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Study finds margin between rich, poor widening in states

WASHINGTON (AP) — The gap between rich and poor is widening in almost every state, a private research group said Monday in a report that found the Great Plains and Mountain West lagging other parts of the nation in general economic climate.

Northeastern states earned top grades in the annual 50-state economic report card compiled by the Corporation for Enterprise Development, a research and consulting organization whose study was financed by corporations, labor unions and private foundations.

The states that did best were those that were willing to invest in basics such as education, technology and capital markets — "not very flashy, but very effective in the end," the group found.

States in the South and Midwest have followed the lead of the Northeast by making more investments to ensure future growth, it said.

"Overall, states are developing a much better sense of what needs to be done to advance economic development," Robert E. Friedman, president of the organization, said. "The lessons from states that have actively promoted a stronger economy are clearly being transferred to other states across the nation."

Despite the economic strides taken in many states, a growing disparity between rich people and poor people was evident throughout the country, with the income gap widening in all states except North Dakota, Hawaii and Alaska, the study found.

Increases in an index measuring a shift of income from the less well-off toward the well-to-do ranged from 1 percent in states with generally strong economies to much higher percentages in states that are struggling. The biggest increases in income inequality were in Iowa at 21 percent, West Virginia 19.8 percent, and New Mexico 15.4 percent.

"What this means is that even states experiencing strong economic growth cannot be confident that the benefits of growth are equitably distributed," the study said. "The lesson here is simply that states must always be vigilant, because the best of times for some may be the worst of times for others."

The study found that, overall, "acute economic distress" has become chronic in some states west of the Mississippi.

The weakest states are "thinly populated mineral-extraction and agriculture-dependent states of the

Great Plains and the Mountain West" that were crippled by the collapse of commodity prices at the start of the decade and never recovered.

The study evaluated the economies of all 50 states on more than 125 variables and graded the states from A to F in four subject areas: economic performance, business vitality, resource capacity and development policy.

Of the 13 states that got no A's or B's in any of the four categories, seven were from the Plains and Western regions, including South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and New Mexico.

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— economic research study

ergy, mineral, timber and agricultural commodity markets," the report said.

Twelve of the 13 states that scored no A's or B's were described as rural. The other low scorer was Missouri, which also has significant agricultural and rural areas.

The study said it was not the states' "ruralness" that caused them to perform poorly, but rather "how limited their mix of industries is and, in most cases, how little they are doing to upgrade their economic mix."

The 13th state with no A's or B's was West Virginia.

The report cautioned that while many states are improving their economic performance, they must work to excel in international markets rather than merely luring business across state borders.

An analysis of how the United States fared against its competitors found that "while the U.S. fares well in measures of capacity and income, it falls behind in meeting global standards of business competitiveness," the study said.

In Advance

Ebony brings annual fashion show to A&M

Ebony magazine will bring its 31st annual Ebony Fashion Fair to **Rudder Tower at 8 p.m. Thursday.** The show, sponsored by the MSC Black Awareness Committee and the Bethune Woman's Club of Bryan, will showcase more than 200 outfits and accessories by designers including Bill Blass, Bob Mackie and Fabrice.

Tickets are on sale at Rudder

Box Office and at Tip Top Records and Tapes in Bryan. Student tickets are \$10 and adult tickets are \$18. Ticket prices include a one-year subscription to Ebony or a six-month subscription to Jet magazine. Proceeds will go toward the construction of a youth center in north Bryan.

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Nominations open for John Koldus Award

Student leaders and organizations can nominate outstanding faculty and staff members for the first John J. Koldus Award.

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cause of his continuous service to students beyond the confines of his responsibilities.

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Applications are available in the Student Activities Office and Student Services Office and must be turned in by **March 24.** For additional information, contact Jan Patterson, chairman of the selection committee, at 845-1133.

Scientist presents lecture on dinosaur theories

Dinosaur scientist Dr. Robert Bakker will speak on "Hot and Cold Running Dinosaurs" today at 8 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium.

Bakker, whose theories of dinosaurs as fleet warm-blooded creatures are causing some rethinking about the animals, will be speaking as part of the Texas A&M University Lecture Series sponsored by the College of Science.

Bakker, curator of the paleontology museum at the University of Colorado since 1983, holds a master's degree from Yale University and a doctorate from Har-

vard University.

As part of his visit to the community, Bakker will present a children's program Wednesday at the Brazos Center from 7-8 p.m. The program, "Dinosaurs: Bringing Them Back Alive" is designed for children, but adults also are invited. A \$1 admission fee will be charged to benefit the Brazos Valley Museum. For more information call Vaelean Silvy, director of the museum, at 776-2195.

Bakker also will present a scientific lecture, "Suboptimal Evolution," at noon Thursday in 601 Rudder.

Surf Club presents 'surf movie with a twist'

The Texas A&M Surf Club will present "Journey to the Impact Zone," a 90-minute "surf movie with a twist" by Jeff Neu, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in 601 Rudder. Tickets can be bought at the door.

The film, which took more

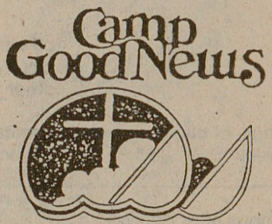
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