

## Mandela's release sparks celebrations, riots

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — Nelson Mandela walked through a prison gate to freedom Sunday, setting off joyous celebrations and violent clashes as blacks nationwide welcomed their leader back from 27 years in jail.  
"Comrades and fellow South Africans, I greet you all in the name of peace, democracy and freedom for all," Mandela told tens of thousands of cheering supporters who thronged outside City Hall, many getting their first look at the African National Congress leader.  
"I stand here before you not as a prophet, but as a humble servant of you the people."  
Mandela has clearly lost weight since the 1960s; both his face and his body are leaner

than when he was a sturdily built boxer decades ago. At 71, his face is creased with two thick lines that frame his strong, confident smile.  
Violence broke out about the same time Mandela's motorcade arrived in Cape Town from Victor Verster prison. Police said a black looter was shot to death by officers, and first aid workers said more than 100 people were injured when riot police fired shotguns after groups of black youths smashed shop windows in the city center.  
Some youths retaliated by hurling bottles at the officers. Hundreds of terrified people waiting to hear Mandela ran for cover as police fired blasts of shotgun pellets.  
Clashes between police and celebrating blacks were reported in at least two other

areas, including the tribal homeland of Ciskei, where hospital officials said police shooting killed three people and wounded 20.  
In Natal Province, where ANC supporters have been feuding with a more conservative black group, police said 12 blacks were killed in factional fighting Sunday. It was a harsh reminder of the bitter feuds involving black factions who disagree on the best way to fight for equality.  
Elsewhere, hundreds of thousands of

blacks danced and jogged through the streets of big cities and impoverished townships, rejoicing at Mandela's freedom.  
The Rev. Jesse Jackson, speaking at a church service outside Cape Town shortly before Mandela was released, commended the South African government for making a "courageous step" but said "the pillars of apartheid remain in place."  
Government television broadcast live Mandela's exit from prison and later showed most of the ANC leader's speech.  
"We have waited too long for our freedom," Mandela told the crowd. He said that until the proper climate was created for peaceful negotiations, the armed struggle was still a policy of the ANC.  
"The factors that (caused the need for

armed struggle) ... exist today," Mandela said. "We have no options but to continue."  
"We express the hope that a climate conducive to a negotiated settlement would be created."  
Mandela spoke of "my long and lonely years in prison."  
"I am content that your pain and suffering was far greater than my own," he said, adding that he would make further statements after consulting his ANC comrades.  
"There must be an end to white monopoly of political power and a fundamental restructuring of our political and economic systems to ensure that the inequalities of apartheid are addressed," he said.

### Aggies sweep first series

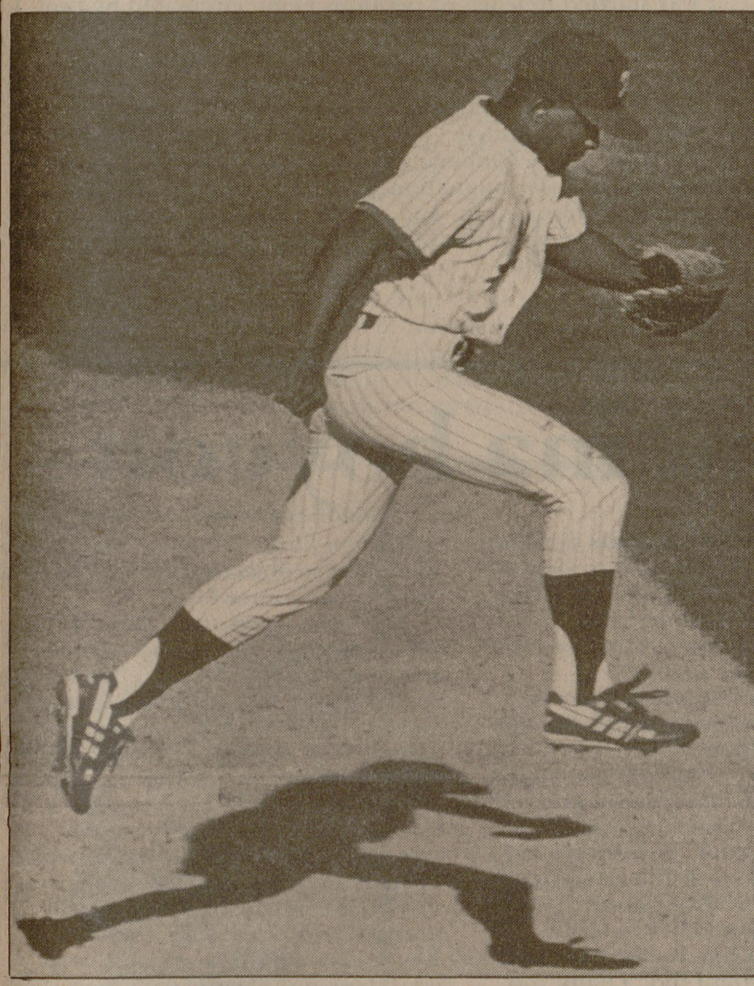


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University of Texas at Arlington centerfielder Jose Rubiera performs his ritualistic leap off of first base, which he did at the end of every inning, during the second game of a doubleheader at Olsen Field Saturday. See game stories/Page 10

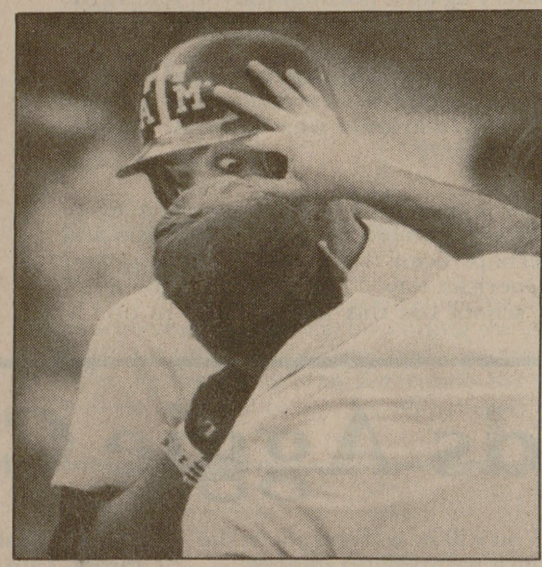


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Jason Marshall, shortstop for A&M, called time out against U.T.A. while at bat when something blew into his eye during Friday's game.

## Students take sides in war over Aggie Cinema movie

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Students are taking sides and drawing battle lines as the petition war over the showing of an X-rated movie at Texas A&M rages on.  
A petition calling for the boycott of MSC Aggie Cinema for showing "The Last Woman" as part of its International Film Series has prompted three more petitions. This time, however, the petitions are in support of Aggie Cinema.  
Chet Laughlin, a senior computer science major who helped draft one of the petitions, said his petition was drawn up to show Aggie Cinema there are people who enjoy international movies and would like to have the option to watch them regardless of their ratings.  
Jay Easley, a sophomore electrical engineering major who worked with Laughlin on his petition, said the authors of the first petition should have seen the movie.  
"Personally I think it is irrational and childish to condemn something you haven't even seen," Easley said. "It's one thing to go there and say, 'Boy, this is sick. I don't think we need to have this on campus,' but it's another thing to never see it and say the same."  
Matt DeWoody and Jennifer Wolling, the authors of the first petition, said they are in a no-win situation. "If we had seen the movie we would have been called hypocrites," DeWoody said. "As it is, we are being called ignorant. We

had sufficient information beforehand on the objectionable content of the movie through its rating. The Battalion preview and through the significant number of warnings."  
Robbie Chamness, a freshman political science major who worked with Laughlin on his petition, said he is concerned about students losing the right to choose.  
"The issue is not whether the movies that come to campus are immoral or not," Chamness said. "The issue is the liberty of the individual to go to the movie and decide for himself whether it is moral or not. I have no doubt that if I saw the movie I would find it offensive, but I don't like the idea of taking that right away from me."  
DeWoody and Wolling, however, said that right to choose is not a guaranteed right at a public institution.  
"We shouldn't have to support it (the right) with our money," DeWoody said. "They could go and see the movie somewhere else where we are not forced to pay for it."  
Easley said the cultural aspects of bringing international movies to the campus are important in order to get a well-rounded education and see the world as other cultures see it.  
"You can see the world as the French see it, as

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## Peace Corps head stresses awareness

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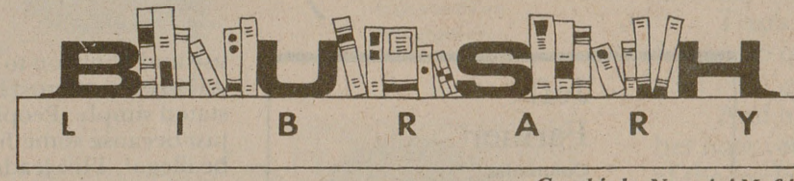
If the United States is to continue as a world leader, Americans must develop a strong international outlook, the director of the U.S. Peace Corps said Friday at the Student Conference on National Affairs.  
Paul D. Coverdell, director of the Peace Corps since May 1989, said the world is changing quickly and events in the past year made 1989 a "wonder year."  
"Communism appears mortally wounded and the Cold War has ended," Coverdell said. "We are entering a bold new era in history."  
This era is characterized by a shrinking world in terms of communication, transportation and economic interdependence, he said. Also, Coverdell said, inhabitants of our global village are becoming smarter, and business executives and private companies are playing an enlarged role in public policy issues and international relations.  
"Fortune magazine said 'this will be an era of possibility,'" Coverdell said.  
However, Coverdell is not sure he agrees.  
He said events in 1989 that did not make the headlines will have an enormous influence on the future.  
These events occurred in the Third World, where three-fourths of the world's population lives.  
"Here (in the Third World) we still find disease, conflict, oppression and ecological devastation," Coverdell said. "The developing world is moving steadily toward a dank, dreary, dark age."  
Understanding the developing world is important to help solve its problems, Coverdell said. He said Americans do not understand the world outside of the United States.  
He said Americans between 18 and 24 years old know less about

world geography than any other age group in any country in the industrialized western nations.  
Plus, one-third of the world's Ph.D. recipients, electrical engineers and scientists are in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.  
"What's missing is a sense of urgency within our nation about the opportunities that exist for us," Coverdell said. "All of us in the government and private sector must get busy training international experts so lacking in our country."  
Coverdell said joining the Peace Corps is an excellent way to get international training and view other countries and cultures first-hand.  
"The 120,000 Peace Corps volunteers over the past 29 years have brought valuable international skills to the United States," Coverdell said.  
He said communication and ideas will shape the face of the world in the 1990s, and the Peace Corps is an important element for communicating images about America with other countries.  
"In most of the countries the Peace Corps volunteers work in, the Peace Corps is the largest American presence," Coverdell said.  
He said this communication is vital for a global renaissance to occur.  
"There can be no global renaissance unless all nations and all people are included," Coverdell said.  
He said a global renaissance would include free-flowing trade and commerce, international cooperation and nations with economic stability helping nations which have not achieved economic stability.  
"The age of global integration and interdependence is here," Coverdell said. "The last vestiges of American isolationism must die if we are to play an important role in the bold new era."

## Bush keeps quiet library's location

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Not even the CIA could break the code of silence that surrounds the location of the Bush Presidential Library.  
Officials at the White House, Texas A&M, University of Houston and Rice University are not saying anything on any recent developments in the decision, which President Bush is expected to make sometime this year.  
Not even the President's son, who was contacted at his Texas Rangers office in Dallas, has any clue about where his father wants the library built.  
"No one knows any timetable because he hasn't made his decision yet," George Bush Jr. said. "He knows what kind of library he wants, so he doesn't need to ask for my input. I don't have much of an interest in it. I'm more worried about winning the World Series."  
President Bush met with officials from A&M, Houston, and Rice in January to accept the universities' proposals for the library. Bush's alma mater, Yale University, is also a proposed site, but Yale has not actively campaigned for the landmark.  
A spokesman from the White House Media Relations Office said that any newspaper articles about the location of the library are only speculation.  
"The official word from here is nothing," the spokesman said.  
Dr. Charles Johnson, associate



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dean in the College of Liberal Arts, said there is no intent on the part of anyone to keep news a secret. Johnson served as a consultant to an A&M academic committee formed to help bring the library here.  
"There is no intent on secrecy," Johnson said. "There is just a recognition that this is a decision for the president and it is appropriate to let him make it without a lot of hoopla."  
The Battalion could not obtain a copy of A&M's proposal, but it is widely believed that the primary site

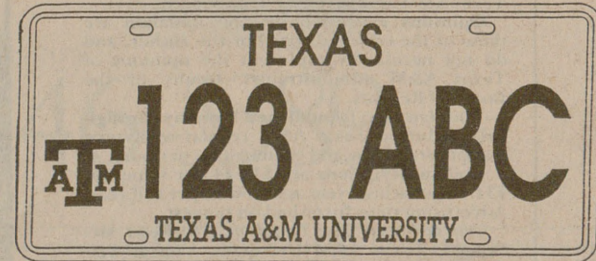
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The University of Houston's primary site proposal is 35 acres of land on the east side of the main campus, which UH President George Magner said is easily accessible from Interstate 45.  
Dr. George Rupp, president of Rice, said he had no comment about the library.  
A Yale representative was unavailable for comment.  
There have been reports that Rice and Houston have presented a joint proposal to build the library in Her-

mann Park near Rice, but Magner said each university has its own separate proposal.  
"There has been a lot of talk about Rice, UH, Texas Southern and the medical centers all collaborating, but at this point, we have presented our own proposals," Magner said. "In Houston, we could have many joint academic projects, but we haven't been publicizing our own proposals much."  
Magner said although the formal campaigning is over, he expects the

## Motorists can purchase Aggie plates; sales will benefit scholarship funds

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Aggie motorists have a new way to show their school spirit thanks to a program that allows drivers to buy license plates bearing a school's logo and have the money from these plates go to the school's scholarship funds.  
Texas A&M is the first university to have its collegiate license plate approved by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, Robert Smith, vice president of finance and administration, said.  
In November a bill was passed in the Texas Legislature directing the department to develop license plates for any college or university that could assure sales of at least 1,500 plates, Smith said.  
About six weeks ago, A&M guaranteed the Department of Motor Vehicles that sales of A&M license plates would reach the 1,500 purchases minimum, Smith



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## Memorial announced for A&M vet

A memorial service will be held for Dr. Eduardo Bessoudo, 36, Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the All Faiths Chapel.  
Bessoudo was a 1983 graduate of the Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine and was nearing completion of graduate studies in animal science.  
He died at his residence Jan. 25 of a heart attack. Services were Thursday in Mexico City.  
Survivors include his mother, Celia Bessoudo of Mexico City; his sister, Ruty Bessoudo of Mexico City; and his brother, Dr. Ricardo Bessoudo of Toronto.