drought

#### The Associated Press

DALLAS - No one is saying that the drought's over, but encouraging signs are popping up all over the place - most notably, heavy rains since August and a recently released winter forecast.

Forecasters are expecting above-average rainfall for the next 90 days, said George Bomar, a meteorologist at the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

"I hope that's right," Bomar said. "But you have to remember that winters are typically dry in Texas. So above-average may not get you much precipitation."

Last winter, Texas farmers and cattle producers were gloomy about the drought. In March and April, wildfires swept through many Texas counties. Several small Texas towns almost ran out of drinking water last summer. The Dallas Morning News

reported in early Saturday editions that West Texas ranchers now say that their stock tanks are brimming with water.

Cotton and sorghum harvests in the panhandle are also looking good. Lake levels across the state are nowhere near full, but they are rising slowly. Some ranchers are saying they're optimistic.

"We have good healthy signs of winter grass," said Steve Stephens, manager of the 17,000acre B-7 Ranch about 80 miles northwest of Fort Worth. "We're showing nice and green, looking real good."

When 1996 began, Panhandle farmers were looking at huge rainfall deficits and a failing wheat crop. Dry land farmers without irrigation systems were having a particularly tough time.

Well-timed rains, however, produced a good corn crop last summer, said J.D. Ragland, Castro County's agriculture extension

agent. Cotton yields are averaging between two and three bales per acre, he said. Sorghum yields on irrigated land are averaging 4,000 pounds an acre. Although lake levels across Texas have been falling since 1993,

many are inching back up this fall The Llano River, a spring-fed

tributary of the Colorado River in Central Texas, flooded last weekend after heavy rains. The Nueces River in South Texas flooded this week.

Lake Whitney's level has risen five feet since September. In the Dallas-Fort Worth area, lakes that have risen a foot or more since September include Ray Hubbard, Arlington, and Joe Pool. All three are still below normal levels, however.

Lakes Lewisville, Grapevine and Ray Roberts have remained steady since September, but are also below normal levels.

Citrus, cotton and vegetable farmers in the Rio Grande Valley depend on water from the Rio Grande. Municipalities like McAllen and Pharr-San Juan-Alamo also get their drinking water from the river, which is fed by Lakes Amistad and Falcon, more than 100 miles northwest of the valley.

Their levels sank so low last summer that some farmers worried they'd run out of irrigation water.

Julian Perales, river operations manager for the Texas Water Development Board in Harlingen, said the lakes fell to 25 percent of capacity in August, but are now back up to 35 percent. The lakes were filled to 47 percent of capacity last January, however.

"We are far from being out of the woods," Perales said.

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#### **MBA student receives Hall of Fame scholarship**

University of Texas Pan American graduate business student Victoria A. Musick has received a Texas Business Hall of Fame Foundation scholarship by the Foundation's board of directors.

Musick, a McAllen resident, and the 22 other 1996 TB HFF scholars each received a \$5,000 grant. They were honored at the Foundation's annual Awards Dinner recently at the Wyndham Anatole Hotel in Dallas.

Musick, a 1977 graduate of Indiana University who majored in accounting, is making the transition from full-time parent to career woman. The Girl Scout leader, coach of a junior high math group and Habitat for Humanity volunteer said her volunteer work has helped her develop organizational-leadership skills, fundraising acumen and the ability to encourage other adults to participate in activities.

She passed all four parts of the CPA exam in one May

1995 sitting. She returned to school the following month and has recorded a 4.0 grade-point average. Musick expects to receive her MBA from UT Pan American next May. Afierward, she would like to join a CPA firm and eventually establish her own firm. She said she is especially interested in not-for-profit auditing.

The Texas Business Hall of Fame Foundation is a nonprofit organization of 90 directors who are business leaders from cities throughout the state. For the past 14 years, the foundation has been recognizing exceptional achievement in business by inducting Texas business legends into the Texas Business Hall of Fame.

The groupY5 mission is to support education in the state by awarding scholarships to graduate business students attending Texas colleges and universities. To date, more than \$800,000 has been awarded in scholarships.



**Victoria Musick** 

#### **University sponors first computer science fair**

Students are invited to the Engineering and Computer Science Career Day November 21 in the lobby of the new Engineering Building.

"This is a great opportunity for students of UTPA to move into highly challenging and high-paying jobs," said Dr. Ed LeMaster, chair of the engineering department.

"It is a signpost that our university is maturing as a comprehensive university. Students from across the campus are invited."

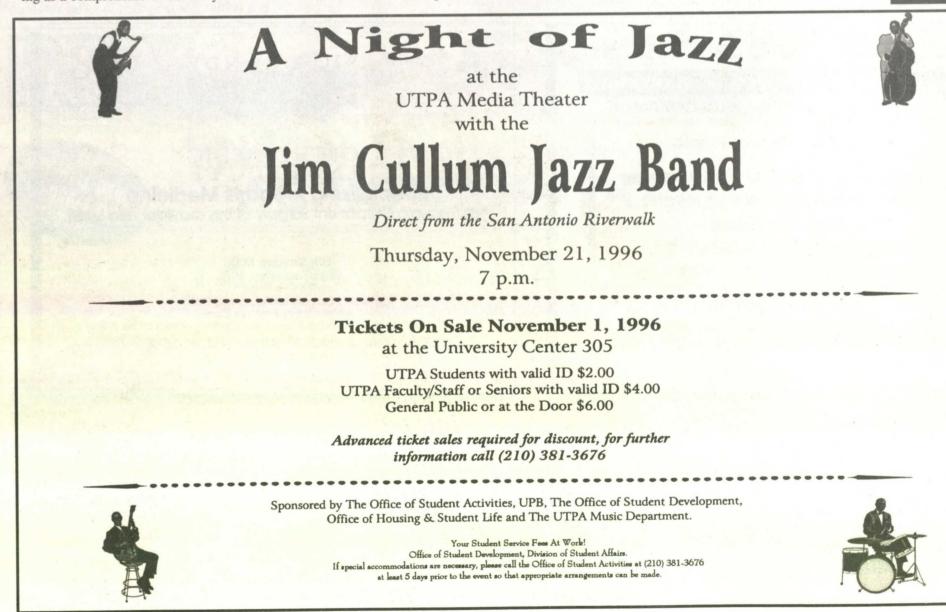
Some high school students also will be attending the Career Day to gather information about future opportunities in engineering and computer science, LeMaster said.

"We want a lot of people to attend," he said. "We want employers to say, 'This a gold mine down here."

At least seven companies will have represen-

tatives on campus to talk with engineering and computer science majors from 9 - 3.

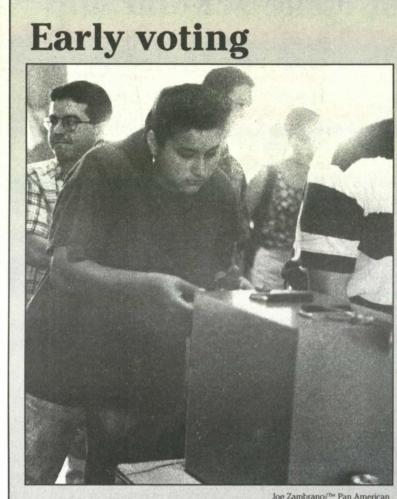
Scheduled are Hughes Space and Communications of Los Angeles; Intel Corp. of Hilisboro, Ore.; Intellicall Inc. of McAllen; Lucent Technologies of Dallas; Plastic Engineered Components of McAllen; Xerox of Los Angeles; and IBM of Austin.



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Cecilia Altamira casts her vote during early voting last week at the university library.

## **\$1.1 million settlement** in egg theft cast

Irvine, Calif (KRT) - Two women who say their eggs were stolen by UCI surgeons will collect \$1.1 million in the first settlements of civil suits related to the scandal at the university's fertility clinic.

One patient settled her claim for \$600,000, the other for \$510,237.50, according to records obtained through the California Public Records Act.

The records also show that taxpayers will pay more than \$2.7 million in outside legal fees and services related to claims against the University of California, Irvine, and its former fertility doctors, Ricardo Asch, Jose Balmaceda and Sergio Stone.

The regents would not release the women's names, but the cases allegedly involved children who were born from eggs taken without permission from the patients and given to other women.

"These cases represent exacerbated circumstances," regents attorney John Lundberg said.

What they don't represent, he said, is the value of a child or an egg

"We don't have any magic formulas," he said. "Determining what an egg is worth, what an embryo is worth or any kind of fetal material is, to some extent, subjective."

The settlements will be paid from UC's self-insurance fund and the legal bills from a malpractice fund collected from the UC's five medical schools, its teaching hospitals and student health centers.

The agreements absolve the doctors of any liability and do not require them to pay damages.



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### Organization lends a hand to high risk dropouts

#### Gracie Gonzales The Pan American

With the help of Upward Bound, many Valleyites, who never considered attending college, are getting a hand with their future.

The chance to succeed is given to these students who come from first generation college families. We provide the means for them to better their lives for their future with a success rate of almost 90 percent, said Deanda Lanea Balli, associate director for the program.

Upward Bound is a federally funded program designed to assist sophomore, junior and senior students to develop their best potential for a success in a secondary institution.

The program is coordinated through the Division of Student Affairs at UTPA, according to Balli.

"This program gives less able students a chance to focus their academics in order to succeed. The goal of the program is to try to improve the skills of the student and to motivate them toward the neccessary education beyond high school.

Students from the Hidalgo school district, are selected to participate through the academic program. Once they graduate from High school, they receive a scholarship good towards six hours of college credit, tuition and books at UTPA.

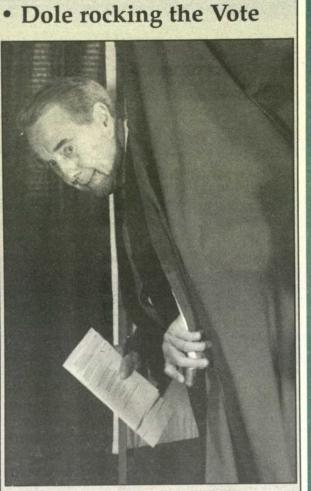
The selection process requires the student to be a sophomore or junior, a potential first generation college student, economically disadvantaged, and require some sort of academic assistance needed for college.

The program offers services to meet the needs of the prospective student. In most cases, transportation is provided from area high schools to the University. Meals are also provided for lunchtime, as well as academic support for the basic subjects including math, science, english, research and study skills.

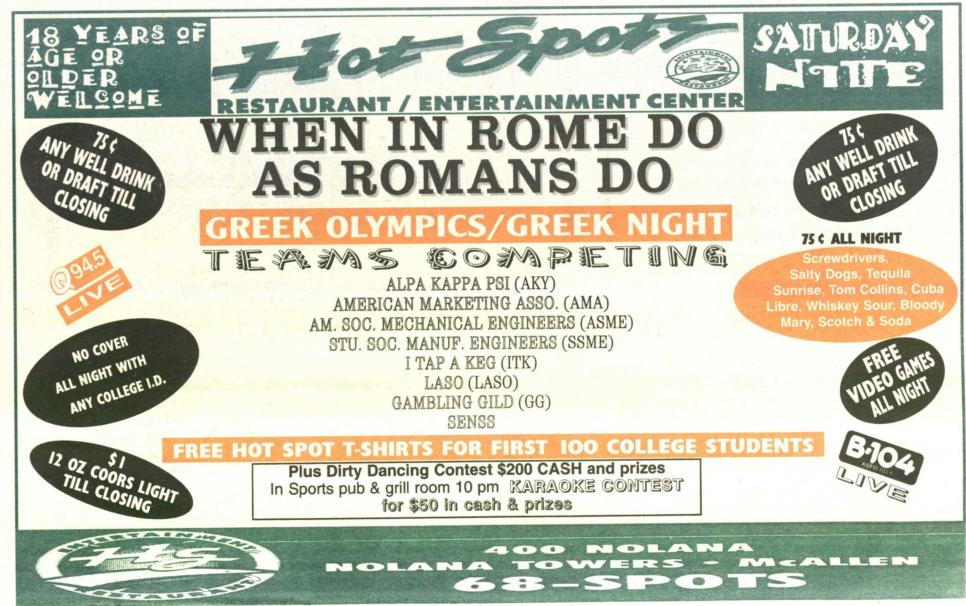
Classes begin in early fall and students are required to meet for 25 Saturdays at UTPA for academic instruction and tutoring in their respective high school courses.

Students receive \$10 dollars for every Saturday they attend. During the summer months, classes meet daily for five weeks with a stipend of \$15 dollars a week and a valid university identification.

Senior students are given the opportunity to stay in Campus Residence Halls to experience college life. Community service activities are also encouraged for the students to directly involved with the community and the responsibilities that are accompanied. For more information call (210) 381-2596.



Hoping to repeat Truman's famous upset, Bob Dole emerges from the voting booth Tuesday in Russell, Kansas.



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#### Tech may merge several universities into one

SAN ANGELO (AP) - A variety of plans are being discussed to bring several small state universities into a new Texas Tech University System, the San Angelo Standard-Times has reported.

The subject of a new state university system has been circulating through the hallways of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the administrative offices of many state campuses, the newspaper reported in a copyright story in its Friday editions.

Texas Tech Chancellor John Montford confirmed this week that his school's board is pushing the discussion but cautioned that Tech is not ready to take any proposals to the Texas Legislature.

"Texas Tech wants to be a big player in higher-education initiatives for the future," Montford said. "We want parity for West Texas. We will enter into discussions with anyone who is interested. But we haven't done so yet."



AFP/Sergey Chirikov.

A Russian woman prays Tuesday for the health of Russian President Boris Yeltsin, who underwent a heart bypass operation Tuesday in Moscow. The Patriarch of Moscow and all Russian, Alexi II, called for the faithful to remember the president in their prayers.



## SGA to brighten needy holiday

With the holidays around the corners, many students find being in the spirit difficult whith financial woes. But, with some good fortune and hard work from the Student Government Association, their holidays may still be merry.

The SGA once again is sponsoring their annual Adopt An Angel project. According to SGA the program is a special project which reaches out to financially challenged students.

Even though SGA can not reach out to all students, they would like to help those with children, according to Lee Keyes, SGA senator.

SGA wants Christmas to be a little more special for some of the needy chil-

dren of UTPA students by buying them Christmas presents.

The organization is asking students who need help to register their children so that other organizations can adopt an angel.

The participating organizations adopts an angel by buying a child a gift; the maximum value of the gift can not exceed \$20.

Any orginization wanting to help may come by to view the list of gifts requested. The club may simply purchase the gift or can donate cash for SGA to purchase the present.

Organizations interested in helping may contact the SGA office at 381-2517 or 381-2260.

#### **Man Charged For Holding Boy At Gunpoint**

Houston (AP) -A white man accused of holding a 16-year-old black student at gunpoint has been charged with deadly conduct, authorities said Friday.

Leon Denina Jr., 53, remained free on \$500 bond after being charged with the Class A misdemeanor.

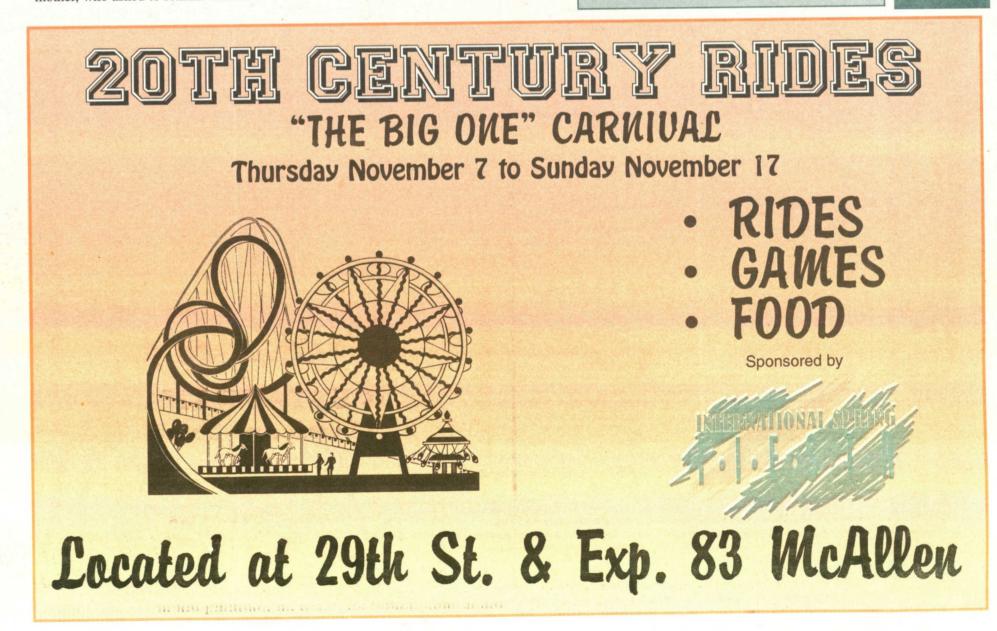
He surrendered Thursday in connection with the Oct. 25 episode, which occurred in front of his home in a Lake Conroe subdivision northwest of Willis.

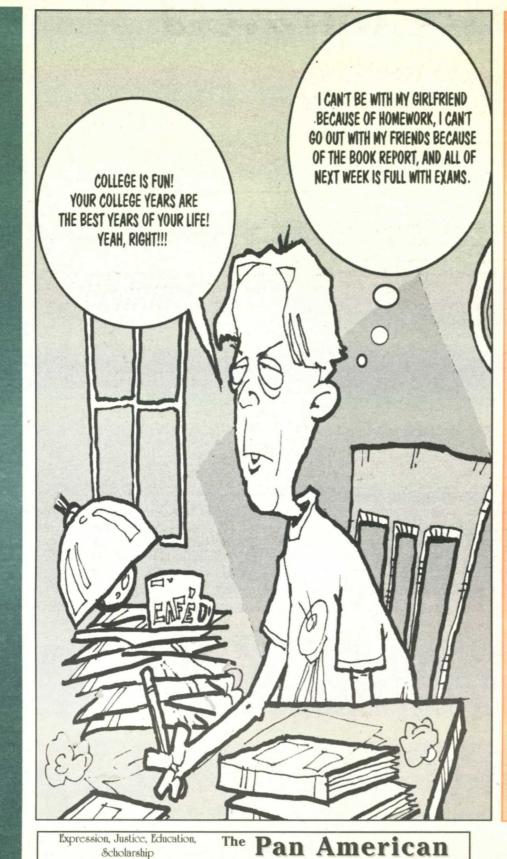
The teen-ager's mother says the youth apparently was confronted only because he is black.

"He (Denina) had a sawed-off shotgun and made him lie down in the street," said the mother, who asked to remain unnamed.



Hidalgo citizen, Maria J Fuentes, votes her conscience Tuesday at the Hidalgo Courthouse.





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## Editor's Call

The elections have come to a close. Clinton has claimed victory and we can only hope for the best. This election will lead us into the next century and we can only watch and see where our leaders will take us.

With his victory, we can only wonder what will come of the Whitewater affair that has been such an interesting and entertaining part of our daily lives for a few years now. Many people have been convicted and we can only guess who will be next to stand trial.

It has been said Pres. Clinton played no part in the affair, however, we know his name has appeared numerous of times in one shape or form in connection with this scandal.

Mrs. Clinton, we know, may have played more than a small part in the scandal and we can only wonder if the First Lady of the Whitehouse will become the First Lady of Whitewater from behind bars.

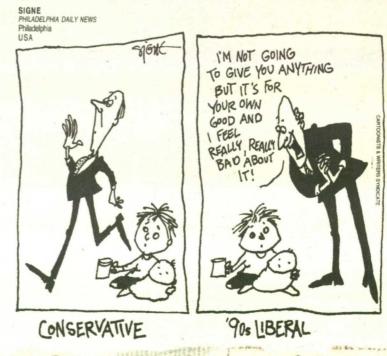
Things will become quite humorous if Mrs. Clinton is convicted for her involvement. It will be the first time in history that a First Lady served her term in prison.

Even more interesting and appealing, to say the least, is if Pres. Clinton would pardon his wife of conviction. Well, he most likely would and as a result everyone convicted would be pardoned or otherwise face potential political death.

Yes, the next four years should be interesting. Let us look ahead and learn from what we see around us. Let us look at the Clinton legacy and see its faults and strengths, and learn from it. Let us prepare ourselves for the next elections a few years hence.

Let us contemplate the possibilities of another four years with Bill, Hilliary, Chelsea and Socks. Another four years of potential hysterical escapades.





## **Middle East peace unravels**

#### Nicholas Tatro Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM - After three weeks of intensive negotiations, the U.S. rescue effort by special envoy Dennis Ross has collapsed - a symptom of the growing distrust that has infected the peace process.

Negotiations between Palestinians and Israelis continue at a low level, with expectations that eventually there will be an Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank town of Hebron.

But tensions that erupted in violence and the deaths of 79 people last month lurk below the surface. Any new explosion could not only freeze progress on the Palestinian-Israeli front but erode the larger Arab-Israeli peace process.

Tensions with Syria, for example, have grown parallel to the deterioration in the Palestinian-Israeli relations.

Israeli military officials say the army is now preparing for the possibility that Syria will try to launch a limited operation in the Golan Heights to seize land and try to hold on long enough for the international community to force new negotiations.

While the chance of an outbreak of war on the Golan is remote, the possibilities are greater in Lebanon, where both Israeli and Syria forces are present.

Israeli military officials point out that Syria now talks of peace being "a" strategic option instead of "the" strategic option and that it has been exercising its troops.

The change followed the emergence of the new hard-line government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who has said he wants to hold onto the Golan, which was captured from Syria in the 1967 Mideast War.

Syria has been pressuring other Arab states to freeze their relations with Israel, and Israeli analysts saying that Syria will try to prevent progress on any other track as long as negotiations on the Golan are suspended.

The Arab world has viewed the new Israeli government with deep suspicion from the outset. The main reason is the Likud Party's support for expanding Jewish settlements in the West Bank and its opposition to a Palestinian state.

Hebron has become a test of the Netanyahu government's willingness to do the minimum to sustain the process - implement the promises made by the previous Labor government.

Israel's relations with Jordan were the best of any Arab state, but King Hussein has been sharply critical recently of Netanyahu's failure to agree to a Hebron withdrawal. So has Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who had initially urged the Arab world to give Netanyahu a chance.

For the Palestinians, the Hebron issue is just the beginning. They are anxious to start the socalled final status talks that will deal with the most sensitive issues: the future of the holy city of Jerusalem, the question of Palestinian statehood and the return of refugees. Arafat also notes an array of Israeli promises that remain unfulfilled: the release of Palestinian prisoners, the establishment of travel routes between the West Bank and Gaza Strip and the opening of a Palestinian airport.

Also at issue is a closure that has kept tens of thousands of Palestinians from jobs in Israel and caused a 40 percent drop in the overall Palestinian economy the past three years.

From the Israeli side, the bonds of trust were broken, perhaps irreparably, when Palestinian police used guns against Israeli soldiers during September's rioting. Israel also has its list of broken promises, especially the Palestinian refusal to turn over terrorists who took shelter in the autonomy zones.

The question is how far relations will deteriorate. There are warnings from the Palestinian side about a new uprising, or intefadeh, like the one that began in 1987 and led to the Israel-Palestinian accord six years later.

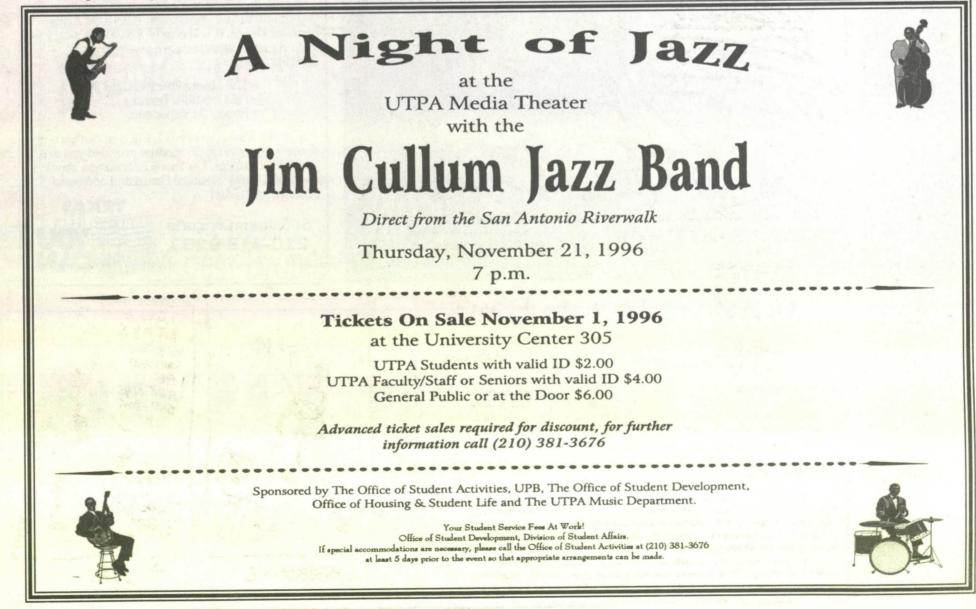
There is a safety net, however: all the leaders involved have invested their reputations in the peace process, from Netanyahu who made it a theme of his election campaign that he would not abandon peace to Arafat, who has staked his political future on the autonomy process.

Even Syrian President Hafez Assad would find it hard to go back on the peace process because that increases the chances that the Golan Heights would remain in Israeli hands throughout his lifetime.



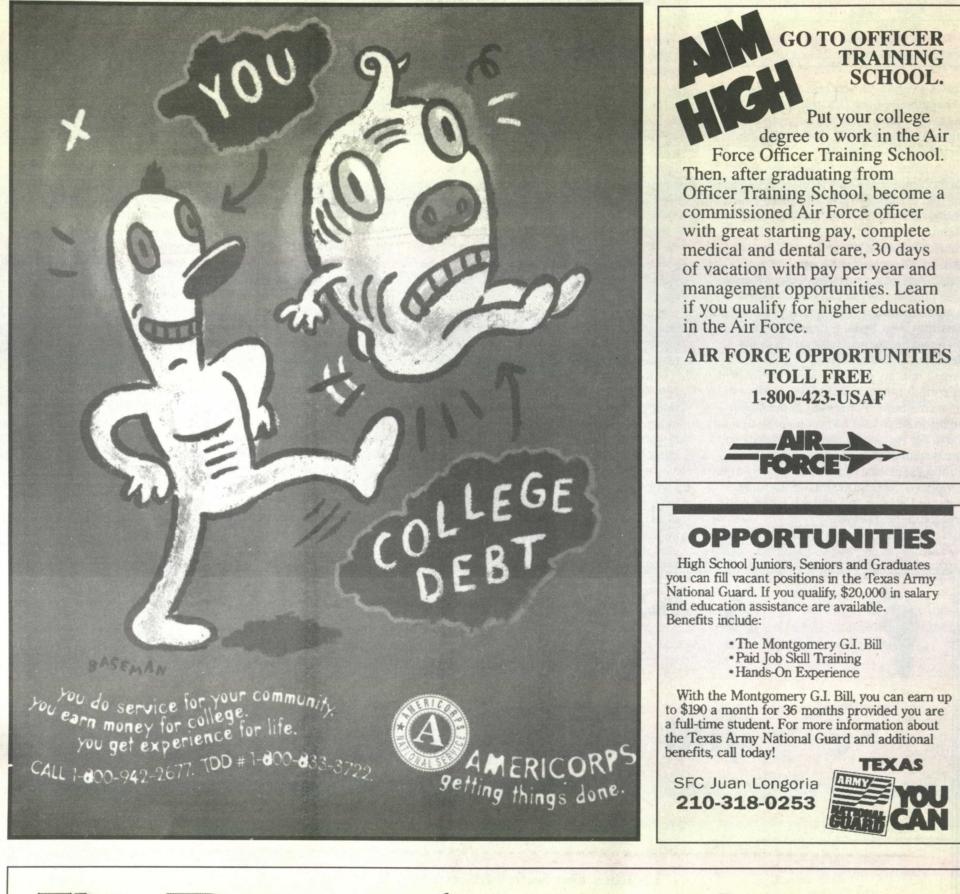
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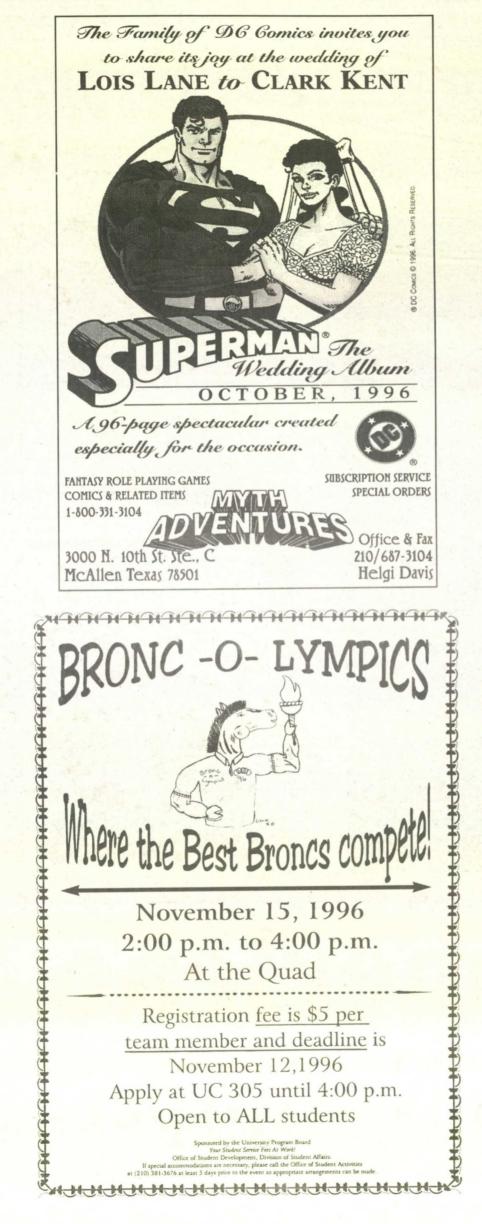


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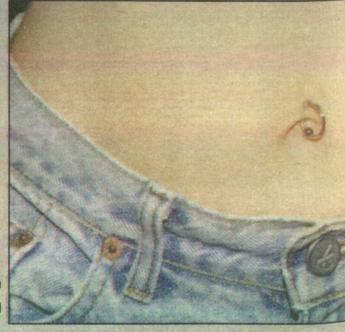






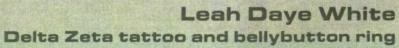
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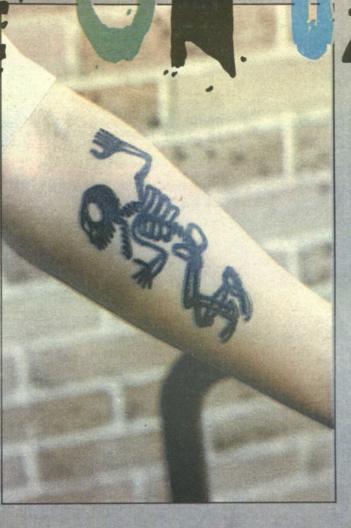


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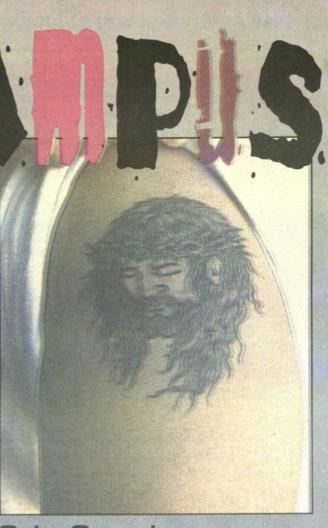
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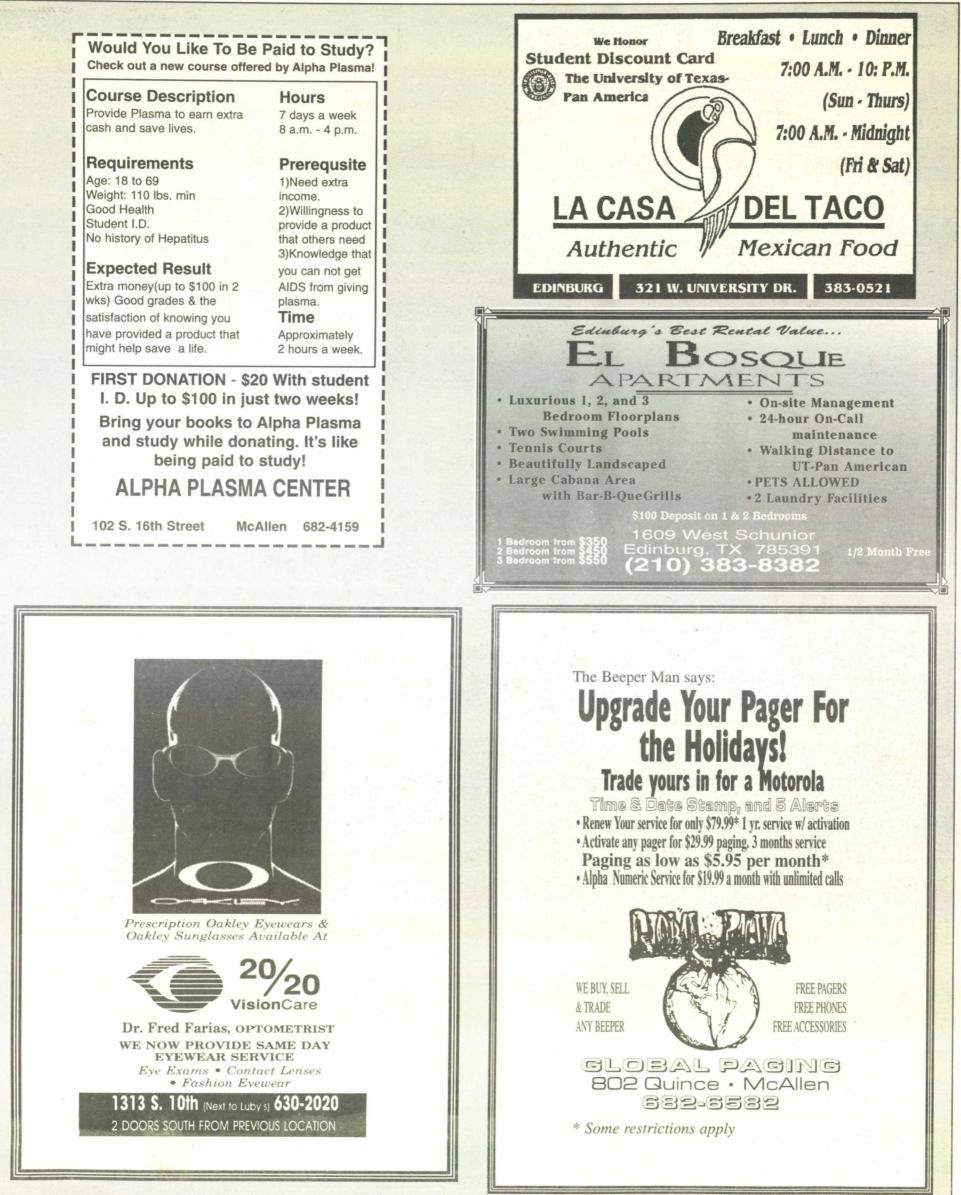


Gabe Gonzalez Face of Christ



Laura Garcia Flower ankle tattoo

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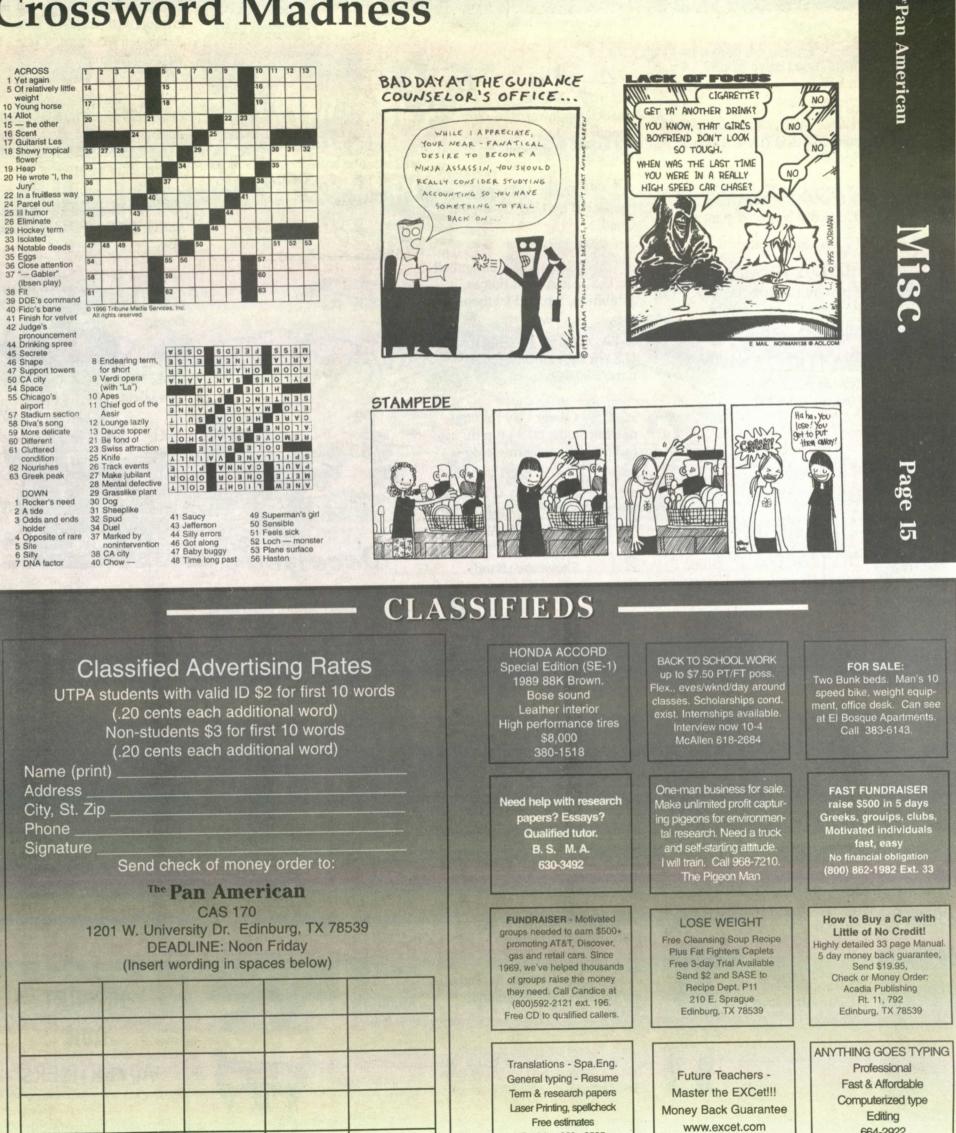


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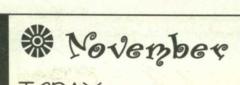
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TODAY Alpha Kappa Psi hosts blood drive from 9 - 4 p.m in LRC.

TODAY Philosophy Club meets 12-1 in LA 101. Guest Speaker.

TODAY Showcase (Comedy) Noon - 1 p.m. UC Circle.

FRIDAY ODES club meets 7 p.m. in LA 101 Lecture: "The Helpless Giant: Swift in Lilliput"

SATURDAY MBA Toastmasters Club, 10 a.m., BA 113.



SATURDAY Bronc volleyball vs. Lamar University, 7 p.m., Fieldhouse.

SUNDAY Valley Symphony Orchestra Concert featuring Broadway musical choruses, 3 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. (630-5355 for information.)

MONDAY Application deadline for arena registration for Spring 1997.

TUE\_SDAY Bronc basketball vs. Monterrey Tech, Mexico, international exhibition, 7:30 p.m., Fieldhouse.

TUE\_SDAY UT Pan American Jazz Ensemble Concert, 8 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

|  $\angle$  Showcase (Band) Noon - 1 p.m. UC Circle. Admissions and Records. Noon - 1 LA 101. Lecture: "Cuba: moving into the 21st Century."

1 4 UT Pan American Alumni Association awards banquet, 7 p.m., University Ballroom.

15 Bronc-O-Lympics, sponsored by UBP 2 - 4 p.m. Quad.

16 Lady Bronc basketball vs. U.S. All-Armed Forces, exhibition, 5 p.m. Fieldhouse.

16 Bronc basketball vs. U.S. Army, exhibition, 7:30 p.m., Fieldhouse.

2 | Career Day for engineering students. 9 - 3 p.m. in Lobby of Engineering bldg.

2 | Philosophy Club meets Noon -1 LA 111. Lecture: "How Xenophobic is Germany?"

2 | Showcase (Band) Noon - 1 p.m. UC Circle.

2 | Bahá Assoc. meets Noon - 1 UTPA Chapel: Prayers for World Peace.

22 Pool & dart tournament, sponsored by UPB, 3 - 6 p.m. Rec room in UC.

23 Bronc basketball vs. McMurry University, 7:30 p.m., Fieldhouse.

23 & 24 Renaissance Feast by music department, 6:30 p.m., dinner and program, University Ballroom.

26 Lady Bronc basketball vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville, 5 p.m., Fieldhouse.

26 UT Pan American Band Concert, 8 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

27 Last day to drop or withdraw through the Office of



Residence halls close for Thanksgiving holidays at 6:30 p.m.

28-30 Thanksgiving holidays. No classes.

8 UT Pan American Folkloric Dance Company in concert with the UT Pan American Mariachi, 2 p.m., Fine

Arts Auditorium. 1 *O* Valley Symphony Orchestra and Chorale, holiday pops concert, 8 p.m., McAllen Civic Center, (Call 630-5355 for

| | Deadline to pay for Spring 1997 telephone registration.

information and tickets.)

12-13 Limited departmental final examinations; Dead Days.

1 4 MBA Toastmusters Club, 10 a.m., BA 113, open to all students and the public



3 Lady Bronc basketball vs. Oral Roberts University, time TBA. Fieldhouse.

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3 Senior Recital, Eddie Mendez, trumpet, 8 p.m., Recital Hall.

2-8 "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens at the University Theatre.



UT Pan American Folkloric Dance Company in concert with the UT Pan American Mariachi, 2 p.m., Fine

Arts Auditorium.

7 Bronc basketball vs. Angelo State, 7:30 p.m., Fieldhouse. If your organization has an upcoming campus event that is free to UTPA students, *The Pan American* would like to post it here. Send it to CAS 170. Deadline Noon Friday.

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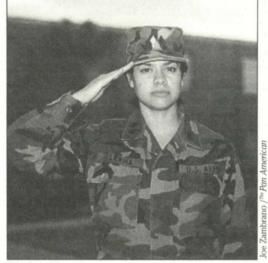
## Female cadets take charge of ROTC

Juan Vento

The Pan American

With much of the national news focused on females who have enrolled at the previously all male Virginia Military Institute, the accomplishments of Seniors Karina Lerma and Carolina Velasquez are likely to go unnoticed. However, like their VMI counterparts, Lerma and Velasquez are breaking new ground and making history.

For the first time in the same year, two women hold the top positions in the UTPA AROTC (Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps) program. It is hardly surprising given the commitment cadets Lerma and Velasquez display.



Karina Lerma

Most of the week, Lerma and Velasquez are typical college students. Their apparel, demeanor, and college-life routine is virtually indistinguishable from other students. Thursdays are different, however. On this day, Lerma and Velasquez serve as Battalion Commander and Company Commander, respectively.

In addition to leadership abilities, other factors played a role in their appointments. "We look at the composite picture when selecting our top cadets," explains Master Sergeant Miles.

For Lerma, a third-year nursing student, discipline and challenges have always been a part of her college experience.

She is frank about how demanding the job can be. "It can get very challenging, especially when I have to juggle all of my responsibilities." She is responsible to the Professor of Military Science for the training of the two companies that comprise the Battalion.

Lerma's interest in AROTC began in high school where she was a member of the JROTC. With the guidance of her Senior Army Instructor, it did not take her long to rise to the top of the class and earn an AROTC scholarship.

Velasquez is also no stranger to discipline or challenges. She earned an Associate Degree while serving an abbreviated tour of duty. Because of her performance, she was granted a release so that she could attend a college ROTC program.



Carolina Velasquez

Her list of accomplishments include completing programs at five Army schools and earning the coveted Airborne Paratrooper Badge.

A Sociology major, she plans to pursue an advance degree. "If I am selected for a reserve commission, I will begin working on my masters degree." Regardless, one of her goals is to qualify for military intelligence.

Neither cadet is reticent when it comes to commenting on the ability of women. "If somebody is qualified and can do the job, then they should be allowed to do it," says Velasquez. Lerma adds, "Existing standards should not be lowered for women."

There are three kinds of people in the world: Those who 'make' things happen, those who 'watch' things happen, and those who 'wonder' what happened. There is little doubt which category Lerma and Velasquez belong to, and little need to wish them luck.

## **Exhibit spotlights the Tejano culture**

#### Joe Lara

The Pan American

A two hour reception held last Friday, introduced a photo exhibition titled, "La Tradicion Tejana." In a commencement celebration for the month-long exhibit, the UTPA library lobby became a flurry of music and sights for everyone. Refreshments were served and the only South Texas female guitar trio, Las Madrugadoras, played for everyone in the lobby.

The photo exhibition features four special Tejano themes: tattoos, quinceaneras, lowriders, and la charreada. One photo, titled "Cicatrizes de Mi Vida," depicts the Virgin Mary tattooed on a man's chest. Another photo titled, "Lowrider Quinceanera," presents a lowrider decorated with bows and ribbons in front of a church as a quinceanera takes place.

Silvino Garcia, Business major, stated that the reception and exhibition, "helps broaden students' perceptions about culture, the arts, and different ideas not usually thought of." The "La Charreada" section of the exhibition explains the workings of the "Charro," an elite group of equestrians, who own the necessary paraphernalia to maintain the "Charro" tradition.

The ethnically rich reception was enhanced as the Las Madrugadoras trio played various types of songs, including Baladas, Boleros, and Romanticas. "It is showing an appreciation for our culture," said Bernard Garcia, a UTPA student. The Corpus Christi based guitar trio performs in an effort to, " leave our roots and bring out the Tejano in the new generation, and to keep the Mexican tradition alive!"



Las Madrugadoras performing at the photo exhibit reception

Las Madrugadoras started off as a hobby and 23 years later they are still performing for private parties and for the simple love of performance. Cynthia Cantu, freshman, said the exhibition is, "wonderful... not everyone knows what is going on in the Hispanic culture."

The photographs are on loan from the Texas Folklife Resources. "La Tradicion Tejana" is being sponsored by The Office of Student Activities and the University Program Board, and will be on display through Nov. 29.



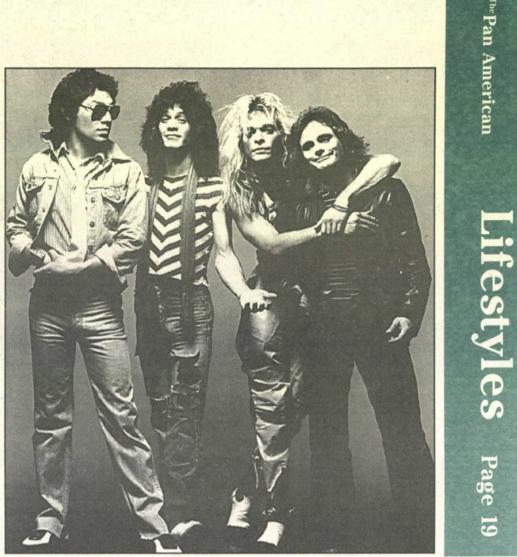
#### VAN HALEN 'THE BEST OF VAN HALEN -VOLUME 1' WARNER BROS. RECORDS

The music on this best of collection, like the personalities and attitudes of Van Halen, is diverse, outrageous, and never dull! Spanning the years from 1978 to 1996, and both incarnations of Van Halen, this is a must for any fan of hard rock and the band.

Given the recent turmoil between the band and its lead singers there has been a heightened awareness of the band, but ignore the hype and controversy... It is all about the music, and this is one of the best collections I have ever listened to.

How well you like this album all depends on what side of the Van Halen fence you sit. If you are an old-school fan, and a David Lee Roth fan, then you will be pleased because not only is there the past tracks but Roth also recorded new songs for this project. If you like Sammy, then do not despair... I know you are bummed because the Van Halen boys booted him out, but that era of the band is properly represented here. Or you could like both versions of Van Halen, like myself and be really pleased!

For most groups a release of the greatest hits or anthology means the final call has come... but not for this band! In fact, there has already been a new singer hired ( the former lead singer of Extreme ) and plans are being set for the future. It is hard to say what that will mean... I had mixed feelings when the shift from David to Sammy occurred, but that worked out okay... So, I will wait and see, jamming out to my new favorite CD! - Mark M. Milam / Lifestyle Editor





## Lady Broncs vie for spot in tournament Game against Lamar this weekend determines fate

Oscar Gonzalez Sports Editor

With just one more conference game to go, the Lady Bronc volleyball team knows that this weekend's match against Lamar will be a giant one. The Ladty Broncs will need a victory against Lamar to make the final cut of the Sun Belt Conference tournament. Although Lamar stands behind the Lady Broncs in the conference standings, the Lady Broncs have fallen short against the Lamar. Saturday's match will be the third time that both teams face each other. In the past two meetings, Lamar has managed to squeeze past the first match, 3-2, while shutting out UTPA, 3-0, on September 8. Almost two months later, the two will meet again. But this is for all the marbles.

The Lady Broncs go into the game having dropped the last two conference games to Western Kentucky and Arkansas State. The women shot out to a 1-0 run against Western Kentucky, but let the final three games slip away. Although the Lady Broncs were swept by Arkansas State, they proved to be a force to be reckoned with as they gave the Lady Indians possibly the hardest game they've ever faced.

It was a bitter-sweet loss for senior Marie Velasquez. Velasquez broke the all-time season assist record at UTPA against the Lady Indians. She now has accounted 847 assists. The previous record was held by Ida Pena in 1993.

Reina Martir Pan America

Christine Alvarez goes for the kill against Western Kentucky.

The Lady Broncs know that they are conference tournament material.

And they proved that as they wiped the floor with the Lady Javalinas. The Lady Broncs had already swatted the hogs earlier this season, 3-0. But the Lady Javalinas put up just a little bit of a fight this time. The

Halligan looks to revamp program

Lady Broncs proved to be too powerful in the end, however, taking the match, 3-1. The Lady Broncs won 15-12, 15-12, 7-15, and 15-6. 'It was a tough match for us," head coach Oscar Segovia said. Segovia said that the keys to the victory over the Lady Javelinas were the blocks and the digs. The Lady Broncs managed 32 total team blocks to the Javalinas' 14, and shelled out 80 digs, 19 from Christine Alvarez. The Lady Javalinas managed 66 digs. "Lamar is good. They're NCAA material," Segovia said. Lamar has been in the SBC tournament five years in a row. UTPA knows just how Lamar has managed to do that. But Segovia says that the Lady Broncs will not change anything going into the match this Saturday. 'We're down to the nitty-gritty," Segovia said.

"We want to put on a good show for our people down here," Segovia said. "We want to give the students somehope. We want to get the student's involved. We cannot function without them.'

The women's volleyball team has the opportunity to be the base of UTPA athletic program that is on the rise. "We have 15,000 students, and we're

nothing without them," Segovia said. Segovia says of the university and it's stu-

dents, "We're a family."

The Lady Broncs take on Lamar University on Saturday at 7 p.m.

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The women's basketball club has already gone through three coaching changes in the 90's. When will it ever end?

Oscar Gonzalez

Sports Editor

It was learned this summer that last year's coach, Cletus Green, would not return to lead the Lady Broncs into another two-digit winning season. It didn't take a genius to know that the team needed a replacement. And it was definately a no-brainer to select Green's assistant, Kathy Halligan.

"I believe there's a lot of potential," Halligan said. Halligan believes that a strong key in the program isn't due to athleticism, but the desire to win.

With Halligan, a two time MVP in the WAC at Creighton in basketball and leader of a Copenhagen team that won a national title in Denmark, there is hope for another 10 win season at least. Halligan brings a strong work ethic to the club. As part of a successful basketball program in college, she also knows how to win.

Last year, the Lady Broncs made a little history. The women ended up with a 10-17 record, only the second time in women's basketball history. The last time the Lady Broncs recorded a 10win season was in 1991-92, when they went 10-18. But the Lady Broncs bearly surpassed ten wins in between those record-setting years.

Three seniors will head the women's

squad. Tammy Wilson, Bobbi Cole, Kelly Garrett.

With the help of assistant Rod Lee, who is almost a mirrors Halligan when it comes to coaching fundamentals, the duo is set on reaching a .500 season. A mark that will be a bit more difficult since the defections of a few key players. The Lady Broncs will be without Californian Susan Young and Jodie Porter, from Australia, who returned to home. Halligan says it will be difficult, but not quite impossible.

With a loss of a few key players, and a coaching change, how do the Lady Broncs expect to be successful? The key lies with the players' expectations.

Many of the women have come

from successful high school programs that lost just a handfull of games all season. To come to a Division I school and lose three or four times as many games leaves many desires. The greatest being the desire to win.

Although the season has yet to begin, Halligan says that the team has already become united. Not everyone is looking upon athletics as...cool. "We have 11 girls, a couple of valley girls, a couple of area girls, that are going to be pioneers of a basketball team."

"When we come down to crunch time, we're going to win games because ... we're going to have the intelligence of the game. They're going to know the game.

"They go 100 percent all the time."

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## Men's basketball team 'looking to the future'

#### Oscar Gonzalez Sports Editor

With only three returning letter winners on the men's basketball squad, head coach Mark Adams has to look to a little more coaching than normal. The bulk of the talent is either freshmen or juniors. So with such a young team, will the Broncs be looking ahead?

"It's definitely looking to the future." With that, the team doesn't have the luxury of on-court leadership. Adams said that sophomores Lalo Rios and Rene Salamao are the only players on the squad with "considerable" Division I experience. To add to that, Brian Molina is the sole senior.

"Lalo Rios was one of the best 3-point shooters in the conference last year," Adams said of the sophomore. "I was disappointed that he was not able to get freshman of the year in the conference.

"We talk to our guys about leading by example, but it certainly helps to have the ability and experience to go along with it."

Marcos LagemMan is one of the players who look to make a statement this season for the Broncs. Also having the ability to make some noise this season is Ivan Ostarcevic.

The coaching staff is hopeful that this team can repeat Adams' second season when the Broncs went 16-10. The crux of that team were junior college transfers.

The schedule will be no easy task this year. The Broncs look to face North Carolina State, Iowa, who is certain to be in the polls this year, Baylor. Adams said the road games will be a challange and he looks for the Broncs to keep their poise throughout the season.

Adams said that, although the offense has changed, he will keep it simple.

"We feel like it's going to help us get points on the board."

Defensively, the Broncs have always been strong. The team finished ranked 20th in the nation, and 10th the previous year.

Although the competition is usually stiff in the Sun Belt Conference, Adams says that there aren't any clear-cut teams frontrunners. Some teams who have an edge, however, are the University of Southern Louisiana and Arkansas-Little Rock. USL started a couple of freshman last year who did well, and that should give them more of a lead in the SBC.

As far producing goes, the Broncs fare well at home. Adams hopes to convey the team's success at the Fieldhouse to the road-games where they tend to struggle some.

"Our winning percentage has been around 70 percent," Adams said of the home games. "If we could take that out on the road with us...we could be a very good basketball team."

Adams said that the other Sun Belt Conference teams don't expect too much from the Broncs, except for a last place finish. The reason for that comes from having a team with players that haven't been the focus around the conference, among fans, and in the media. "We like that role, we like to take on

the role of spoiler," said Adams.

He says that this is a rebuilding year for theBroncs since there aren't many experienced players on the team. But he says that the players are very eager to succeed.

"This is a team of the future."

The Broncs will open the exhibition season at 7 p.m. Tuesday against Monterrey Tech.

## I don't think so!



Reina Martinez/\*\* Pan American

Lady Broncs Lisa Yanez and Vivian Montemayor reject a Lady Hilltopper's attempt at a kill. The Lady Broncs take on their toughest match Saturday at the UTPA Fieldhouse..

## Hernandez earns All-SBC without shoes

Mike Hernandez earned All-Sun Belt Conference running the final two miles without shoes Saturday, as UTPA took third place in the SBC Cross Country Championships.

Hernandez was spiked in the heel of one shoe and the shoe came off. His other shoe was caked with mud, causing him to stride unevenly, so he took it off. He finished on two muddy socks.

Even so, the senior from Robstown captured eighth place in the 66man field with his career best for five miles, 24:51.51 minutes.

Nick Aliwell of Western Kentucky repeated as men's champion in 23:25.48, winning easily over a hilly, muddy-in-spopts golf course after hard rains Friday. South Alabama took the team title with 40 points to western Kentucky's 54 and UTPA's 67.

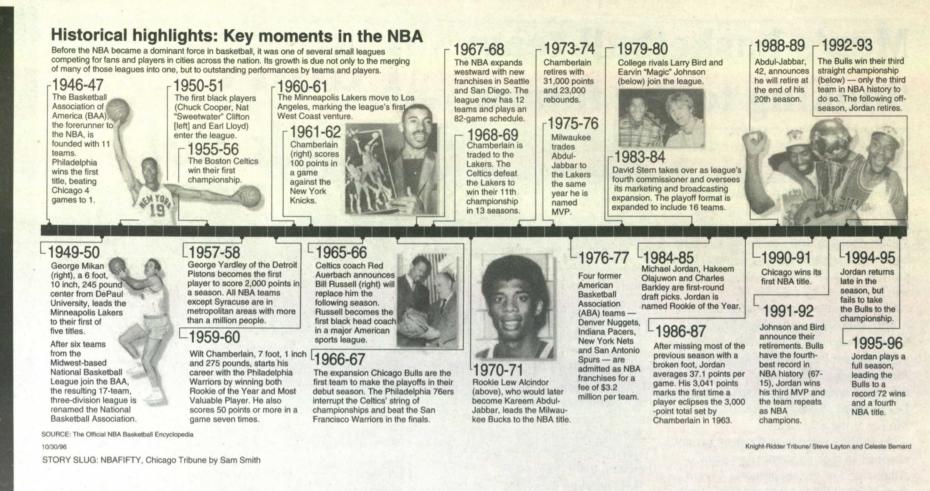
Peter Carreon ran 11th for UTPA, missing All-Sun Belt by 5.32 seconds. Joe Medina took 14th, Camilo Garcia 16th and Eddie Navarette 18th--all, including Carreon, with personal best times. The Broncs, who were second a year ago, failed in their quest to win UTPA's first men's conference title during the past 9 1/2 years as an NCAA Division I conference member. They did finish 78 points ahead of fourth-place Lamar, which scored 145.

The rest trailed badly--host Arkansas-Little Rock 150, Arkansas State 165, Louisiana Tech 174, UNO 176, Jacksonville 214, USL 233.

Western Kentucky dominated the women's race with 39 points and teh UTPA Lady Broncs, the defending champions, finished sixth with Lydia Reyes, 16th, their top finisher among 64 runners.

Latasha Richard of UALR won individual honors in 17:52.02 for three miles. For UTPA, Kacey Warrick ran 22nd, Melissa Dearth 24th, Angie Jaramillo 41st and April Orie 46th.

The Broncs flight home Saturday was delayed 30 minutes while the team got to watch President Bill Clinton land at the Little Rock Airport in Air Force One to attend a Landslide Victory Party here.



## **NBA teams trying** to run with Bulls

NEW YORK (AP)--Everyone went out and spent megamillions trying to catch up with the Chicago Bulls. The Lakers got Shaquille O'Neal, the Rockets got Charles Barkley, the Knicks got Larry Johnson, the Sonics got -well, the Sonics got Jim McIlvaine.

The NBA champions, meanwhile, basically sat still and set themselves up for one more year of greatness by giving one-year contracts to Michael Jordan, Dennis Rodman and coach Phil Jackson.

The team that won an NBA record 72 games last season will look almost exactly the same when the season opens and the league celebrates its 50th anniversary. But after this year, the Bulls as we've known them may cease to exist.

"Personally, I'm just here to do one more year with this team. It'll be as enjoyable and creative, hopefully, as last year was," said Jackson, who realizes the salary structure of the NBA has gone berserk, even for coaches.

He will be a free agent next summer, as will Jordan after his \$30 million, one-year deal expires, as will Rodman after his \$9 million, one-year deal is

done.

"We understand the process of what's going on in the game. All the players are attuned to it," Jackson said. "I don't think anybody in their right mind in the NBA these days really thinks in terms of multiple years or long durations..."

"Everybody will be shooting for them again, and it only gets tougher for someone on top of the world," Washington Bullets coach Jim Lynam said. A pair of 18-year-olds will play in the Pacific Division straight out of high school--Kobe Bryant with the Lakers and Jermaine O'Neal with Portland.

Shareef Abdur-Rahim, a 19year-old who left the University of California after his freshman season, will play for Vancouver. Stephon Marbury, 19, who left Georgia Tech after one year, will play the point for Philadelphia. And Kevin Garnett, 20, and Joe Smith, 21, will be veterans.

They'll play against Jordan, 33; Rodman, 35; Ron Harper, 32; and 43-year-old Robert Parish, who opted to put off retirement for a while longer in pursuit of another championship ring.

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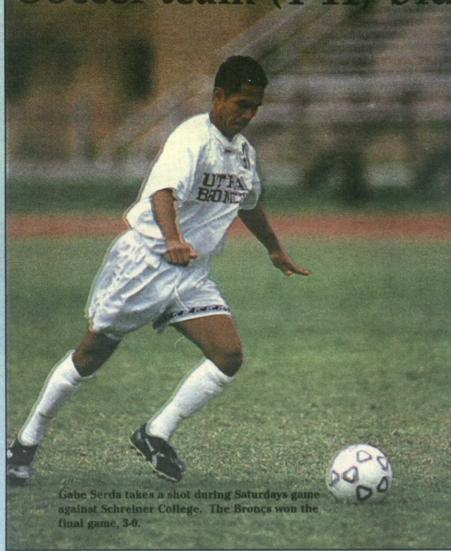
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## Soccer team (4-11) bids farewell to 1996 season



he UTPA soccer team concluded its season for 1996 against Schreiner College on Saturday. The Broncs went up against Schreiner on a cold wintery day. But it wouldn't have mattered if eskimos were freezing in the Valley, the Broncs were hot and they

knew it.

With no score at the half, UTPA rallied to spank Schreiner, 3-0, at home in front of about 200 fans, half of those of the Schreiner variety.

In a rough and tough display of competition, the Broncs improved their record to 4-11. Luis Cardenas booted one in for the Broncs at the 70th minute mark. Cardenas took the feed from Gabriel Serda and broke away from Mountaineers to take a one-on-one situation with the goalie. Obviously, Cardenas was the better man.

A few minutes later, Pablo Villarreal took revenge on Schreiner goalkeeper Cameron Beckham after Beckham had shoved Villareal earlier in the game. Cardenas and Olegario Garcia assisted Villareal's goal to increase the Bronc lead to 2-0.

Cardenas scored his second goal with a penalty shot in the 84th minute. Nauri Garcia and Jesus Leon played their final game in Bronc uniform. The two seniors were named honorary captains.

"Both players did an excellent job for us today. Nauri played with a lot of enthusiasm and emotion," Paredes said.

The Broncs took more shots than the Mountaineers. The Broncs made 11 attempts to Schreiner's six in the second half alone.

"We made some key adjustments at half time to help give us more scoring opportunities and it paid off for us," said Paredes. "We moved Luis and Rey Cisneros up to the forwards spot, which gave us more offensive threat. We also made some adjustment in our midfield. We put Ole Garcia in the outside, and he really played a great game."

After the game, the Broncs walked across the field, where they were met by friends and fans. The Broncs joined hands and gave on last bow to the fans. The Broncs were met with cheers and clapping.

