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## Students Ride the Air Waves

David Waltz  
*Editor*

UTPA - Alone and penniless, he peers through the lens of a video camera, capturing student life and activities on tape.

With little support, according to Elvie Davis, dean of students, other than his own tenacity and self motivation, Sarvelio Carreon produced three episodes of Vox Populi, a program shown Tuesday on the CampuNet (The monitors in various building on campus.) which will air again today at noon, with help from Trish Edwards and Luis Guerra, the host of the Vox Populi.

"As soon as I saw the the monitors going up on campus, I wanted to do a program highlighting the positive things going on around campus," Carrion said. "I have made a lot of sacrifices, but the hardest thing has been trying to get people together."

Davis said she is behind Carrion and his endeavor.

"The first time I saw it, I loved," Davis said.

"Elvie Davis has been there for us," Carrion said. "So has Efran Molina (TV and Electronics Technician)."

Davis said the likelihood of a permanent program could be funded from student service fees looks good if the students react well to the program.

"We are trying to work with the Communications Department to come up with something so the program can be housed in that department," Davis said.

Carrion is hopeful.

"I really want this to work," Carrion said.



Jimmy Garcia/The Pan American

**Audrey Leonard, sophomore electrical engineering major, snuggles close during the arctic blast that swept the south and plunged Rio Grande Valley temperatures to freezing that closed schools and Highway 83.**

## To Drop or Not to Drop - The Ultimate Question

Rita Castro  
*The Pan American*

UTPA - "Should I drop this class?"

Many students have asked this question. It is not always an easy decision because it means lost time and money. Students have to decide for themselves whether to remain in "that class" or to go through the process of dropping the course.

Students offer many reasons for dropping - academic difficulty, illness in the family, employment and lack of communication with their professors.

According to Juan Moreno, a junior in advertising, dropped classes because - "The class was not what I expected."

Moreno would like professors to vary their testing methods during the semester.

"I get stomped if a test depends on just one ques-

tion," Moreno said.

Banesa Saldivar, junior biology major, admits that she has dropped courses because she slacked off and was not doing well. Now that she has been paying for her classes herself, she does not avoid going to classes.

"I've become more responsible and I realize that it's my money I'm wasting," Saldivar said.

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## 8 Dead in Dispute

ACAPULCO, Mexico (AP) - At least eight people, one of them a local official, have been shot to death in a remote village in this southwestern state of Guerrero, newspapers reported Monday.

The daily El Sol de Acapulco said state prosecutors blamed the shooting on a family dispute over a fence, though details were sketchy and there were no immediate reports of arrests.

But El Sol and several other newspapers noted that the municipality of San Miguel Totolopan is noted for its production of marijuana and opium poppies. Guerrero also has seen murderous bands of guerrillas, vigilantes and common criminals in recent years.

Officials said that Vicente Alvarado Martinez, the municipal representative in the village of Coronelas, was shot to death late Friday or early Saturday.

Seven other people were ambushed later Saturday, apparently when they went to retrieve his body.

Some 25,000 people are scattered across the 790 square miles of San Miguel Totolopan. Coronelas is reportedly seven hours by road from the town of San Miguel Totolopan.

## Slayer of UNC Mascot Handed Probation

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) - A 26-year-old man has been sentenced to 18 months probation and ordered to pay more than \$700 in fines and restitution for the slaying of the University of North Carolina's mascot.

Scott H. Wade pleaded guilty in an Orange County courtroom Wednesday to a charge of cruelty to animals.

Judge Charles Anderson also fined him \$100; ordered him to pay court costs and fees; pay restitution of \$450 to the Hogan family, the animal's caretakers; pay the cost of the autopsy; perform 160 hours of community service; have psychiatric and alcohol evaluations and treatment if recommended and to stay in school.

Rameses was found dead Feb. 25 near the spot where he was tied out to graze. The animal had been repeatedly stabbed, and his left front quarter had been cut off and carried away.

In a letter of apology to the university, Wade said he became intoxicated at a party the night the animal was killed and did not know it was the UNC mascot.

Wade also wrote a letter apologizing to Rob Hogan, the mascot's caretaker.

Wade could have received up to 120 days in prison for the cruelty to animals charge, a misdemeanor.

## Democrats First Pitch Covers Higher Ed

WASHINGTON(CPS) -Senate Democrats are again pitching a plan to provide scholarships or tax credits to college students and their families in a bid to make 14 years of education the norm for American students.

Senator Edward Kennedy said fellow Democrats will make those items among the first measures they introduce when the Republican-led 105th Congress convenes this month. And he promises a hard fight, noting that he and other Democrats were successful last year in forcing Republicans in

Congress to back off most of their education funding cuts.

Kennedy contends higher education is the key to the nation's economic success, but says it is "priced out of reach for many families." The Massachusetts lawmaker says, "From 1980 to 1990, the cost of college rose by 126 percent while family income increased by only 73 percent."

Such rising costs discouraged some from attending college and forced those that did enroll to plunge deeper and deeper into debt. Under the

Democrats proposal, students could opt for a \$1,500 federal scholarship during their first two years of school or a \$10,000 tax deduction for their families. Those are similar to concepts President Clinton has embraced.

Other items in the Senate Democrats' education agenda include federal subsidies to encourage school construction and renovation and \$2 billion to equip classrooms with computers and a link to the Internet.



Jimmy Garcia/The Pan American

Students gather to watch the video program *Vox Populi* Tuesday during activity period in the CAS building. The program will air again at noon today.

## O'Donnell Makes a Splash with adopted Son

NEW YORK (AP) - Rosie O'Donnell was an instant success as a TV talk show host, but she made a different kind of splash when she met her adopted son, Parker.

"I picked him up and was like, 'Hi!'" she said, opening her mouth wide to demonstrate, "and he vomited an entire jar of baby squash right in my mouth."

There were telltale signs of her inexperience with boys.

"I told Rosie, Parker hadn't been circumcised,

even though she insisted that he had," actress Rita Wilson said in the February issue of *Ladies' Home Journal*.

"I just thought, 'Wow, it really healed good in two days,'" said Ms. O'Donnell, who recalled bursting into tears when she realized the mistake, which was due to a mix-up in hospital records.

She said her friend Kate Capshaw, Steven Spielberg's wife, arranged to have the circumcision performed the next day.

## Stars Reveal Romantic Moments

NEW YORK (AP) - For Arnold Schwarzenegger, it happened in a rowboat in Austria. For Glenn Close, the big moment came on the set of the Broadway musical 'Sunset Boulevard.'

Schwarzenegger said his most romantic moment was when Maria Shriver said she would marry him.

"We went out on a lake in a rowboat and I popped the question," he said in the February issue of *Ladies' Home Journal*. "Later, I told her I did this on water so in case she said no I could throw her in."

For Ms. Close, who won a Tony award for her role in "Sunset Boulevard," her most romantic memory was when she got up the courage to ask Steve Beers, a carpenter on the set, to escort her to the show's opening night.

She was in full Norma Desmond warpaint.

"I said, 'I was wondering if, um, you would consider going out to dinner sometime. He looked at me and said, 'In a heartbeat.'"

The couple announced their engagement in March 1995 but have not set a wedding date.

## DROP, From P. 1

"I dropped College Algebra because I couldn't find study partners and the professor wasn't helpful when I went to seek help," Hugo Garza, freshman in nursing, said.

He decided to take the course at STCC where he was told where to go for tutoring services, he said.

Garza said he was able to learn college algebra because of the tutoring by other students and the instructor.

Carmen Mortera, senior communication major, said she felt "academically buried" with the course load she had before dropping a course.

"It was a class that was going to cause me to fail all the others courses. Now, I can concentrate on all the other courses and pass them all."

Mortera didn't seek the help of her professor because she felt the professor was always busy.

Dr. Jon Sorensen, criminal justice department, said students should do many things before enrolling in classes.

"Students should make it a point of 'shopping around' before they enroll in a class," Sorensen said.

Sorensen said it was important to meet the professors before considering taking a course.



Jimmy Garcia/The Pan American

Melissa Zamorano helps her brother, Rudy Zamorano, an entering freshman Kinsiology major, during arena registration last week in the field house.



### The University of Texas Pan American Tuition and Fees Disclosure for Texas Residents 1996-1997 Academic Year

Charge	Undergraduate		Graduate	Comments
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Resident Tuition	384.00	480.00	468.00	\$32/SCH-UG, \$52/SCH-Grad
Plus: Registration/Matriculation Fee	8.00	8.00	8.00	\$8 per semester
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Student Services Fee	119.76	119.76	89.82	\$9.98/SCH, \$119.76 max
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<b>Average Incidental Fees</b>	.	.	.	
Total Tuition & Fees	761.76	913.26	760.32	

\* Averages are not given for college and course-related fee charges (laboratory, incidental, supplemental/individual instruction fees) since charges vary according to academic program and courses; actual fees are published in the institutional catalog and other publications. A summary of these fees and the optional student services fees may be found in the University's catalog.

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# College Student Loan Default Rate Declines

## Rate Drops 40% Since Clinton's 1993 Inauguration

WASHINGTON (AP) - Looking ahead to budget negotiations with the new Congress, President Clinton touted a record-low college loan default rate in pressing for further education tax breaks.

The Education Department reported the fiscal 1994 default rate was 10.7 percent, the lowest since the department began reporting it in 1988, and a 40 percent drop since Clinton took office in 1993.

The high was 22.4 percent in 1990.

"The bottom line is this report shows our strategy of opportunity and responsibility is working," Clinton said at a news conference with Education Secretary Richard Riley.

They credited a crackdown on delinquent borrowers by the administration, Congress, schools, lenders and student loan guarantors.

As for this year's education agenda, Clinton said expanding education tax breaks was a priority and he felt sure that the Republican-led Congress would pass his initiatives.

"The atmosphere so far feels good to me, and if we just keep working on it we can get there," the president said.

The president also expressed willingness to negotiate with the Congress on a plan to balance the budget by 2002. He refused to say whether he would propose higher Medicare premiums for upper-income taxpayers but said, "We still have to work

around the edges from time to time."

Clinton said the budget will show that "I am making a clear effort to reach out to them, to meet them halfway, and to get this job done."

Clinton made his remarks in the Oval Office, where he appeared with a half-dozen college students. He noted that government-backed loans helped pay for his own college and law school education.

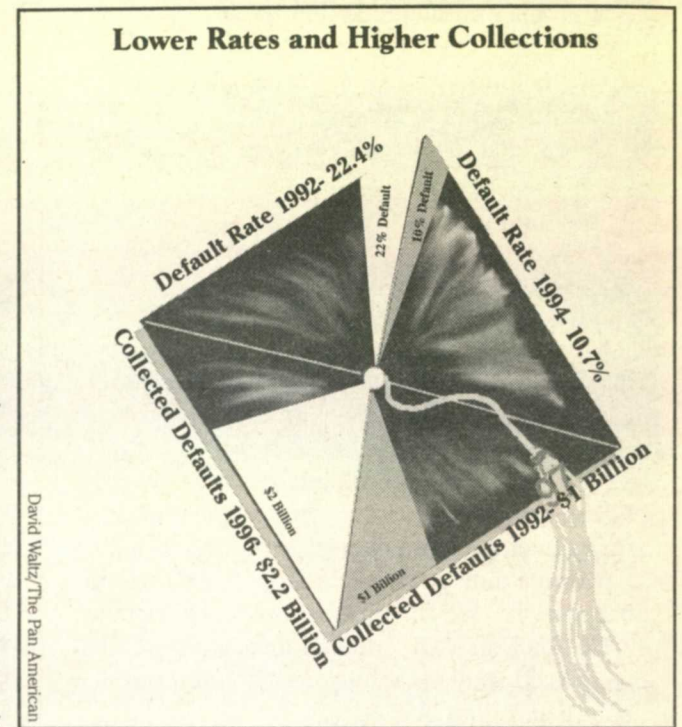
"I wouldn't be here without the good graces of the government," said University of Michigan junior Fiona Rose. Her student loans, she said, "made it possible for me to focus more on the textbooks and less on the bank books."

Many trade schools that had high default rates have been expelled from national student aid programs, and rules now allow wages to be garnished or tax refunds withheld from defaulters.

Also, more students are being counseled about their loan responsibilities, more flexible repayment options are being offered, and technological advances have helped track borrowers.

The default rate released does not include money lent under the Clinton administration's new direct loan program. Under direct lending, the Education Department, not banks, collects repayments.

The department says the volume of student loans rose from \$12.3 billion in 1990 to \$23.1 billion in



1994, because of more borrowers, and in some cases, larger loans.

However, the amount of money collected on defaulted loans doubled from about \$1 billion in 1992 to \$2.2 billion in fiscal 1996.

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# Holocaust Hoax Web Site Prompts Controversy

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) - Exiled to a dusty office in an obscure corner of Northwestern University's engineering school, professor Arthur Butz has been an academic pariah for two decades for declaring the Holocaust didn't happen.

Now he's found a forum - Northwestern's site on the World Wide Web - to reach millions of people with theories that historians find absurd.

With a few keystrokes, computer users can find Butz's argument that the Nazi genocide of more than 6 million Jews is "a widespread but erroneous belief," and that typhus and other factors were responsible for the deaths.

Northwestern, while repudiating Butz's beliefs, won't interfere with his right to express them on the Internet through the university.

"I believe his views are monstrous," said university President Henry Bienen. "But I don't want to set myself up as a censor of his views. Who decides what's distasteful? Do you make general law around bad cases?"

Butz's posting has infuriated any number of groups, who argue the school has no reason to give the tenured professor what amounts to a free billboard.

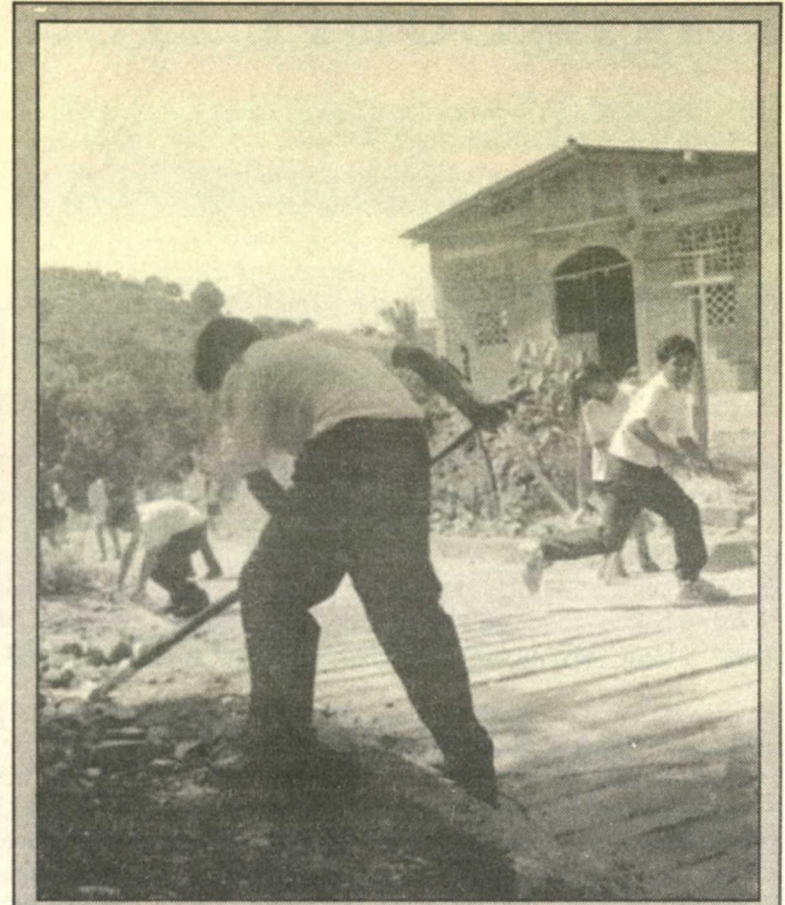
Among students of the Holocaust, though, Butz is notorious. Although he has no formal training in history, he is the author of a 1976 book, "The Hoax of the 20th Century," has published his arguments in the student newspaper, and is prominent among Holocaust deniers.

Butz, a soft-spoken man with thick glasses, defends his right to his Web page. "As long as the university has this server available for personal use, then it's perfectly appropriate for me to have this," Butz said.

Abraham Haddad, chairman of the electrical engineering department, said the difference between Epstein and Butz is that Butz keeps his opinions out of the classroom.

A university source who spoke on the condition of anonymity said the school is seeking to buy out Butz to get him to leave the university. Butz and Bienen both refused to comment.

"I abhor Dr. Butz's views," Jerome B. Cohen, dean of the McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science, wrote about the Epstein/Butz controversy, "His presence here is an affront that I have tolerated for many years."



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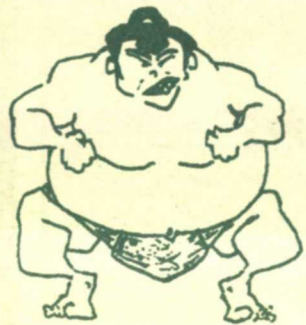
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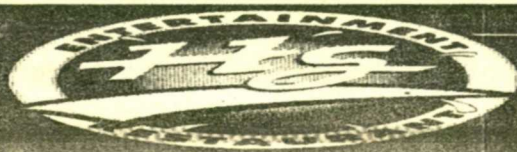
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# High Court Hears Right To Die Issue

ROCHESTER, N.Y. - When Dr. Timothy Quill prescribed a lethal dose of barbiturates for a leukemia patient, he wasn't the first doctor to help the terminally ill avoid intense pain. But he was one of the few to discuss the issue publicly - all the way to the Supreme Court.

His 1991 article in *The New England Journal of Medicine* - "Death and Dignity: A Case of Individualized Decision Making" - nearly got Quill indicted for manslaughter.

The University of Rochester professor, together with other doctors in New York and Washington state, later filed suit challenging state bans on doctor-assisted suicide, an issue that lawyers will argue before the high court last week. The justices probably will issue a ruling this summer.

"We're talking about people who are dying, trying to have a large voice in how they die," Quill said at an interview in his small office at Rochester's Genesee Hospital, where he is associate chief of medicine. "It's not particularly radical."

Critics, however, say it could have radical consequences. Richard Doerflinger, an associate director with the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, said the idea of letting doctors help patients kill themselves assaults "the sanctity of human life."

"Not only our fear, but the fear of many observers, is that the poorest and most marginal members of society would be encouraged, if not pressured, to indulge their 'right of assisted suicide,'" Doerflinger said.

Both sides expect this to be a landmark case, a turning point in a debate that probably will intensify as the population ages and medical technology improves.

The Supreme Court justices have received at least 59 "friend of the court" briefs, signed by more than 300 medical experts, law professors, religious experts and political leaders.

In 1990, the Supreme Court ruled that terminally ill patients can refuse life-support systems or other medical treatment. Now the justices must decide whether a second party, a doctor, can get involved in medical suicide. The decision will affect similar laws banning assisted suicide in 45 states, including Texas.

Quill's case is one of two now pending before the Supreme Court. The other comes from Washington state, in many ways the birthplace of the doctor-assisted suicide movement. In 1991, proponents got a referendum on the ballot to make the practice legal but lost, 54 percent to 46 percent.

A Seattle organization called Compassion in Dying then filed a federal lawsuit seeking to strike down the surviving state law banning physician-assisted suicide. It also contacted Quill and like-minded doctors in New York, inspiring a similar lawsuit there.



Dr. Timothy Quill (right) talks with patient Mary Sykes in Rochester, NY at Greenessee Hospital. Quill is regarded as a low-key alternative to Dr. Jack Devorkian. Photo by KRT.

Both sets of plaintiffs won at the appeals court level, though the two separate courts used different rationales to strike down state laws banning physician-assisted suicides.

The states of New York and Washington have urged the Supreme Court to reverse these appeals court rulings. They are backed by the Clinton administration, which filed a brief urging the justices to preserve "the distinction between killing a patient and letting a patient die."

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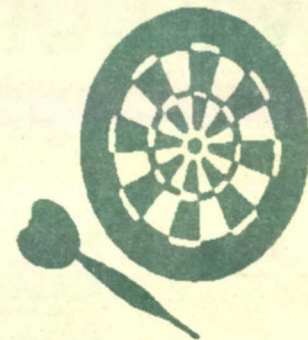
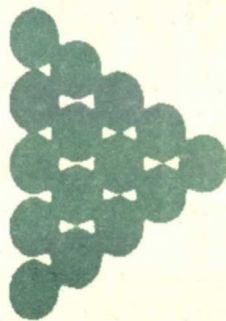
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## Phi Kappa Phi Accepting Applications

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"Since the UT Pan American chapter was chartered in 1983, three of our chapter nominees have received these national awards, reflecting the outstanding achievements of our student body," Dr. Wendy James-Aldridge, department of psychology and anthropology, said.

Applications for the 50 fellowships awarded nationwide and 30 additional honorable mention awards of \$1,000 are due Feb. 5.

The criteria used in the selection process includes scholastic achievement, high standardized test scores, honors and enrichment programs, leadership and participation in university and community activities, expression of study plans and career goals, plus evaluations by faculty.

Graduating seniors with superior academic and leadership records should contact the Phi Kappa Phi representative, Dr. James-Aldridge at 210/381-3329 for additional information.

Phi Kappa Phi, founded in 1897, has more than 270 chapters at universities and colleges throughout the nation. It is the only major scholastic honor society that recognizes excellence in all disciplines. The Fellowship Program was established in 1932 and since then has given more than 1,200 fellowship awards and 400 honorable mention awards.



Jimmy Garcia/The Pan American

Orina Gonzalez, a freshman physician assistant transfer student from UT-Austin, moves into her room at the women's dorm.

## Thirty Students Elected to Who's Who

Thirty UTPA students were included in the 1997 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

"The students have been chosen on the basis of their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success," Elvie Davis, dean of students, said.

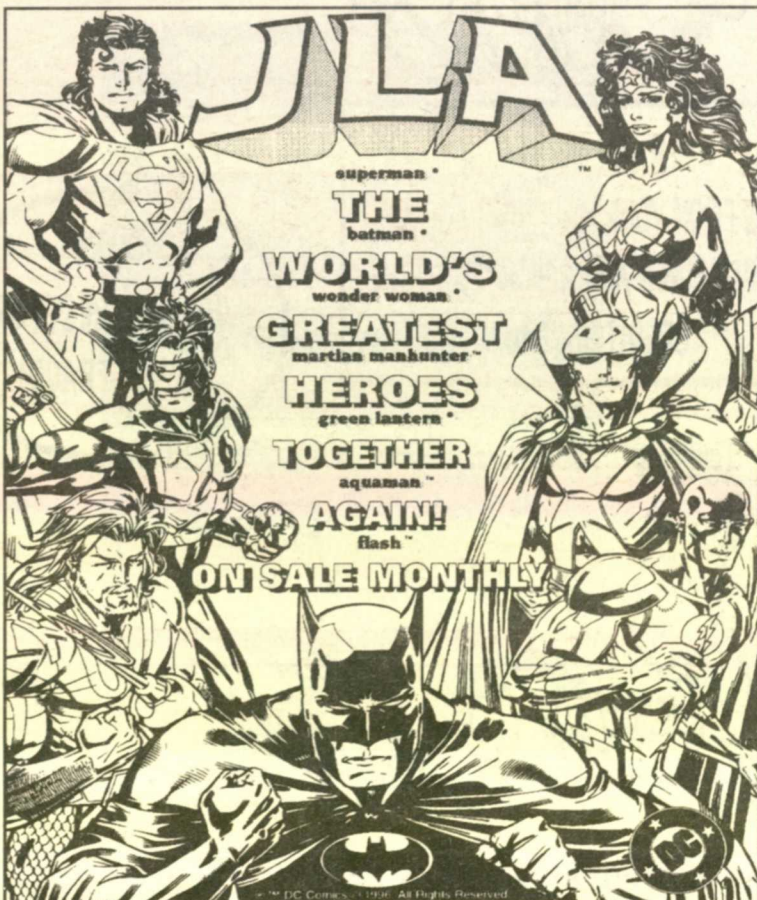
They join students selected from more than 1,900 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the

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The students:

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# Are politicians Above The Law?

Are politicians above the laws that apply to the everyday person?

Events within Congress and the Presidency have caused us to question the surroundings of President Bill Clinton and House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

Recently, according to Newsweek magazine, re-elected Speaker Gingrich has been found guilty of ethics violations by the House Ethics Committee for using tax-exempt charitable contributions to fund a televised college course that turned out to be for political recruiting purposes.

He was also found guilty of using GOPAC, his political action committee, in marketing his course.

Despite his acknowledgement to being guilty of unethical behavior, Gingrich was re-elected as House Speaker and it is safe to assume that when the ethics committee comes to a decision of his punishment, they will only give him a reprimand.

This action by the Republicans in Congress should be a sign to the American people that ethical violations are not really violations at all, but are only a minor nuisances that should be ignored.

All in all, Gingrich should not have been re-elected as Speaker.

However, we can safely assume that if one us, the ordinary citizen, were working at a job and encounter a similar situation, that we would be out on the street in a second.

For example, in the late eighties, many Representatives bounced hundred of thousands of dollars of checks. The only penalties for them was to pay the money back. On the other hand, we all know the that Hidalgo County District Attorney Rene Guerra will put a hard penalty on us if we bounce a check in Hidalgo County.

Furthermore, the Supreme Court is in the midst of hearing a case on whether the President can be sued while he is in office. Our question is, 'Is the President above the law he is sworn to protect?'

We say no. Clinton vs Jones should be heard in the courts during Clinton's Presidency.

If the President did something wrong - for example sexual harassment and violating Paula Jones civil rights - then the case should be heard like every other case brought before the courts.

One main argument against the President being sued is he could become a magnet for law suits. Well, there is a possibility for frivolous lawsuits, our courts are full of them, however, if the lawsuits are justified and legitimate, then what's the problem?

According to Joseph Cammarata, an attorney for Paula Jones, "If you believe the (argument of the) president( that he would open to a flood of lawsuits if Clinton vs Jones is heard), then we have a monarchy. We have a king," he said on ABC's "This Week."

Well, do we?

There certainly appears to be an elite group in this country that is above the law. As American citizens, who vote into office our representatives, maybe we should amend the Constitution so the Official's constituents could kick them out of office if need be, if party politics doesn't set the guilty straight.

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# Gingrich Naive? Not At All

Walter R. Mears  
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON - Nobody called Newt Gingrich naive until he said it himself - and then showed why it wasn't so. Adroit, even calculating, and sometimes too brash by his own account. Hardly naive.

Still, that is part of his defense, meant to be a mitigating factor for the re-elected speaker of the House as his peers decide how to punish his admitted ethical breaches. That process began Wednesday, a day after Gingrich's hard-lobbied election, as the House ethics committee held a closed session on the speaker's case. "This has been a very difficult time," Gingrich had said after he retained his job, with only three votes more than he needed to avoid a stalemate that would have forced another ballot.

And there are difficult days ahead of him. There will be a public hearing and a House vote by Jan. 21 on his penalty, which his Republican allies say should be a reprimand. That would be embarrassing, and the first ever dealt a speaker, but not a step that would force him from the post.

Ominously, perhaps, the panel that cited Gingrich for violation of House rules, at the urging of its lawyer, had sought more time for the full ethics committee to deal with the case and settle on its recommendation before the issue goes to a vote. But Republicans, who had tried to get the penalty over with even before the speaker was re-elected, balked at any delay.

The only other speaker formally accused of ethics violations was Democrat Jim Wright, and while Gingrich was his first accuser, the charges that forced his resignation came later, from an outside counsel.

Wright, who quit in 1989, five months into his second term as speaker, was charged with evading the rules on outside income.

The Gingrich case involves political, not personal gain. At issue is the use of tax-exempt donations for political purposes, although the violation he admitted is that he failed to get proper legal counsel to ensure compliance with the law, and that he misinformed the ethics panel, although he said he did not intend to.

"I was overconfident and in some ways naive," he said in admitting the violations on Dec. 21. That remains, essentially, his defense - that he didn't purposely do anything out of line, and that he did not intend to mislead the committee.

But Gingrich has acknowledged that he can't predict what might be said when the outside counsel, James M. Cole, makes the case to the ethics panel and then at the public hearing.

Should the mountains of memos and other documents - 14,000 pages by one account - include evidence that Gingrich knew tax-exempt organizations were being used improperly, or that his misstatements were not inadvertent, his problems would become far more severe, and job-threatening.

His allies say none of that will happen, that the

violations to which speaker admitted are all there is to it. Kept to that, the opening day votes in the House foretell the outcome against any Democratic move to go beyond a reprimand to the censure that would prevent Gingrich from remaining speaker.

The nine Republicans who broke with Gingrich when he was re-elected made their point then; none of them voted for the subsequent Democratic move to extend the deadline for final action on this ethics case.

But there's still another Democratic complaint pending, this one accusing Gingrich of breaking campaign finance and gift rules. And the current case could lead to investigations by the Internal Revenue Service or the Justice Department.

Beginning his new term, Gingrich apologized for the ethics problem, saying he had brought some of it on himself while some of it stemmed from "the natural process of partisan competition."

And that competition is by no means done. The public opinion polls show Gingrich's standing, which wasn't high, slumping. In an ABC poll, only 25 percent called Gingrich honest and trustworthy. In a CNN/USA Today poll, 59 percent disapproved of his job performance as speaker. In those surveys and a CBS poll, more than 60 percent said he shouldn't have been re-elected now.

Gingrich said that was because he'd been silent under an agreement with the ethics committee, while some Democrats "have been extraordinarily and maliciously exaggerating things."



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# Your Computer Might Catch a

Computers are the norm for the student, faculty member, cooperate executive and military personnel. Papers, student grades, office memos and financial records are all stored in computers.

However, a computer program the size of a few bytes can take a bite out the information stored in a computer, thus thrusting the information into some dark corner of the computer's memory, or destroying the information all together.

That is the work of a computer virus.

Surfing the net has become one of the favorite pastimes of many since its introduction in the 80's. Before the internet, computer viruses were known and were taken seriously, however, since more and more people hitch a ride on the information super-highway, which links computer after computer together in a long chain in an exchange of information, an outbreak of computer viruses is on the minds of many.

"The viruses you can get on the internet are more annoying than destructive," Eddie Palaios, student services technician specialist at the UTPA Computer Center, said. "But be concerned about protecting yourself."

Some viruses will place pictures on the monitor, play games, repeat a character over and over within text documents or make a program unexecutable.

Palaios cites many anti-viral programs on the market for protection against viruses and also says there

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- Three - Abnormal read and write operations.
- Four- Inexplicable changes in executable and other files.
- Five - Increased use of memory.
- Six - Increased use of disk space.
- Seven - Growth of files.
- Eight - A change in the latest alteration date of files, without apparent reason.
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Three typical viruses that can infect a personal computer or network.  
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Background- The Casino virus

## Security Flaws on

NEW YORK (CPS)- A major security flaw exists in the Internet's World Wide Web, threatening the privacy of users passwords, credit card numbers and other secure information, a Princeton University professor asserts.

Edward Felten, of Princeton University's Safe Internet Programming Team, says that web surfers can be tricked into surrendering key information to computers "spoofing" their favorite sites. The story was originally released in the Boston Globe.

Felten insists that a malicious web site can be created that nearly replicates an internet address and visual interface, thereby mirroring the site a user seeks. There, the unsuspecting user, when prompted, enters private information, which is recorded by the fake site, Felten says. Or, the user might download incorrect or virus-infected information to their computer.

The flaw applies to all major Internet browsers, Felten says, including Netscape Communications Corp's NSCP.O> Netscape

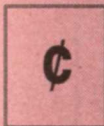
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Navigator and Microsoft Corp's MSFT.O> Internet Explorer.Netscape and Microsoft were not immediately available to comment on the report.

Felten and his Princeton team in March discovered a security flaw in Sun Microsystems' SUNW.O> Java programming language that would have allowed a hacker to booby-trap a Web page and grab control over computers that connected to the site. Sun fixed the bug in the language, which was used in Netscape's Navigator.

are many shareware versions on the internet that can be downloaded for free.

**T**he disadvantage of a shareware version is you don't get any updates," Palaios said. "There are new viruses posted everyday and the programs on the market will send an update to protect you against the new viruses."

One definition of a computer virus is a computer program that can infect other computer programs by modifying them in such a way as to include a (possibly evolved) copy of itself. The virus is usually stored in the lower part of memory, the first 640k of RAM (Random Access Memory).

Since a new virus is born virtually everyday, it is hard to tell how many viruses exist. However, as soon they are discovered anti-virus software companies are usually quick to counter the new viruses.

"It takes them(the anti-virus software companies) a short time to come out with an update to counter the new viruses. Unlike the shareware versions that can take up to five months," Palaios said.

There are many virus types that can infect a computer, but there are primarily two classes of viruses. First, A File Infector attaches itself to ordinary programs files and usually infect arbitrary .com and/or .exe programs.

File Infectors can be either Direct Action or Resident. A direct Action virus infects one or more different programs each time the program it lives in runs.

Resident viruses hides itself somewhere in memory the first time an infected program is executed, and thereafter infects other programs when they are executed or other conditions are fulfilled.

Second, System or Boot-record infectors are viruses which infect executable code found in certain system areas on a disk which are not ordinary files. In other words, they infect the areas of the computer that are responsible for the 'boot up' or start up of a computer. Such viruses are always resident viruses.

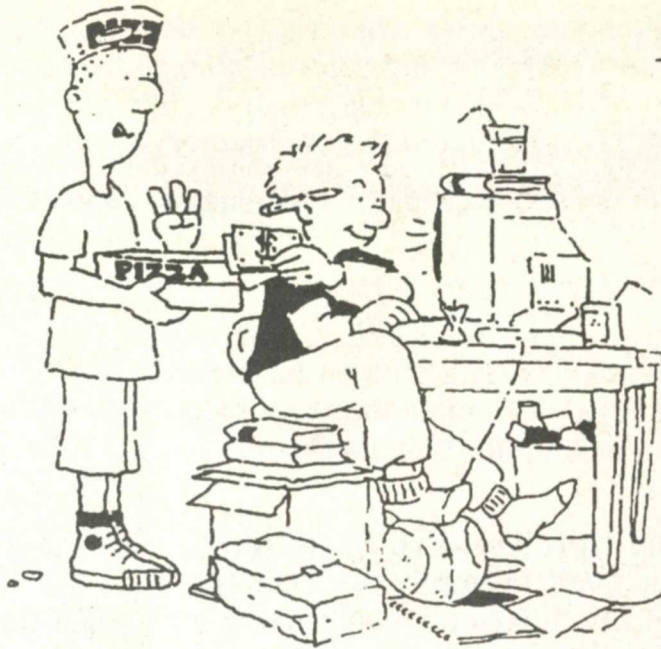
Protecting oneself from annoying or catastrophic viruses is on the minds of many computer users, however, there is no fullproof way to fully protect a system other than not using the system at all.

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### Preventative Measures

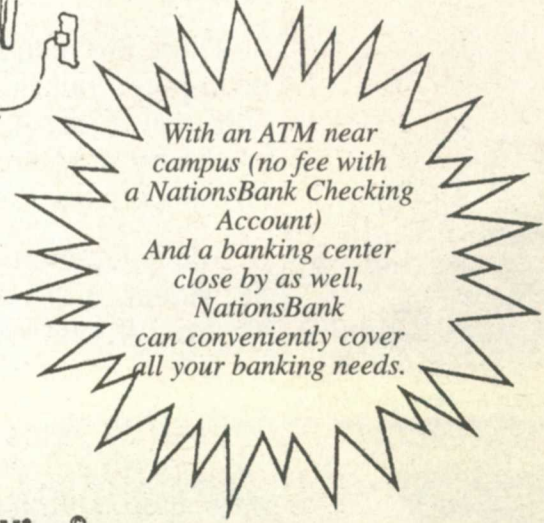
- One - Only purchase and use legally licensed software on your computer and network.
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- Three - Never down load copyright protected software from a bulletin board.
- Minimize contact with high risk or unknown software sources. Users should always assume that any disk they receive from someone else is infected. Such assumption makes you personally responsible for virus detection.
- Four - Make sure that diskettes placed in PC drives have write protect tabs in place.
- Five - Look for signs of 'illness' in any software you acquire and look for signs of infection after using the software.
- Six - Conduct periodic scans of hard drives and networks using the latest version of virus detection software.

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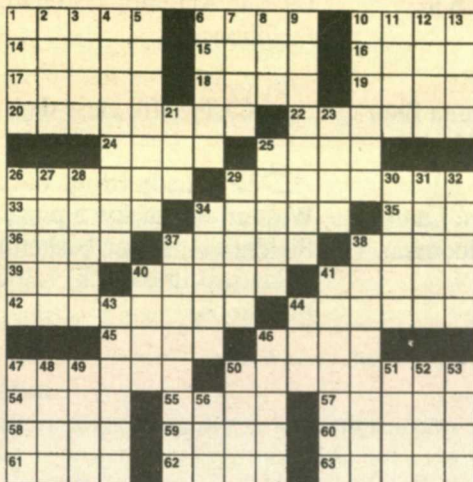
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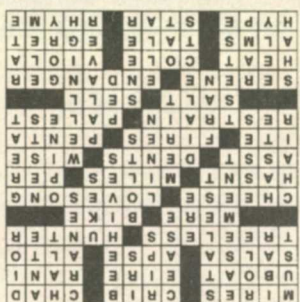
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- 6 Baby's bed
- 10 — Everett
- 14 Submarine
- 15 Ireland
- 16 Indian princess
- 17 Spicy sauce
- 18 Church part
- 19 Choir voice
- 20 Like a tundra
- 22 One after game
- 24 Small pond
- 25 Two-wheeler
- 26 Cheddar, e.g.
- 29 Romantic ballad
- 33 Common contraction
- 34 — Standish
- 35 Each
- 36 Helper: abbr.
- 37 Some damages
- 38 All-knowing
- 39 Follower: suff.
- 40 Discharges
- 41 Five: pref.
- 42 Hold back
- 44 Having the least color
- 45 Season
- 46 Vend
- 47 Tranquil
- 50 Imperil
- 54 Hostile criticism
- 55 Porter of music
- 57 Stringed instrument
- 58 Handout
- 59 Story
- 60 Plumed bird
- 61 Excessive publicity
- 62 Headliner
- 63 Verse feature

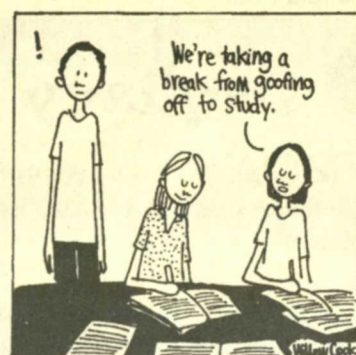
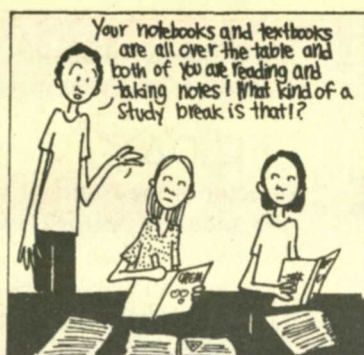
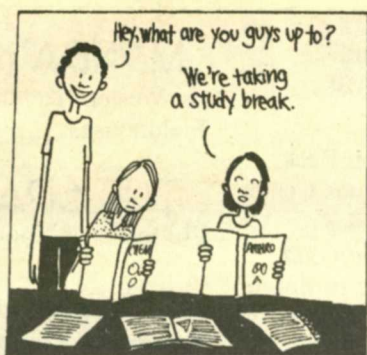


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**DOWN**

- 1 Has to
- 2 Construction beam
- 3 Part
- 4 Right of way, e.g.
- 5 Least fresh
- 6 Stop
- 7 Tears
- 8 Tax group letters
- 9 Queens' homes?
- 10 Wading birds
- 11 Stop
- 12 Pay up
- 13 Fashion name
- 21 Before
- 23 Guitar-like instruments
- 25 Latches
- 26 Seat
- 27 Speed
- 28 Curves
- 29 Sheets
- 30 State a belief
- 31 Hotbeds
- 32 Vast
- 34 Eam
- 37 Jargons
- 38 Almost
- 40 Drescher of "The Nanny"
- 41 Idle chatter
- 43 Fly
- 44 Foot: suff.
- 46 Villain's expression
- 47 Persian ruler
- 48 Wriggling
- 49 Inclined surface
- 50 A Fitzgerald
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- 53 Fee
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UTPA received word recently that the institution has had its accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools reaffirmed for the next 10 years.

The Southern Association, or SACS, is the major accrediting agency for elementary and secondary schools and colleges in the southern United States.

Reaffirmation of UTPA's accreditation was voted on by the Southern Association's Commission on Colleges at the association's annual meeting in Nashville, Tenn.

Reaffirmation of accreditation is the culmination of the university's three-year effort that included a complete self-study of the institution, a site visit in February from a Reaffirmation Committee of the Commission on Colleges and the university's response to a report by the committee.

"We are very pleased to be reaccredited by the Southern Association," said Dr. Miguel Nevárez, president of UTPA.

"The work we did in studying our institution and responding to the recommendations of the visiting committee not only made reaccreditation possible, but it will also improve the university and increase our effectiveness as an institution of higher education."

To maintain accreditation, the university must conduct a review and analysis of all aspects of the institution and submit a written report every 10 years

The Southern Association also continued UTPA's candidacy to change to a Level V institution, the level for doctoral degree-granting institutions. UTPA requested the substantive change because of doctoral programs now being offered in the College of Business Administration, and, cooperatively with

*'We are very pleased to be reaccredited by the Southern Association.'*

- - Dr. Miguel Nevárez  
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The University of Texas at Austin, in the College of Education.

"It is one of the the benchmarks of a comprehensive university, the doctoral granting status," Nevárez said, adding that he expects to hear from the Commission on Colleges in January.

"We may have to do some follow-up on some of their recommendations. After that, we will have another visit, but all that should happen in less than a year

After being advised early this year on recommendations from the Commission on Colleges regarding

the doctoral programs, the university will have a year to complete a follow-up report addressing the recommendations and prepare for the visiting committee. These actions need to be completed before the university graduates its first doctoral students.

The first doctoral students in business administration are expected to graduate in spring 1998. Three students who have completed their doctorates in educational administration were honored at commencement ceremonies at UTPA in December. The program is a cooperative one, however, and the degrees are currently awarded by UT Austin.

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A supporter carries a sign that refers to King's I have a Dream Speech at the March on Washington in August 1996.



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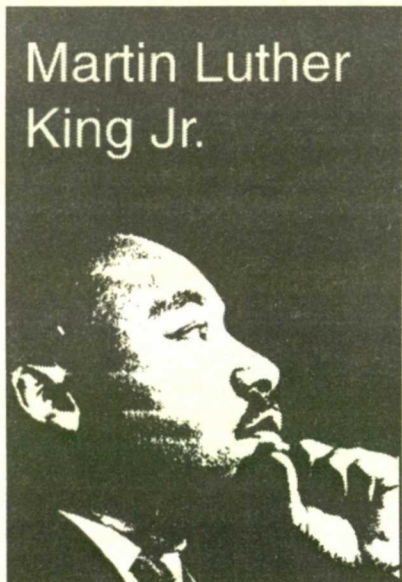
A girl carries a painting of King at the March on Washington in August 1996.



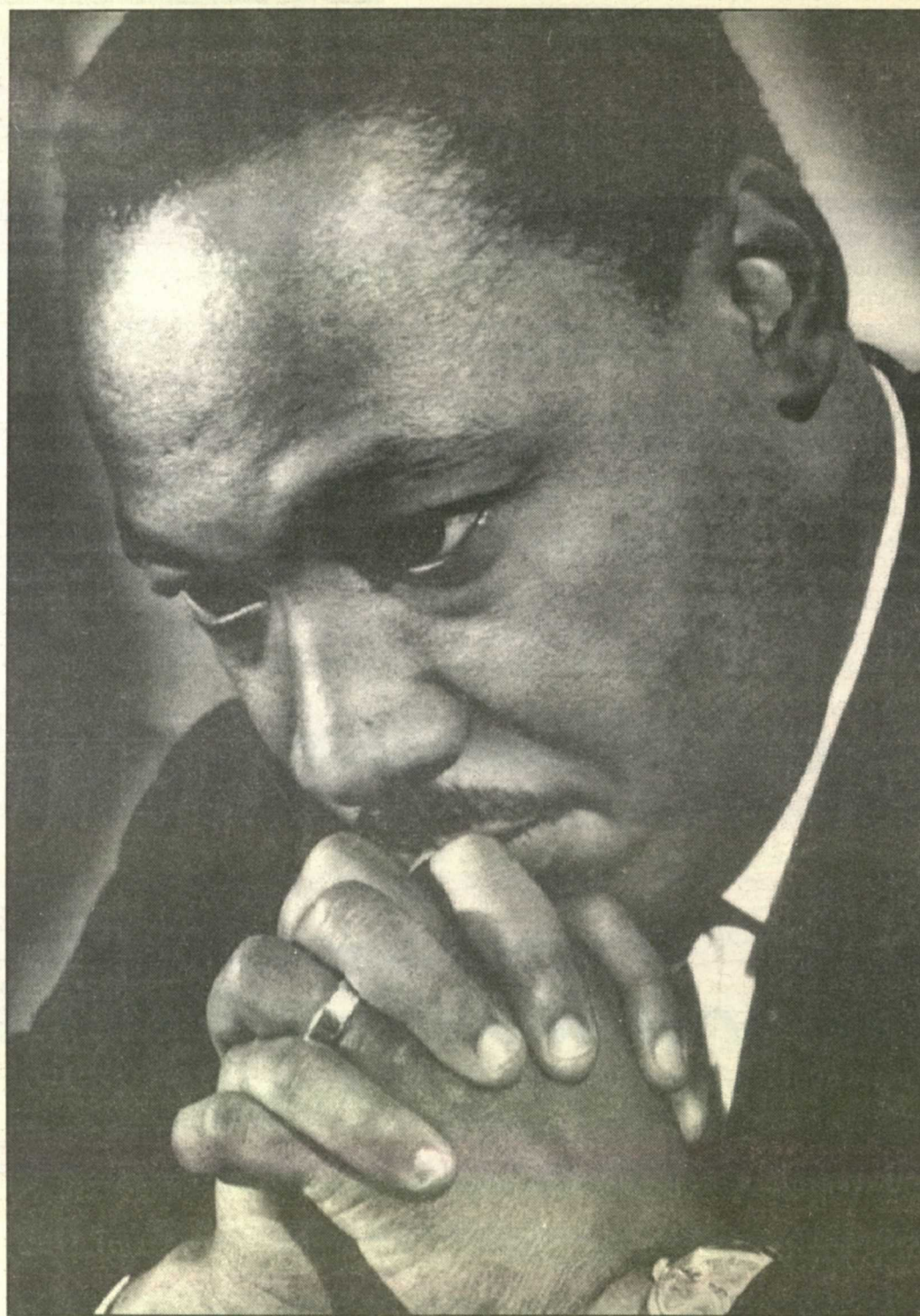
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### Martin Luther King Jr.



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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in March, 1968, two weeks before his assassination at a Ft. Lauderdale Hotel. Yolanda King, his eldest daughter, will speak at 7 p.m. in the UTPA Ballroom Feb. 6.

**T**wenty nine years after his assassination, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is still remembered as America's foremost civil rights liberator. The Atlanta native is best recalled as the revolutionary leader of nonviolent passive resistance during America's civil-rights movement in the Mid-1950s.

King, like his father and grandfather, was a Baptist minister who promoted non-violent means to achieve civil-rights reform and was awarded the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts.

King earned his own Bachelor of Divinity in 1951 and

while at seminary became interested in Gandhi's philosophy of nonviolent social protest. His interests and acceptance of Gandhi's philosophy grew to new heights after traveling to India in 1959 and discussing with Gandhi's followers how nonviolent resistance was the most powerful weapon oppressed people had.

Between 1960 and 1965, King's teachings and nonviolent methods (sit-ins, marches, boycotts) were greatly embraced and had turned America's attention to the ignored issue of civil-rights. January 15 would have marked King's 68th birthday.

# Drew Hollywood Hot With New Roles

NEW YORK (AP) - If you've read the tabloids and followed TV's gossip shows, you know all about Drew Barrymore. She's that party-hearty vixen who has closed her share of bars, flashed her breasts at the host of "Late Show With David Letterman," even once shed her clothes in a Manhattan nightclub.

So could this really be her? This fresh-faced, almost fragile-looking young woman, smiling demurely and saying shyly, "Hi, I'm Drew," as she shakes hands.

Indeed it is, and as she begins to talk, often passionately, of acting and of learning all she can about making movies, even of one day directing, it is easy to get the impression that perhaps there's a lesson to be learned here. It might be that if someone is beautiful and talented - and endowed with youthful exuberance and a good sense of humor - it could be best not to become too famous until you've settled down.

Barrymore never had that chance. She was already a veteran actress when she became a star, at age 7, as the endearing little girl in "E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial." The granddaughter of legendary actor John Barrymore has been in the public eye so long now that it's easy to forget she won't be 22 until February.

So she comes across as both a serious artist, talking about losing herself in roles, and as a slightly nervous young woman, prone to punctuating serious statements with self-conscious giggles. Then there's that self-deprecating sense of humor, which never seems to be far away.

Barrymore's career, hot and cold since "E.T.," is



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Barrymore in Wes Craven's 'Scream'

hot once again. She has two films out - Wes Craven's "Scream," the comic-suspenseful sendup of teen-age horror movies, and Woody Allen's offbeat musical, "Everyone Says I Love You."

"It's not at all by design," says Barrymore, dressed casually in tan pants and gray sweater pulled over a white T-shirt. Her porcelain-looking face is free of makeup except for dark lipstick.

But her two latest films are so different, she says, that she doesn't worry about being accused of overloading the public, or of doing the same role twice.

"This is one of the most important benefits of this job," she says, leaning forward in a chair in her Manhattan hotel suite. "You get to be creative, you have to change your physical demeanor, your physi-

cality, your voice, your hair, your makeup, your wardrobe, your moral beliefs, the way you walk.

"It is not about what it will do for your career, how much money you will make, will you become more famous, will people like you more," she continues.

"These are just really shallow, shallow, shallow, stupid things that don't count. ... It's about entertaining people. And at best educating them."

Her role in *Scream* has been compared to that of Janet Leigh's in "Psycho," something that clearly pleases this student of film who cites that 1960 Alfred Hitchcock classic as one of her favorites.

"I came to realize while doing it how incredibly hard it is to act sheer terror, fright, horror, screaming, crying, hyperventilating, all real, for 16 hours a day, 10 days straight," she says, her voice rising. "No lithium pill in the world compares to these mood swings. I didn't have PMS for four months after this film, due to the catharsis I felt from all the tears I shed."

As for what's next, she's back at work on a film called "Home Fries," and has another in the works, a romantic comedy co-starring Adam Sandler.

As for farther down the line, "I really would like to direct," she says, growing quiet again.

But there is still plenty of time for all that.

"My birthday is 2-22, February 22, so 22 is my lucky number," she muses as she says goodbye.

"And all I have to say is 21 has been one of the greatest years of my life, 20 and 21. And if 22 is my lucky number ... I think I'm going to have a great, great year."

## Kidman feels at home in 'Portrait'

(CPS) - Back when she was a school girl in Australia, actress Nicole Kidman read Henry James' novel, "The Portrait of a Lady." She didn't get it, though.

"It was one of the things you could choose in the curriculum," recalls the actress during a conversation at a Manhattan hotel.

"And I chose it. I was 17 years old. I found it confusing, and I couldn't quite understand it at that age."

But that wasn't the last that Kidman would have to do with the classic American novel. All these years later, Kidman may very well earn an Oscar nomination for playing Isabel Archer in Jane Campion's film version of "Lady."

"I reread [the book] when I was 22," says Kidman. "I was in my dark period and thought, 'Now I have to read some Henry James. I must read some American material that's dark.' I read

"Portrait" and absolutely fell in love with it and the character. It just spoke to me on a very profound level."

Kidman also re-read the book when she was thinking about the film.

"I talked to Jane Campion about it. I have since read it three times, cover to cover. I highlighted little sections of it. I feel like I could do my thesis on it now."

The story focuses on Archer, a beautiful, young and independent American woman who unexpectedly inherits a fortune. Relocating to Europe of the 19th century, Archer fends off the advances of several decent and adoring men and proceeds to fall madly in love with the repugnant Osmond (John Malkovich), who in no way seems to love her back. In fact, he makes her life a cold, emotionally barren and all-around miserable existence.

"Why people make the choices they do is a big question," notes the tall,

thin and red-headed Kidman, who, of course, is married in real life to megastar Tom Cruise.

"Everybody I'm sure, at some point in their life, has been attracted to somebody who is destructive to them. It's the dark side of life. Some people have disciplined themselves or know when not to go there. Isabel is seeking it out. As she says, she wants the chances and the dangers of life. It's not her fate to give up. It's why she doesn't want to marry a lord and live in a big house and feel as though she's missing out on life, be it the dark side or the light side of life."

Kidman, who is now 28 years old, worked hard to create her own, separate identity as an actress.

With Campion, the acclaimed director of "The Piano," whom she'd known since she was 14, Kidman explains that she feels most at home in the smaller, more intimate films.

"I come from a country that makes small-budget films," she says. "That's what I started in. That's what I feel most comfortable in. I feel like I take more risks in that environment. Also, that's where the great roles for women are."

That doesn't preclude Kidman from seeking higher profile projects. She spent much of this past spring in Manhattan filming the thriller, "The Peacemaker," with "E.R." star George Clooney.

"It's a big action film," Kidman says. "George and I play polar opposites. He's an FBI agent, and I play a nuclear physicist who works in the White House."

Currently, Kidman, Cruise and their two adopted children are in London, where the actors are busy making "Eyes Wide Shut" for legendary filmmaker Stanley Kubrick, the director of such landmark films as "2001: A Space Odyssey" and "A Clockwork Orange."

# Basketball Teams Host Arkansas State Tonight

## Roundballers look to home court for help

Oscar Gonzalez  
Sports Editor

UTPA-Both men's and women's basketball teams will host Sun Belt Conference foe Arkansas State tonight at the UTPA fieldhouse. The Broncs will be looking for their first SBC victory against State. The Lady Broncs have already defeated conference rival South Alabama in Edinburg in a narrow 60-56 win, but another conference win wouldn't hurt.

The Broncs faced off against Louisiana Tech at home, losing that one in a low scoring 46-43 decision. The Tech game was sandwiched between two formidable opponents in #4 ranked Iowa State and traditionally powered North Carolina State. The Broncs were looking to upset both teams on the road. The last time the Broncs upset a nationally ranked team was against Indiana when young upstart named Isiah Thomas was playing for Bobby Knight. The Hoosiers recovered after the loss to then Pan American University to win the national championship that year.

But fairytales are few and far between.

The Broncs fell to Iowa State by 24-point margin. The Broncs were lead by an outstanding performance by Ivan Ostarcevic who battled double and triple coverage. Ostarcevic's 17 points kept the Broncs at a respectable distance. The same could not be said of the N.C. State game

where the Wolfpack handed the Broncs a bruising loss. The Wolfpack, who allow a little over fifty points per game, held the Broncs to almost half of their average. The Wolfpack won 75-25. Ostarcevic was held to 0-for-8 from the field.

The Broncs added Wanley Maia from Brazil, to fill in the gap left by fellow Brazilian Marcos LagemMan. LagemMan left the team during the holiday break for personal reasons.

The Lady Broncs' first conference win came with a little help from Royle Rideaux who powered in 17 to help the Lady Broncs improve to 3-8. Tammy Wilson added 11 with 5-for-11 shooting including 1-1 shooting from long distance. Jenny Gaytan had 10 points with six coming off of a 2-for-4 shooting performance from the arc.

Last year the ASU Lady Indians finished 3rd in the conference. Just one starter returns from a 17-10 team.

The Lady Broncs hope to extend their wins to four against the Lady Indians. The Lady Broncs need yet another double digit performance from Rideaux.

The men also have a tough matchup. If the Broncs are to win they need Ostarcevic's usual performance. Ostarcevic leads the Broncs with 14.3 points per game average. As for rebounds, only Rene Salamao has



Lady Broncs Tammy Wilson (dribbling) and Jenny Gaytan during a scrimmage earlier this season. The Lady Broncs are enjoying a 1-0 conference record going into tonight's ball game against ASU.

Reina Martinez/Pan American

more with 6.5 rebounds to Ostarcevic's 5.5. Ostarcevic has led the Broncs in 6 games so far this season. Ostarcevic scored a season

high 26 points in a losing effort against Western Kentucky two days before Christmas.

## UTPA teams take on a busy January

The men's and women's basketball teams will be having long stretch at home this month. It is all kicked off by a double header today against Arkansas State University.

On Saturday, the Broncs will take on Southwestern Louisiana. On Monday they take on Western Kentucky, and three days later they'll go toe-to-toe against Lamar. On the 25th, the men host Jacksonville. All men's games begin at 7 p.m.

The Lady Broncs then return to the UTPA field house on the 27th to host sister school UTSA. Another double header takes place three days later as the Lady Broncs take on Western Kentucky, while the men host Arkansas-Little Rock. Women's games begin at 5:30 while hosting along with the Broncs. Game times for the Lady Broncs is 7 p.m. when hosting solo.

On the 30th it's baseball season all over again as the Broncs take a swing at their first regular season game at Jody Ramsey Stadium at 3 p.m.

## Former Baseball Players reunite In Alumni Game

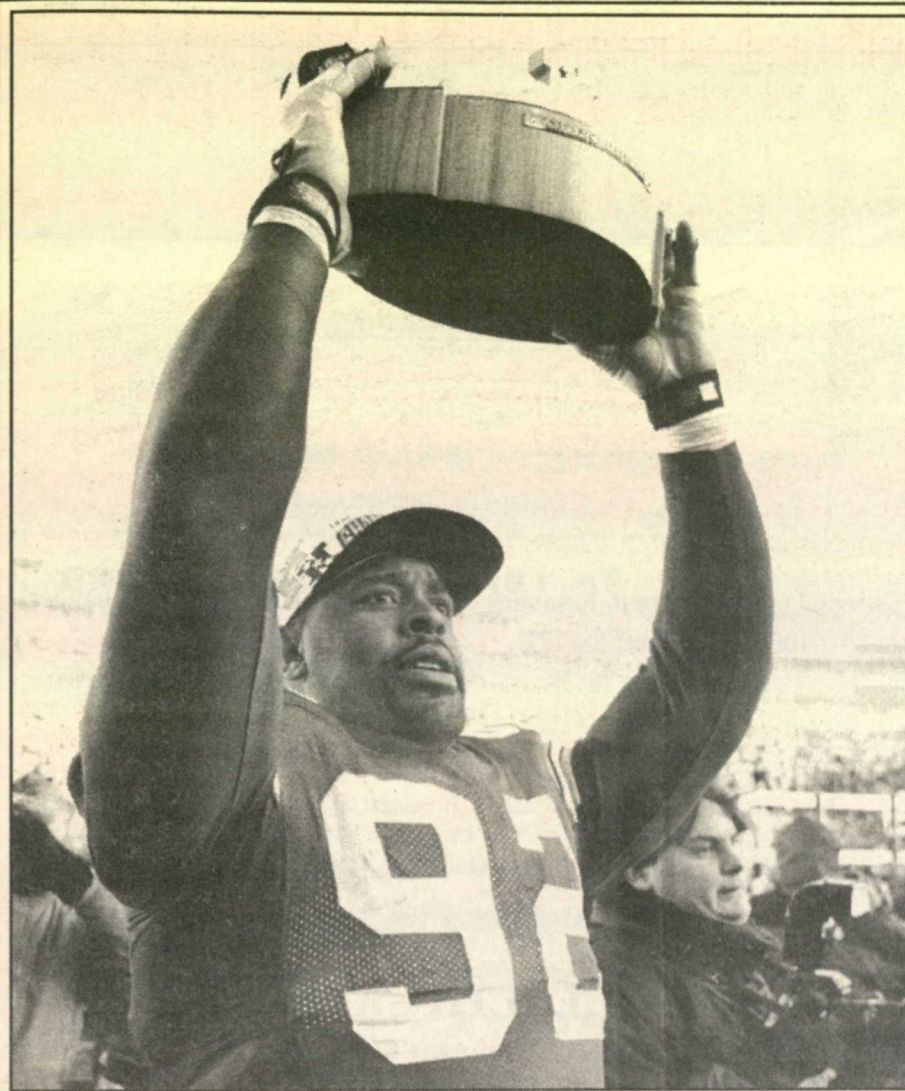
Former Edinburg High School baseball players are looking to reestablish the EHS Baseball Alumni game. Former Bobcat baseball players are encouraged to become a part of this year's festivities.

The game is slated to begin on February 15. Activities in addition to the Alumni game include an Alumni home run contest, a long ball contest followed by the Alumni game at 2 p.m. and a Bar-B-Q at 5 p.m.

Promoters of the Alumni game are asking former EHS players to participate. Players do not necessarily have to be current Bronc players to play. Some former Bobcat ballplayers here at UTPA have already inked the date on their calendars.

A fee of \$10 will go to program expenses such as the officiating and food. Prizes will be awarded for the competitions.

Anyone interested in playing or merely attending can contact Kerry Villareal at 380-1544 or Sonny Villareal at 316-7309.



Green Bay Packer Reggie White displays his first title win ever. With a 30-13 win, White makes his first visit to the Super Bowl. KRT

## Bookmakers List Packers as Super Bowl Favorites

LONDON (AP)--British bookmakers list the Green Bay Packers as odds-on favorites to win the Super Bowl.

Following the weekend's playoff games, Ladbrokes installed the Packers at 2-5, followed by the New England Patriots at 9-2.

"Ladbrokes will certainly be cheering for Green Bay against Carolina as the Panthers were heavily backed at 100-1 during the regular season and are easily our worst result," Ladbrokes spokesman Ian Wassell said.

This year's superbowl will be played in New Orleans, Louisiana on January 26. The Greenbay Packers are looking for their first Super Bowl title in 29 years. The Patriots last visited "the dance" in 1980.

## Group Sues NCAA Over Eligibility Rules

PHILADELPHIA (AP)--As a star on the Simon Gratz High School track team, TaiKwan Cureton attracted the attention of big schools Navy, Boston College, Pitt and Penn State, to name a few.

"I started getting the recruiting letters in the 11th grade," said Cureton, who graduated from Gratz with a 3.789 grade point average.

Then Cureton took the Scholastic Assessment Test, a standard college entrance exam, and his score was below the minimum set by the NCAA. The recruiting letters stopped.

"This really hurt. It was as if my hard work, good grades and other school activities didn't count for anything," he said.

Cureton, now a freshman at Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts sued the NCAA Wednesday, charging that hundreds of young black athletes have suffered because the NCAA uses SAT scores to decide who can play in college sports.

He was backed by Trial Lawyers for Public Justice, a Washington, D.C.-based organization. The class action asked U.S. District Court to issue an injunction against the NCAA and to rule it in violation of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

The NCAA defended the standards, saying they protect student-athletes. It also released a report showing that the number of black athletes enrolling in Division I schools was increasing.

NCAA Chief Operating Officer Dan Boggan said the lawsuit "is advocating a return to the bad old days when student-athletes could spend four years ... in athletics and (leave) not only with no diploma but without any real education at all."

The standards, once known as Proposition 48, but restructured and now known as Proposition 16, set a sliding scale of SAT and grade point standards for college freshmen athletes on scholarships.

Black coaches and educators, along with many whites, have maintained for years that standardized test scores are racially and culturally discriminatory and do not accurately predict a young person's ability to do college work.

Also named as a plaintiff in the lawsuit was Leatrice Shaw, a Gratz graduate who is now a freshman at the University of Miami, unable to join the track team there because she too scored low on the SAT.

Cureton was 27th in his class of 305; Shaw was fifth.

"The NCAA emphasis is wrong, and it is hurting hundreds of athletes like myself," said Cureton. "I decided to sue the NCAA because I don't want others to go through what I've been through."

At Wheaton, an NCAA Division III school that doesn't give athletic scholarships, Cureton is competing in sprints and the long jump. But he said the rule robbed him of the opportunity to compete against the country's best college track athletes.

Shaw should be able to compete on Miami's Division I track team in her final three years, said TLPJ spokesman Arthur Bryant.

"But she is struck by the fact that she could participate in any other extracurricular activity--drama club, band, even cheerleading for the sports where she can't compete," Bryant said.

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# Campus Housing Spices Up Dorms For New Semester

Oscar Gonzalez  
News Editor

With a little help from the physical plant, Campus Housing spiced up their "homes" before the Spring semester. Students and resident advisors chipped in to make their campus homes a little livelier.

Director of Campus Life and Disability Services Ruben Garza said that when he first took over in September the atmosphere in the dorms was a little off beat.

"Immediately I saw the color schemes. They were dark and drabby," said Garza.

Garza said that he discussed the matter with the resident hall advisors and came up with a plan to renovate the student dorms.

Garza said that the physical plant on campus provided materials to paint the dorms stairwells. He admits that some students hadn't laid a hand on a paint brush all their lives. But after the second day of painting, they came right along.

"Students did a tremendous job," said Garza.

Students began work on January 3rd and on through midday Sunday. Altogether, 15 students helped paint and make some improvements on the offices and kitchens. Some students complained about the campus food so the improvements on the kitchen were especially helpful. Garza attributed the dislike for campus food to the fact that students come from different areas and have their own preferences.

Future improvements include the installation of wire services to facilitate the vax. Garza looks to upgrade their computers to at least the current standard. Patio chairs are also in the future. Garza intends to improve the lighting conditions and freshen up the men's curtains. Garza says that some rooms do not have any curtains and others, while equipped with drapes, have not been replaced in years.

Garza also expects to plan better activities for dorm inhabitants. Although the dorms were decorated inside, Garza wishes to decorate the dorms with Christmas lights this year.

"Things like that make it homey."

The plant will be improving the plumbing soon.



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Josh Hughes, graduate resident assistant, and Alex Rodriguez, a dorm resident, paint the walls of the men's dormitory.

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