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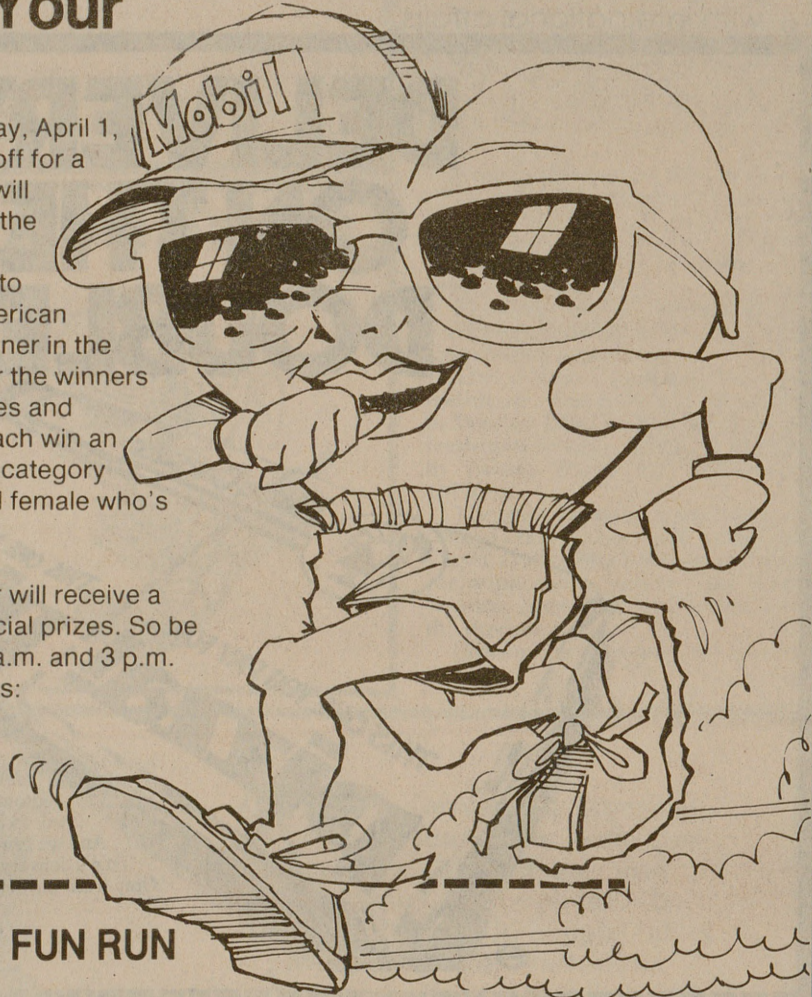
## 5K CHARITY FUN RUN

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Beginning at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 1, hundreds of runners will take off for a run that'll be loads of fun and will save lives. In conjunction with the Student Engineering Council, Mobil will make a contribution to the Bryan-College Station-American Heart Association for each runner in the race. And, there'll be prizes for the winners too! The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd males and females to the finish line will each win an award. And, a special Masters category will award the fastest male and female who's 40 years of age or more.

The first 750 people to register will receive a Fun Run T-shirt and other special prizes. So be the first to register between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at one of the following locations:

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### MOBIL 5K CHARITY FUN RUN

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 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

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 In consideration of acceptance of this entry, I the undersigned waive and release any and all claims for myself, my agents and heirs against all sponsors and officials of the Mobil Charity Fun Run for any injury or illness which may directly or indirectly result from my participation in this event. I understand the event begins promptly at 5:00 p.m. - rain or shine.

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Photo by Diana Jo Burleson

A Texas A&M police officer and emergency medical technicians administer aid to Kevin Noland, a freshman biochemistry major from Houston, who was injured in a bicycle accident Wednesday afternoon. Witnesses said Noland

jumped a curb on Lamar Street in front of Bizzell Hall, and then lost control of his bike and flipped over the handlebars, landing on his face. Noland was treated and released at a local hospital.

## American goes on buying spree to expand airline

NEW YORK (AP) — American Airlines' announcement Wednesday of three mammoth orders for new aircraft and engines worth billions of dollars is the latest step in the carrier's aggressive expansion program. At a time some competitors are racked by financial losses and labor tensions, American plans to spend up to \$14 billion through 1994 to modernize its fleet. Over the last two months American, the nation's second-largest carrier, has gone on an aircraft shopping spree exceeding \$10 billion.

Executives of the Fort Worth-based carrier held a news conference to announce orders for up to 150 Fokker-100 short-haul planes and 35 Boeing jetliners.

Fokker, the Amsterdam, Netherlands-based aerospace group, disclosed March 16 that it was negotiating the order.

American has a fleet of 478 planes that already is one of the youngest in the industry at an average of about 9.4 years. The carrier plans to reduce the average to around 8.4 years by 1992, with a fleet of more than 600 planes by 1991.

The industry average age was about 12.67 years as of July 1, 1988, the last date reliable statistics were available, according to Avmark Inc., an aviation consulting firm in Arlington, Va.

"The public wants to fly on airlines that have younger, quieter aircraft," Robert Crandall, American's chairman and president, told the news conference.

Last week, American announced a \$95 million expansion of its corporate headquarters in Fort Worth, and began distributing \$121 million in profit sharing to employees. The carrier also plans within the next several weeks to announce the location for a new \$200 million maintenance facility.

Industry analysts say the expenditures indicate American's financial strength and reflect its strategy for fleet upgrading and route expansion.

AMR Corp., American's parent, earned a company-record \$476 million last year on \$8.8 billion in revenue.

## National Briefs

### Snitch-line draws crank calls, criticism

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A 24-hour hot line that allows students to snitch on their cheating classmates has drawn dozens of crank calls and criticism that it invites false accusations.

The telephone line was installed two weeks ago at the University of Florida in Gainesville, but officials say it's too early to tell whether any tips will lead to cheaters.

So far, crank callers have been eager to turn in people for cheating on their girlfriends and boy-

friends. The university's 75-year-old student Honor Court, which handles about two dozen cases a year, set up the hot line to encourage reticent students to report academic crimes.

All callers have to do is leave the name and class of the offender on an answering machine, and the court will investigate and take any necessary action.

Investigations are confidential, which has led some critics to worry about false charges.

### Bush visits schools to speak out against drugs

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) — President Bush flew here from Washington, the nation's murder capital, to tell high school students that rising drug use in this pristine, pastoral area of Amish farms shows "how vulnerable every American city and town is to the menace."

But, he told his audience, "The good news is, you're fighting back" with hometown efforts to stop young people from using drugs before they ever begin.

From here, he shuttled to Wilmington, Del., to proclaim that drugs are not an issue with "shades of gray."

"It involves good guys and bad guys, white hats and black hats, good and evil."

Preceded on stage at Lancaster's Conestoga Valley High School by a young man who told how drugs had wrecked his life, the president railed against casual drug use and reiterated his pledge to destroy foreign drug crops and the labs that process their harvest.

Addressing 3,000 students and parents packed into the school gym, Bush told the crowd:

"Together, let's you and me send a message on drug abuse to the so-called casual user."

### GOP chooses Gingrich as minority whip

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans elected right-wing activist Newt Gingrich of Georgia to their No. 2 leadership post Wednesday and charted a course for battle with the ruling Democrats.

Gingrich, the chief accuser of House Speaker Jim Wright and the publicity-hungry leader of a neo-conservative faction, declared he would "build a much more aggressive, activist party."

"I'm going to be happiest when two Republicans are debating an issue on TV and there's no room for a Democrat," he said.

Gingrich, 45, was elected minority whip over Rep. Edward Madigan of Illinois, 87-85 in a secret ballot of House Republicans, who hold 174 of the 435 House

seats. One Republican was absent and another voted for "other."

The vote for Gingrich was widely taken as a rebuke of the low-key style of the current Republican leadership, and a desire in the House GOP to concentrate more effort on attacking the Democrats.

"As whip, Newt's task will be to count votes, create consensus or piece together a majority for initiatives sponsored by the Bush administration," said Rep. Tony Coelho, the House Democratic whip.

"That's a tough job under any circumstances," he said, "more so for someone who's stood apart from the legislative process so often."

## Democrats recognize possible threat to power

WASHINGTON (AP) — One Democrat calls it "trickle-down Republicanism." Another warns of the "McDonaldization" of American politics.

Their message is the same: the assumption that Democrats can count on remaining a powerful party out of power is shortsighted politics. After losing four out of five presidential elections, the party could see the trend trickle down and threaten Democratic dominance in Congress, too.

Sen. Bob Graham of Florida used the McDonald's analogy. He said people are getting political messages the same way they hear about hamburger chains, on television. Graham said that goes double for people who move from one state to another, with the Sun Belt trend taking most of them toward Republican areas.

In that situation, he said, the notion that there can be two Democratic parties, one of presidential losers and the other of congressional winners, is one that can't last forever.

William A. Galston, a University of Maryland political scientist and an adviser to former Vice President Walter F. Mondale in the landslide Democratic defeat of 1984, supplied the theory of trickle-down GOP strength.

He said that is more likely than a permanent, split-level realignment in which there's a congressional party and a presidential party. Galston pointed to Texas as an example of what could happen nationally — rising Republican strength beginning at the presidential level and gradually spreading down the ballot.

Galston said that "could well turn out to be the harbinger of our party's national fate." It would have to be a very early harbinger — Democrats dominate the House 258 to 174. Whatever the pull of party, the power of incumbency is greater, and the overwhelming majority of members who run for re-election win it. So any significant change in political alignment probably would take years.

In the Senate, Democratic 55 to 45, change could come more rapidly, not in the next election but possibly in 1992, according to Galston.

Those arguments got a sympathetic hearing at the Democratic Leadership Council, a moderate-to-conservative counterforce to the party's liberal wing. The prevailing view there is that Democrats must move to the middle in order to field a presidential candidate who can win.

When that group met recently in Philadelphia, Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia, the chairman, said some Democrats find solace for national defeat in congressional dominance.

"But a congressional majority cannot set the national agenda; only a president can do that," Nunn said. "Until we regain the White House, we will be able to block, modify and amend, but not to challenge, inspire and lead."

"We will be the mechanics of national policy, but not the architects of national purpose," he said.