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Gorbachev challenges new Slavic commonwealth

by DEBORAH SEWARD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW - Mikhail Gorbachev on Monnew Slavic commonwealth "illegal and dandecide the country's future. In a statement new commonwealth Sunday. read on national television late Monday,

ture to debate the issue, and said he might call Yeltsin's commonwealth eliminates it and bans (Soviet Union) cannot be decided by the will the Soviet Union.

gerous." He urged the national Parliament to of Ukraine and Byelorussia in declaring the until after Yeltsin told President Bush.

a national referendum on whether to preserve Soviet institutions. Gorbachev's comment of the leaders of three republics. came several hours after Yeltsin met with the Gorbachev's statement put him clearly at Soviet leader to discuss the "commonwealth" exist is also illegal and dangerous. It can only day challenged Boris Yeltsin's declaration odds with Yeltsin, Russia's president, who has of independent states" and said Gorbachev that the Soviet Union was dead, branding a already taken over much of the Soviet might have a role in the new grouping. president's power and joined with the leaders Gorbachev was not even informed of the plan

The Soviet president has proposed to keep republics and clearly had them in mind when Gorbachev said he was convening the legisla- some role for the central government, while he said: "The fate of the multinational state keep the country together.

"The declaration that union laws no longer aggravate chaos and anarchy in society, Gorbachev said in the statement.

Gorbachev said the plan had some "positive" aspects. He said the Soviet Parliament Gorbachev lately has courted the non-Slavic should decide whether the commonwealth would supplant his proposed Union Treaty to



### Combest urges lawmakers to fund suffering farmers

by KENDRA CASEY THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

as well as those nationwide have sufpast two years, and Congressman Larry Combest, R-Texas, is urging lawmakers to utilize the dire emergency supple-1992.

### Crop failures cause the past two years. hardships.

The fund, passed by the House of ditions. Representatives earlier this year, esgram for farmers and ranchers who result of crop losses. suffered losses in crop years 1990 and 1991.

disaster assistant program, would pro- live off the land to support regional vide a safety net for farmers and ranch- and national economies." Combest ers when an agricultural disaster oc- said.

entire year of work for farmers, but sasters suffered by the farmers of this cause a wave of financial hardship for nation over the last two years," he rural area stores and businesses," said said.

In a letter late last month to Richard G. Darman, director of the Office of Farmers and ranchers in Lubbock Management and Budget, Combest urged Darman to advise President Bush fered agricultural losses during the to fund the emergency appropriations using the presidential emergency declaration authority.

Combest named the 19th Congresmental appropriations for fiscal year sional District of Texas, which Lubbock is part, as one of the areas of the nation that has suffered losses during

Counties within the 19th district a wave of financial are included in 1,392 counties nationwide in 1991 that were designated by President Bush or the Secretary of - Larry Combest Agriculture Rick Perry as suffering crop losses due to severe weather con-

In 1990, a total of 1,973 counties tablished a \$1.75 billion relief pro- were designated disaster areas as a

"These agricultural losses will mean even more severely depressed eco-Combest said the emergency fund, nomic conditions to agribusiness, which would serve as a permanent small businesses and communities that

"The magnitude of this loss dem-"Crop failures not only wipe out an onstrates the widespread nature of di-



Raider Santa

Santa while his mother, Jennifer Atwood, right, shakes keys to get him Wednesday, so go get your picture taken with that special one on to look at the photographer, Darrel Thomas. Raider Santa will be in the Raider Santa's lap. Photos cost \$3.

Jonathan Atwood of Lubbock gets his picture taken with Raider University Center Courtyard from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today and

### Metro school dropout rates climbing

by JULIE COLLINS THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

Comptroller John Sharp's Office of Public Accounts, stated that a high

ing a six year period, Dallas could be currently exists," Stevens said. faced with a 66 percent dropout rate while Houston could suffer from a 48 percent dropout rate.

will experience a 54 percent dropout may see a 40 percent dropout rate.

Texas Tech Assistant Professor point why students choose not to fin- will be treated, Stevens said.

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apathy, especially in students who at-While metro school dropout rates tend larger high schools as compared such as suspending a player from the may vary throughout Texas, informatos smaller high schools, are only some football team because of missed classes tion recently released from Texas of the core reasons why state and na- have failed for the most part, he said. tional dropout rates remain high.

percentage of students who enter jun- money and power, don't want to see a ior high will leave school before gradu- fair and good education system set up in the United States because it would low through with what they are learn-Sharp's office estimates that dur- do away with the caste system that ing.

people want to feel more academically superior to that of other individu-In addition, cities like Brownsville als within the same school structure.

Likewise, he said there is an inrate, San Antonio could be faced with verse relationship between the size of a 46 percent dropout rate and Austin high schools and the dropout rate of then do the complete opposite, kids

Michael Stevens said the issue of drop- dropout rates than smaller schools tion, he said. ping out among America's students is because the size of high schools can complex and no one reason can pin- dictate how well or poorly a student

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night only classes

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High schools in Texas that have Teacher apathy as well as student tried to keep the dropout rate down by using various forms of punishment

Stevens said parents and teachers "Some people, the people with need to set a positive example for their children and students concerning education, and in turn, students must fol-

"Students learn behaviors of what He added that in this instance, some is modeled for them rather than what we are telling them,"

In cases such as this, positive role modeling can affect a student during high school and beyond.

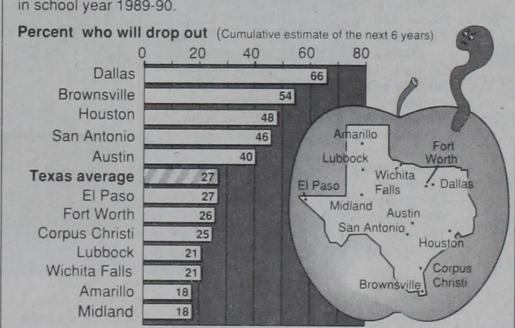
If adults tell students one thing and are being taught a double standard that Larger schools tend to have higher negatively affects their view of educa- workers and education administrators. will encourage students to learn.

inside out, starting with teachers, staff effectively teach subject material that dren, he said.

### **Keeping an eye on Texas**

### Metro school dropout rates vary

A high percentage of students entering the seventh grade will drop out before graduating from high school if dropout rates remain the same as in school year 1989-90.



SOURCES: Texas Education Agency and John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

In addition, new teaching tech- Putting the nation's best teachers with

Stevens said the problem of drop- niques must be funded and taught to the brightest kids can have a negative out rates has to be addressed from the teachers in order for teachers to more affect on the rest of the nation's chil-

### Probe continues into Tilton Ministry

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas lay minister who teamed up with ABC's "PrimeTime Live" program to investigate evangelist Robert Tilton said Monday the television ministry uses "toys and trinkets" to get followers to donate \$100 million a year.

Ole Anthony, president of the Trinity Foundation, said Tilton's church is nothing more than a sophisticated direct marketing group which sends out a mailing every two weeks to 880,000 followers. Those on the mailing list are sent green prayer cloths, communion wafers and cassette tape informa-

A so-called "miracle coin letter" took in more than \$980,000 as of Sept. 17, according to a document Anthony said was found in the trash of Tilton's Tulsa, Okla., attorney J.C. Joyce. A "miracle seed letter" containing mustard seeds for followers to plant to bring prosperity generated \$517,000 for the ministry.

#### Architects to begin work on dairy barn Fall 1991 Examination Schedule FRI. SAT. MON. TUES. WED.

by STEPHEN ARMOUR THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

Tech campus to its original state.

make," said Russell Laird, president of the university. of the Student Association. "We interthe firm we did because they are a very credible firm and are experienced in they will do the job right and restore the building to its original condition."

above the other firms interviewed, although not by much.

"(Restoring the dairy barn) has been cal landmark." Laird said the dairy nal structure." "It was a very difficult decision to barn is an important part of the history

"The firm has already begun workviewed six firms before deciding on ing on the barn," Laird said. "Engi-AC Associates. All the firms were neers have already looked at the build-year. willing to work on the barn for no ing and are now doing everything they profit, but we eventually decided on can. We had initially hoped to cut costs by using student labor, but due very understandable."

Laird said AC Associates stood out fund-raising to pay for the project was the structure to prevent any further set at \$40,000, \$52,000 has currently been raised and is increasing.

"We are not sure what materials we talked about for 20 or 21 years, al- need," he said. "Estimates are being though the main work on the project done and that will help us determine After months of searching, the Lub- has been done during the past year," what materials we need to restore the bock architecture firm AC Associates Laird added. "We hope to talk to the barn. There are holes in the roof of the has been hired to begin the initial work Texas Historical Commission about barn, so the first thing we need to do is to restore the dairy barn on the Texas registering the dairy barn as a histori- reroof the barn before fixing the inter-

> Laird said the Student Association wants to move quickly on this project and hopes to begin soliciting bids from contractors at the beginning of next

"We want to find the cheapest contractor, but one that will do a good job," Laird said. "Labor will be doto liability concerns, contractors will nated from the contractor and some historical preservation. We are sure be used for labor instead, which is materials will be donated from local businesses." Laird said although he Laird said although the goal for would like to find a way to stabilize deterioration, there is really no way to do this without spending more money.

### **Good Morning!**

Kaleidoscope

After flying his first plane with his grandfather, a Cessna Turbo 210, when he was 13 years old, Bobby Nelson knew he would be flying for the rest of his life. So far he has.

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Sports

The Texas Tech women's basketball team awoke from a horrendous first half to rally and defeat the Utah Lady Utes 84-75 Monday night in overtime.

Weather

Today calls for fair skies with a high in the mid 60s. Tonight calls for increasingly cloudy skies with a less than 20 percent chance of rain and a low near 40.

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**Public and private** 



ANNA QUINLAND

Ten years ago at some awards banquet I sat next to an actress who was bored out of her gourd

(and probably high as a kite) and who proceeded to perform a medley of television theme songs. She did "Gilligan's Island," "The Flintstones," "The Patty Duke Show" and "Rawhide," making a very convincing whip sound by whistling between her front teeth. She did "Green Acres," "The Beverly Hillbillies" and, as her finale, the theme from "The Mickey Mouse Club." Though she'd grown up in the hills of Beverly, I felt we were neighbors. I like television.

This is unfashionable. Sniping at TV has become a kind of pedigree, a guarantee of superiority.

One woman said to me proudly not long ago, "We don't even own a TV." Great so you missed "The Civil War," the Challenger explosion, the "Who shot J.R.?" episode of "Dallas," the World Series, and a considerable part of American culture over the last 10 years.

We have a generation of parents who were raised on a steady diet of red meat, Pez and "The Brady Bunch" and who now pride themselves on denying their kids sugar and television. I like television. "Nova." "Masterpiece Theater." "Sesame Street." Ah, public television, you say, the green vegetables of video viewing - they are exempt from censure. But I also like the channel that shows old movies, and "Headline News," and Nickelodeon, with reruns of most of the sitcoms from my own childhood. (Watch your kids marvel at the fact that you are personally familiar with "Mr. Ed"!)

I think television can be educational even when it doesn't come from the sanctified Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Not long ago a sitcom called "Dinosaurs," which is basically "The Honeymooners" except that the fat guy in the flannel shirt is a megalosaurus, did and episode called "I Never Ate for My Father.'

Plot line: Son thinks he may be herbivorous instead of carnivorous; dad finds broccoli in son's room, is horrified. I watched this show with my sons and there ensued spirited discussion of parental expectations and prejudices.

A friend with an adolescent, which is a little like saying a friend with a grenade, says they often watch "Roseanne" together, using exchanges on that program between mother and daughter as talking points, kind of an electronic mediator.

In our black/white, good/bad world, we've focused on all the ways TV can be abused, all the kids glassy-eyed before the tube for six hours a day, all the 4-year-olds watching "Nightmare on Elm Street 10 -Freddy Maims the Homecoming Queen," all the bad programming.

(Although sometimes we seem to forget that we are children of "The Three Stooges," which is not exactly Chekhov.) We focus on the either/or: Either they'll read, or they'll watch television. And we respond with a blanket condemnation: No television.

TV is bad.

I can still remember when TV was a kind of miracle that simultaneously enveloped us all in Ed Sullivan and "The Wonderful World of Disney." Now we trash our own technology almost as soon as we've invented it, worried that the machines have the upper hand.

I get an enormous kick out of writers who talk about the "tactile sensation" of rendering a novel in longhand. I like tactile sensation, but I've got laundry to do. Pass the word-processing software, please.

(I believe, however, that everyone is permitted one refusal to change with the times. Mine is the microwave oven. I prefer to prepare food by applying heat to it rather than by rearranging molecules.)

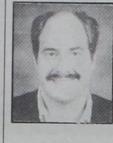
I like technology; I like being able to watch "Duck Soup" whenever I please on the VCR. And I like popular culture; it's where I come from.

I want my kids to recognize Mozart, Sinatra and Madonna: I want them to know the world, not some bottled-water

version of it. Anna Quinland is a columnist for the New York Times News Service. © 1991 New York Times News Service.

Heard of him?

### I like T.V. The candidate you dialed is unlisted MARK D. government.



HARMON Larry Agran is running for president. President of the United States. Honestly

(and that's the tough way to

do it).

You may have missed Larry Agran's candidacy. He usually is not listed among the "major candidates," a political shorthand that becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. Only major candidates merit attention or support, thus only major candidates succeed.

Nevertheless, Larry Agran is a serious candidate with serious ideas. Even if you disagree with his philosophy, you'll find his ideas bold and his specifics refreshing.

Larry Agran is a former mayor of Irvine, Calif. Irvine is a southern California city/ suburb of 100,000 people. He spent a dozen years on city council, half of them as mayor. By most accounts, he ran the city quite well and might still be mayor if he had not stood up for principle. Agran supported a human rights ordinance banning discrimination in housing and employment based on sexual preference.

His friends told Agran his stance could cost him the next election. It did. He lost in June 1990 to a Republican councilwoman who promptly said she would honor many of the policies and procedures Agran had instituted.

The amazing thing is that Larry Agran, running as a progressive Democrat, throughout the 1980s consistently won office in Orange County where Republicans outnumber Democrats two-to-one. He won by innovation and energetic use of local

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Agran insisted that downtown redevelopment should be a mix of homes, stores, and offices linked to the rest of the community by a monorail system. He successfully lobbied statewide for passage of Proposition 116 which earmarked \$125 million for the monorail. Agran saw a need, especially in California, for downtown housing and less reliance on automobiles. His opponents only wanted more and wider roads.

Agran led successful fights for cityfunded child care centers, a city homeless shelter, curbside recycling, required green spaces in city development, and a ban on chemicals that destroy the ozone layer. He also fought corporate attempts to pave over the area's generations-old orange groves.

as a mechanism for Agran, 1,000 other elected officials, and 4,000 other activists to use local government to combat draconian Reagan policies. The group got cities to create nuclear-free zones, divest South African holdings, and establish sister cities in Nicaragua and the Soviet Union.

Agran's philosophy is that the halfmillion local elected officials work at the forefront of the nation's problems - and the U.S. should learn from them. Speaking to 300 people symbolically trespassing on the nuclear weapons test site near Las Vegas, Agran declared, "The price of twisted federal priorities shows up first and most profoundly in America's communities, where our streets and bridges crumble, where our factories rust, where our children lapse into ignorance, and where homelessness, hunger, and poverty are on the rise."

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ESS DERRY BAG

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Agran did not jump into the presidential race lightly or for personal satisfaction. He believes the progressive spirit is alive and well; the Democratic Party is not served well by candidates who sound like imitation Republicans.

So he tried to get former Senator George McGovern to seek the nomination. The former party standard bearer said no, so Agran took on the challenge himself.

The end of the cold war means winning domestic battles at home. Agran wants to cut military spending in half, largely by eliminating the B-2, MX, Star Wars, and setting a deadline of Dec. 31, 1994, for removing all U.S. military forces from Europe and Japan.

As our trade rivals take up their obliga-The local Elected Officials Project served tions, the U.S. uses the \$150 billion savings for a set of initiatives — \$25 billion in revenue sharing; \$15 billion to public school the announcement of his campaign on the districts to hire 400,000 additional teachers and cut class sizes by 10 percent; \$40 billion tions virtually have ignored him. It's a to broaden social security to include health, housing, and nutrition security; \$20 billion to clean up toxic waste and other environmental problems; and \$50 billion split

between deficit reduction, retraining workers in military industries, and assisting demobilized troops.

Agran, 46, is neither kook nor fool. He graduated Pi Beta Kappa from U.C. Berkeley with degrees in economics and history. He also graduated from Harvard Law School. He authored a book, The Cancer Connection, critical of U.S. environmental policies. Friends say he is a faithful husband and father, doesn't smoke, drink, lie, or stay out late. His wife Phyllis is a pediatric gastroenterologist.

They have a 21-year-old son, Ken, a senior at Dartmouth who sometimes doubles as a driver for his dad's campaign appearances.

Larry Agran began his longshot run with only about \$7,000 in campaign cash in the bank. The Los Angeles Times carried obituary page. Most other news organizashame coverage of Agran will concentrate on his chances instead of his ideas.

> Mark D. Harmon teaches classes in mass communications.

#### Abroad at home

## Leadership needed



LEWIS

DALLAS — Suddenly politicians of every stripe are demanding a tax cut to "fight the recession."

President Bush turned from opponent to enthusiast overnight. Democratic congressional leaders called hearings for this week to explore their ideas and the president's.

The stampede tells us something about this country. It shows how addicted we are to fulfilling immediate desires, how unable to focus on long-term needs. It shows that we are still gripped by the faith of the Reagan years, though its ruinous effects are all about us: we believe that somewhere there is a free lunch. Cutting taxes now is a bad idea on every count. Because the federal deficit is so high, everyone proposing a cut promises that his plan will produce no net loss to the Treasury. If that is so, there will be no stimulus to the economy. Some other interest may be served - undoing the Reagan tax law's tilt toward the rich, for example — but not fighting the recession.

Some of the tax-cut plans would in fact have a contrary effect. One would pay for the cuts by a big reduction in defense spending, for example. But those paying lower taxes would save at least a little of the money, and spend some of it on imported goods. Result: Less spending in the United

The idea of a tax cut is naturally enticing to Americans as a way of making up for what they have lost economically in recent years. Real wages have fallen in this country over the last two decades. Recession aside, middle-class people feel increasingly that their dream of a rising standard of living is

But what is causing the economic pain what is impoverishing the United States in comparison with its international competitors - is not high taxes. Our taxes are lower that those of any other major industrial

The reason for the deteriorating American position is lack of human and material investment. Over many years we have saved less and invested less than our competitors, and the problem is getting worse.

Reaganomics was supposed to cure all that - induce Americans to save more from higher after-tax incomes. But it didn't work. We saved less. The Reagan economic

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

ANTHONY shamans produced speculation, vast indebtedness, boom - and now, inevitably, bust.

It is hardly surprising today if banks, burned by all those inflated real estate loans, are reluctant to lend — whatever interest rates may be. So that hangover of the Reagan era deepens the recession. And so do the massive cuts that state and local governments are now making in their expenditure, in good part because they have lost so much federal aid under Reagan-Bush policies.

There is a striking consensus among serious analysts that more than anything the United States needs to think of its longterm needs. Failure to do that means falling further behind Japan and Germany and the rest in technology and education.

> To say these things is to recognize that what the United States lacks is not resources. It is leadership.

Herbert Stein, the conservative economist, wrote recently in The Wall Street Journal that his answer to recession "would not be to increase the consumption of Middle America, which would be the main consequence of cutting taxes. I would rather fund Head Start fully, make sure that states have the money to provide the training, social services and jobs called for by the new welfare program, beef up the struggle against crime and keep the libraries and schools open."

Felix Rohatyn, the New York financial expert, called in The New York Review of Books for "a vast national public investment program." He pointed to what other countries are doing - France, for instance, investing \$100 billion in a new national high-speed rail system.

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For 10 years now we have had presidents who told us that less would be more - that the answer to our economic problems was to reduce taxes. We have had presidents who through ignorance or political calculation would not talk economic sense to the American people.

Talking sense will not be easy for any leader. We are used to fantasy, and we do not want to hear hard truths about sacrificing and investing for the future. But someday someone will make us understand that there really is no such thing as a free

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Doonesbury



RICK'S BEEN PRE-PARING A MAJOR STORY ABOUT DAN QUAYLE. HE'S BEEN WORKING ON IT AROUND THE CLOCK FOR THREE WEEKS.





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### King regains form with latest novel

by CHAD DUERKSEN THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

Stephen King, America's reigning master of contemporary horror-fiction appears to be the story King really two women's deaths and unveils more second only to England's Clive Barker. And with his new book, aptly titled King is back to his usual, devilish self, turning up every day while the town "Needful Things," King claws his way and has major plans for the small, out of a three-year slump and proves idyllic town that he put on the map: that he still has what it takes to deliver Castle Rock, Maine. thought-provoking material while still out of his readers.

elist emerge as one of America's most popular authors, given that most contemporary horror films have become and "The Sun Dog." virtually embarrassing. But there is the horror genre, and, as long as King continues to explore it, people will continue to read his books.

"Needful Things" is, in fact, a comeback novel. It is nowhere near his best work, nor does it rank up there with his best novels, such as "The Stand," "The Dead Zone," and "The Shining." It is, since 1988's "The Tommyknockers," and even that took a while to get into. He has had only limited success with his two "Gunslinger" novels, the 1989 dud "The Dark Half" was possibly the ception of "Carrie," and last year's story collection "Four Past Midnight" only boasted one memorable story, an amusing black comedy call "The Sun Dog."

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Sun Dog" were, in a sense, prequels, Gaunt wanted them to believe. with characters overlapping into his The King is back. No, not Elvis, but new novel with continuous references as a secondary character in "The Dark made to both. But "Needful Things" wanted to write. In "Needful Things,"

managing to scare the living daylights story," it is the same town King made book, older, no wiser, and just as ruthfamous by novels such as "The Dead less. It is refreshing to see a horror nov- Zone," "Cujo," "The Dark Half," and two novellas, "The Body" (re-titled hearted but not as much so as "The

still much uncharted territory left in unexpected when newcomer LeLand book's main character. The rich deplus a small prank on a woman, Wilma at a good pace.

however, the best thing he has put out many customers, all finding the per- he, himself, has found what he really fect relics at seemingly bargain prices wanted: a definite best-seller that reand playing harmless little pranks on veals the original flair that made him

when two women kill each other, set as his best classics but nevertheless worst book of his career with the ex- up to believe that each pulled a prank really hard to put down.

Both "The Dark Half" and "The on the other. But that's just what Mr.

Sheriff Alan Pangborn, introduced Half," begins an investigation of the than he bargained for, with more dead falls apart around him.

Even Ace Merrill, the bully played so effectively by Kiefer Sutherland in Dubbed "the last Castle Rock "Stand By Me," shows up later in the

Much of "Needful Things" is cold-"Stand By Me" for theatrical release), Dark Half." King is apparently having a lot of fun with his story and his The peaceful town is in for the fictional town, which is inevitably the Gaunt opens a new shop, Needful tail, to both the town and its residents, Things. His first customer, 11-year- is reminiscent of King's great work in old Brian, finds just what he wants: a "The Stand" but to less magnitude. 1956 Sandy Koufax baseball card. The The characters remain fresh and the payment includes eighty-five cents ... dialogue witty, and the story follows

King has again found the limelight Suffice to say, Mr. Gaunt soon has with "Needful Things," and perhaps friends, co-workers, and loved ones. popular. Indeed, he has pulled off yet The pranks turn viscous, however, another great achievement, not as good

### Women's contributions to Texas focus of museum exhibit

A historical exhibit that focuses run at The Museum at Texas Tech many attitudes on women in the past. this weekend.

— A Celebration of History."

The exhibit is divided into five

Institute of Texas Cultures at the times of both war and peace. University of Texas and is spon-Women's Resources.

tor for operations at the museum today. said, "The exhibit looks at the con-

THE UNIVERSITY DAILY the state and working to present times almost half the paid employees in the with Ann Richards as governor."

on the women of Texas completes a rects some inaccuracies that pervade

Sunday will be the last day for very significant contribution to the Through their service, homes, the exhibit, entitled, "Texas Women state in legal, social and other areas," Dean said.

One section of the exhibit focuses sections that focus on the impact of on survivors. It shows the hardships on the women who influenced literawomen on different aspects of Texas suffered by women on the Texas frontier. The section examines how women fashion. The display was produced by the \* served the state and the nation during

sored by the Texas Foundation for politicians of the state. Women's roles as activists helped influence changes seum hours. The museum opens at David Dean, the assistant direc- in Texas laws that can still be felt

The third section examines women p.m. on Thursday only. tributions of women to the history as laborers. Women worked not only of Texas by highlighting some of in the homes, but also in the classthe women who made an impact on rooms, offices, factories and, impor- Tech at 742-2442.

by JOEL BURNS the state, starting with the founding of tant to rural life, in the fields. Today, state today are women. Their work is Dean said he hopes the exhibit cor- essential to the growth and development of Texas.

Additionally, Texas women fos-"The women of the state made a tered a civic spirit in the state. churches, schools and entire cities were built.

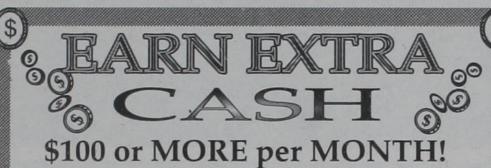
> The final exhibit section focuses ture, sports, drama, entertainment and

The 22 panel exhibit has been traveling the state and after its run at Another section looks at the women Tech, it will return to San Antonio.

> The exhibit is open during mu-10 a.m. each day, 1 p.m. on Sunday, and closes at 5 p.m. each day, 8:30

> More information can be obtained by contacting the Museum at Texas

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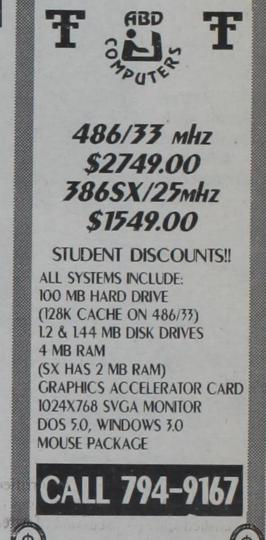
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### **Student Foundation**

Christmas party announcement's will be on December 10 at Mr Gatti's at 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions contact Susan Denham at 795-6342.

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### **Motar Board**

A meeting will be on December 10 at Kappa Gamma Lodge at 9:00 p.m. If you have any questions contact Kim Saarman at 742-6352.

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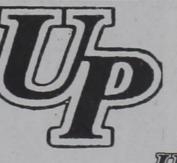
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continue to fly now that he has started mercial instrument rating at 21 and is a business flying banners as advertis- currently working on obtaining a glider ing around-Lubbock's skies.

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He found a Cessna Pawnee 235 horsepower converted cropduster; over aerial spray plane is also an education 500, 7-foot by 3-foot red and black letters; a trailer; and an old cream and

orange '69 Ford F100. the owner to buy the whole package difficult work," he said. for \$36,000 and brought it all home to the Town and Country Airpark south Joe Don Keibler who has over 17,000

of Lubbock. Before he could begin flying, though, he needed to obtain insurance

banners for the now defunct Skyrider

the business.

banners before for Skyrider and I saw pick up where they left off."

was 13 years old, Bobby Nelson knew to him. Bobby earned a private pilot instrument and commercial rating And it looks promising that he will when he was 19, a multi-engine cominstructor certification at 22 years old.

more in general studies, went to Cali- Bobby was taking 13 credit hours, but fornia in search of a plane suitable for dropped to six hours to devote more

— in aviation.

He made a verbal agreement with towing are well respected because it is

The future for whom a fellow pilot, hours of flight time experience calls a "true pilot" is wide open for Bobby.

and a Federal Aviation Administra- like to build up some equity and get tion inspection plus some training from into other types of aviation busia fellow pilot, Jeff Southern, who has nesses," he said. "I want to try all had many hours of experience towing types of flying and find what I like."

In fact, it was the dissolving of Skyrider Inc. that led Bobby to begin

"I knew the guys who were flying an opportunity," he said. "I decided to

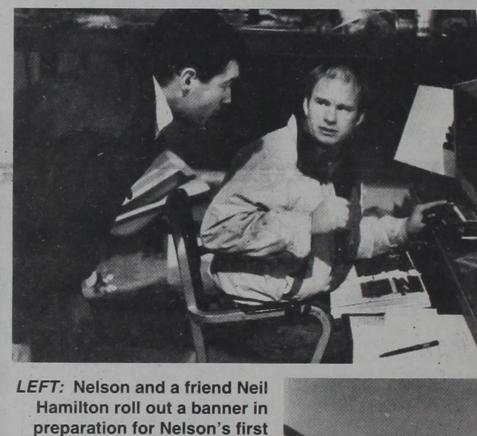
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"Starting with this business, I'd



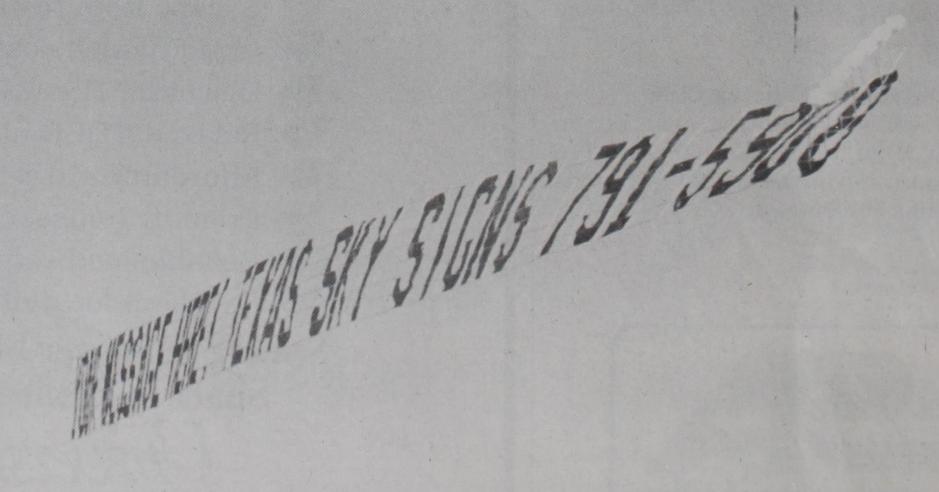
preparation for Nelson's first attempt to pick up a banner.

ABOVE: Craig Easter, an airframe and powerplant certified aircraft mechanic tells Nelson what he needs before getting his plane inspected by the FAA inspector.

RIGHT: Nelson and Hamilton watch as Jeff Southern demonstrates in Bobby's plane how to pick up a banner. Southern towed banners previously for Skyrider Inc.



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### Illinois' Mackovic heads list for Texas job

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Texas' search for a made an offer to anyone. football coach to replace David McWilliams apparently is hitting the visory search committee, which met in 1969.

Mackovic, who reportedly is the lead- I kind of do." ing contender for the job, was in Chicago on Monday, attending Big Ten Dodds had said the Longhorns next Conference meetings.

ported that Texas Athletic Director perience. DeLoss Dodds was going to New York for the College Football Hall of Fame awards dinner on Tuesday night, and might interview Mackovic during that

The Dallas Morning News said Mackovic, 48, was expected to fly to Austin on Tuesday to meet with Texas athletic officials.

Dodds has declined to comment about possible replacements for McWilliams, 49, who resigned under pressure last week.

University of Texas President Wil-

in private with Dodds and Cunningham

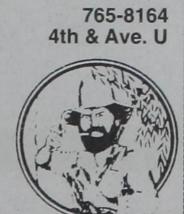
coach would be someone with major of the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs and The Austin American-Statesman re- college, and possibly professional, ex- a former assistant coach of the Dallas

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He said he wanted a coach who liam Cunningham also has declined to could make Texas a Top 10 team and comment on whether the school has one that again contends for the national title. Texas' last national cham-But a member of a 75-member adpionship was won under Darrell Royal

Mackovic's Illinois teams have Illinois football coach John late last week, said, "I think it's done. compiled a 30-16 record. This year's squad is just 6-5 but will play UCLA When McWilliams resigned, in the John Hancock Bowl at El Paso.

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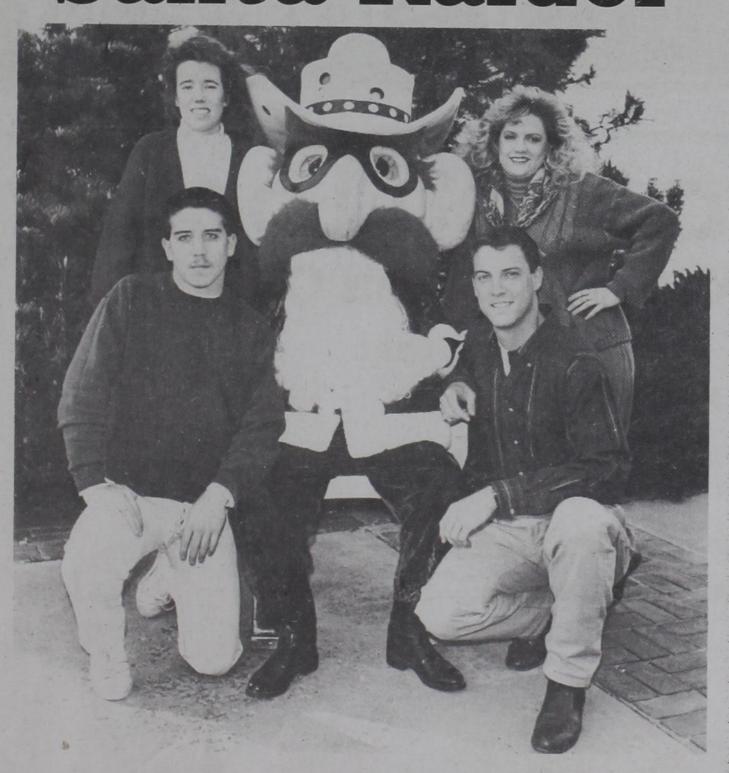
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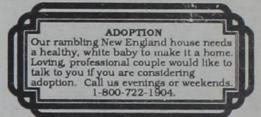
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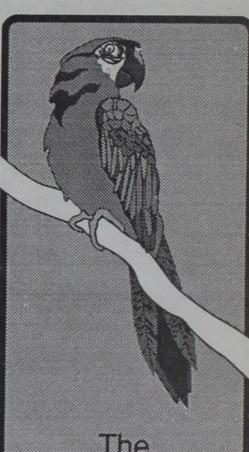
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# McMillan leads Raiders' overtime surge in 84-76 win over Utes

THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

Behind the dual 22-point performances by Sheryl Swoopes and Teresa McMillan, the Texas Tech women's basketball team took a 84-76 overtime win over Utah Monday night at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Although the Red Raiders, now 4-1 on the year, shot just 32.4 percent (12-37) compared to Utah's blistering 60.9 percent in the first half, Tech period to ice the win.

"Our posts weren't playing well at all in the first half. Fortunately we had some players who found another way

by MIKE HEWLETT to get the job done and utilized many guard Stephanie Scott helped to take tinue their three-game winning streak different schemes to find a way to up the slack. win," coach Marsha Sharp said. "I got control of the game."

> oriented offense, it appeared Tech's pulling down three rebounds. hopes were dealt a devestating blow when 6-3 senior center Jennifer Buck ward Swoopes led Tech in assists and was forced out of the game with an eye steals with six and nine, respectively, injury at the 3:07 mark of the first half. as well as gaining a part of the high-

However, the remainder of the Tech point honors. outscored Utah 16-8 in the overtime team rose to the occasion and handled the scrappy Utah unit.

> points and four rebounds, went out, the charity stripe. junior post McMillan and sophomore

Junior guard Krista Kirkland shot 8 in Berkeley, Calif. after them pretty good at halftime, and of 17 from the field, including five we started to settle down and take three-pointers for 21 points, while Scott logged 24 minutes of playing time off With the Raiders running a post- the bench, dishing out four assists and

In back-to-back games, junior for-

Offensively, Tech shot 48.6 percent from the field, 50 percent from After Buck, who finished with two the three-point line and 53.8 percent at

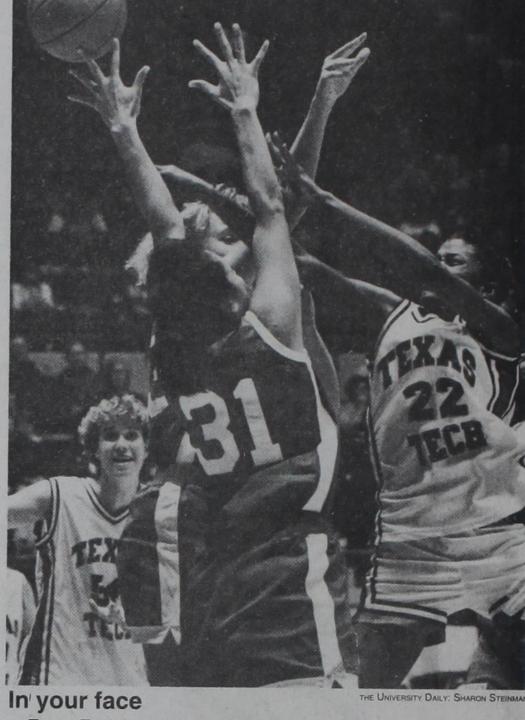
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#### Texas Tech 84, Utah 76 (OT)

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Zachary 7-14 5-8 19, Alcom 4-7 8-12 16, Kane 5-8 5-7 15,

Halftime score: Tech 28, Utah 35. Three-pointers — Tech 5-18 (Kirkland 5-12); Utah 1-3 (Herold). Total fouls -(Zachary 6). Steals - Tech 14 (Swoopes 6); Utah 9 (Palkie, Kane, Herold 2). Blocked shots - Tech 1 (Wil-The Raiders will attempt to con- son); Utah 2 (Zachary 2). Attendance - 875.



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