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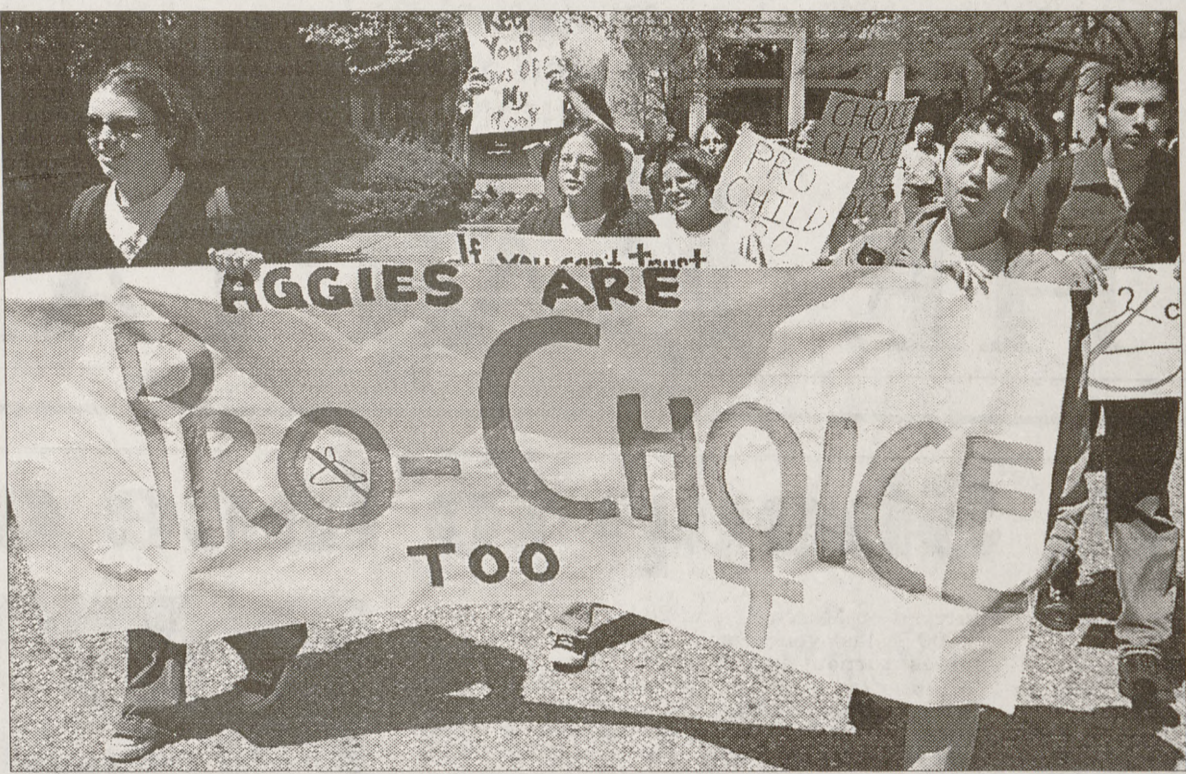
WHO: Children of TAMU faculty, staff, and students
WHEN: Sunday, March 31 3-5 p.m.
WHERE: Hensel Park-Area 2
(In case of rain, event will be held in 303 Read Building)
WHAT: Food, Games, Easter Egg Hunt, and a special appearance by the EASTER BUNNY!

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WALKING FOR WOMEN

The National Organization for Women held a pro-choice march across campus on Thursday at noon.

Indian Association to host India Day celebration tonight

By Danielle Pontiff
THE BATTALION

Srini Neralla, a Texas A&M soil microbiology graduate student from Bangalore, India, thinks his country is somewhat misunderstood by Americans. "India is perceived as a poorly developed country," Neralla said. "Not many Americans know about its culture or investment opportunities."

As president of the A&M chapter of the India Association, an international organization with 500 members, Neralla said he wants to increase awareness of what India has to offer the A&M community.

The IA will host an India Day celebration tonight at 7:30 in 201 MSC commemorating Republic Day, an Indian holiday in honor of India's independence from England, gained 46 years ago.

The guest of honor will be Swashpawan Singh, Indian consul at the U.S. Consulate in Houston.

Dr. Malon Southerland, A&M vice president for student affairs, will attend the celebration to honor International Student Services staff members.

Neralla said everyone is welcome to attend the free cultural celebration, which will be followed by a \$5 dinner featuring Indian cuisine.

"Our emphasis is to show people what Indian culture is," Neralla said. "This is typically done through dance performances and music."

Performances will include a dance presentation by the Anjali Center for Indian Performing Arts in

Houston and an IA student presentation of music from Indian movies.

Amitabh Mishra, a computer science graduate student who is in charge of the music presentation, said there is a big difference between music in Indian movies and in American movies.

"Indian songs are very different from Western songs in that they are highly romantic, not very melancholy or sad," Mishra said. "In all Indian movies, the songs are actually mouthed by the actors and actresses, so they seem to be singing. There is not background music like there is in American films."

Ravi Iyer, a biochemistry and biophysics graduate student at Texas A&M at Galveston, will make a poster presentation focusing on India's recent developments in science and technology.

"India has one of the fastest growing economies in the world," Iyer said. "It is the second largest exporter of computer software and is a viable destination for investment."

Iyer said trends in Indian business, industry and commerce indicate great opportunities for an American market.

"The people of India are excited about recent trends in the economy," Iyer said. "But very few people are aware of the sort of things that are taking place. Now is an appropriate time to make Americans more aware of India's culture and growing market."

Panel raises speed limits in three Texas cities

State law gives cities the right to set speed limits

AUSTIN (AP) — Over the cities' objections, the Texas Transportation Commission voted unanimously Thursday to increase speed limits to as high as 70 mph on state roads within Austin, Dallas and San Antonio.

State law gives cities the right to set the limits on state roads within their jurisdictions, but those limits must be backed by engineering studies.

City officials in Austin, Dallas, San Antonio and Corpus Christi had been fighting for speed limits lower than those called for by state safety studies,

"I don't think that one minute is worth a life," he said.

Newbern said speed limits are not intended to force motorists to drive a speed they consider unreasonable.

"Speed limits are posted to advise motorists of the speed which is considered safe by the majority of drivers," he said.

"Posting speeds below what motorists see as reasonable and prudent puts the majority of drivers in violation of the law, places unnecessary burdens on law enforcement personnel, leads to a lack of credibility of speed limits and leads to a use of large tolerances of speed by law enforcement."

news BRIEFS

Women's safety class offered Monday

The 10th annual Women's Safety Awareness and Self Defense Class will be offered Monday, April 1, at St. Joseph Parrish Center, 600 E. 26th St. in Bryan.

The workshop beings at 6:30 p.m. and is open to all females 12 and older.

Four members of B-CS police departments will give presentations on safety and self defense, and the audience will have the opportunity to learn physical defense maneuvers.

The workshop is free, and reservations are encouraged.

For information, call 268-7273.

Republicans push health bill passage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Looking for success where President Clinton failed, House Republicans pushed passage Thursday of legislation to guarantee access to health insurance to millions of Americans who lose it when they leave their jobs.

But the measure contained several other provisions that drew fire from the White House and Democratic critics, including limits on medical malpractice awards and creation of a system of tax-deductible, individual savings accounts to cover medical expenses.

House passage would send the bill to the Senate, where Majority Leader Bob Dole, the GOP presidential nominee-in-waiting, has scheduled debate for next month on a more modest bill.

But Democrats, who favored a more limited set of changes, said the GOP was overreaching.

Astronauts, Cosmonauts part at space station

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — With bear hugs and teary eyes, space shuttle Atlantis' astronaut said goodbye to the crew of Russia's space station Mir and then flew away Thursday, leaving Shanshan Lucid behind for a five-month stay in orbit.

Atlantis' crew unlatched the shuttle from Mir after five days of docked flight some 250 miles above Earth. The shuttle circled Mir and for a picture-taking session and then returned to Earth on Saturday.

Unable to communicate with Mir because of a bad radio link, the astronauts had to relay their final farewells and best wishes to Lucid and her two Russian colleagues via the control centers.

Clinton cracks down on housing criminals

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton ordered eviction Thursday for anyone committing a violent or drug-related crime in public housing, declaring a "one strike and you're out" rule was needed to make such housing safe.

The president signed a directive ordering Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros to issue national guidelines for housing authorities to incorporate the policy through tenant screening and lease agreements.

The policy means any resident could be evicted for being involved in a drug-related or violent crime or for allowing a guest to take part in those activities. Conceivably, a tenant could be left homeless by the action of one of its members.

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