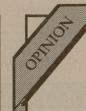
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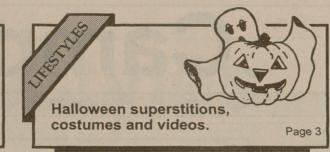
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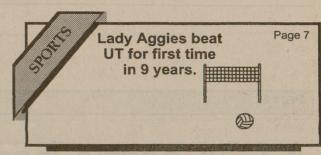






Father & Daughter: Columnist Stacy Feducia exchanges views with her dad on the changing times in





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Bush advocates land-for-peace in Mideast

MADRID, Spain (AP) — President Bush revived his land-for-

peace formula Wednesday at the opening of the Mideast peace conference. Looking for a quick-fix agreement in what could be negotiations over many years, Bush also

urged Israel and Bush the Palestinians to experiment on a self-rule plan for the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"Nothing agreed to now will ejudice permanent status negorallis." bargaining between Arabs and Israelis. prejudice permanent status negotiations," he told the two nervous

Bush's obvious aim is to get a quick dividend for himself and his foreign policy, and also for Arabs and Israelis in the event a more comprehensive settlement of their 43-year dispute proves elusive.

On Tuesday, in a news conference with Soviet President Mikhail . Gorbachev, Bush steadfastly refused to repeat the land-for-peace

That, Bush suggested, might inhibit the launching of face-to-face

To prescribe land-for-peace is to unnerve Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Syrian President Hafez Assad.

Shamir appears determined not to yield any of the land Israel retains from the 1967 Six-Day war. And Assad is unwilling to offer peace to Israel in exchange for the Golan Heights alone.

Determined not to upset the two key players at the outset, Bush fell back on vaguely worded

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Leaders urge 'territorial compromise'

MADRID, Spain (AP) — For the first time in more than four decades of bloodletting, Israel and all its Arab foes sat down together, listening warily Wednesday as President Bush urged them to called for full Israeli withdrawal from the occupied lands.

The conference began against the backdrop of threats of more violence in the Middle East. In forge a "territorial compromise."

Bush and Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev opened the historic Middle East peace conference in Madrid's ornate Royal Palace, they left center stage to the participants.

The opening session was marked by a hardline speech from Egypt's foreign minister, who

Lebanon, thousands of Islamic protesters demonstrated against the talks, chanting "Death to America, Death to Israel!" In Iran, a hard-liner

said all conference delegates should be killed. 'Peace will only come as a result of direct

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Wake up call

reveille at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday signaling Corps Cadet members this duty in the morning and the evening.

Tom Pradel, a sophomore band member from Kingwood sounds fall in for breakfast at Duncan Dining Hall. The bugler performs

causes class cuts

Shortfall

A&M's 11 million shortage to result in fewer course offerings, larger sections

By Karen Praslicka

Increased costs for the Texas A&M University System and cuts in state revenue have resulted in an \$11.3 million shortage in the

system budget for fiscal year 1992. The \$1.1 billion system budget comes from money generated by tuition, fees, research contracts and state revenue. The budget is 35 percent state funded.

Dr. Ed Hiler, executive deputy chancellor, said the shortage could have a significant effect on stu-

The effect of the budget on students will be seen mainly through fewer class sections and fewer summer school classes

The fewer class sections might create scheduling problems for students, Hiler said. Some classes may have a few larger sections to make up for lost sections, which Hiler said could effect the quality of teaching.

"We know it will have some kind of effect, but hopefully not too much," he said. Hiler said each university in the

system is not effected in the same For example, A&M at College Station had a 4.2 percent cut in

general revenue, while other universitites in the system had a 3.2 percent cut in general revenue.

Hiler said A&M might have gotten a bigger cut because the University has some permanent funds available. He said, however, these cannot make up for general revenue.

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Minority groups win opportunity to challenge House redistricting plan Shelter restricts adoptions

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court on Wednesday cleared the way for a trial on a challenge by minority groups of

the state House redistricting plan.
"This is a great victory," said James Harrington, an attorney with the Texas Civil Rights Pro-"That is exactly what we

wanted them to do.' Despite the state's loss before the court, Attorney General Dan Morales said through a spokesman "We welcome the de-

cision because it will allow for a quicker resolution of the issue."

The order come one day after arguments before the Supreme Court on a lower court decision that said redistricting plans approved by the Legislature were unconstitutional.

On Aug. 22, State District Judge Mario Ramirez Jr. of Edinburg said the reapportioned districts for Congress, the Legislature, and State Board of Education discriminated against minorities because

the plans relied on inaccurate cen

He ordered the state to adjust the federal population count to compensate for the undercount of about 500,000 Texans, a disproportionate share of whom are blacks and Hispanics.

The state says it cannot adjust the census figures.

Since then, minority groups have settled with state leaders on

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Halloween poses danger to animals

By Mark Evans

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The Brazos Animal Shelter has taken special precautions during this week to protect black and white cats from becoming victims

The shelter does not permit people to adopt the cats a few days before Halloween, said Denise Fulfer, humane educator of

the shelter. People interested in adopting a black or white cat may still do so, but they must leave the animal at the animal shelter until

"If someone took home a black cat right at Halloween and it got loose, there are very malicious and ill-intentioned people out there who would harm the cat," Fulfer

Until a cat becomes adjusted to its new home, they often will at-

weeks for them to grow accustomed to their new home. During this time, they can easily become frightened.

'We're doing it (restricting Halloween adoptions) for not only the cat's safety but also for the benefit of the well-meaning adopters who would be heart-broken if something happened to their new cat,"

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Air pollution exceeds regulations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly 100 ur-n areas have air pollution exceeding feder-severity of the pollution. dust and other particulates. To come into federal co ban areas have air pollution exceeding federal standards and many will need to take strong measures such as using cleaner gasoline or controlling industrial emissions to clean the air, the Environmental Protection Agency said Wednesday

The EPA's identification of areas with the worst air pollution gives notice to state and local authorities who will have to impose new pollution controls under the Clean Air

Act passed by Congress last year. The communities have three to 20 years

Many of the worst air quality problem areas such as southern California have been on the EPA's noncompliance list for years. But in some, the dirty air has drifted farther into rural counties.

The EPA found 98 urban areas exceeding the maximum allowable levels for ozone, the primary component of smog.

Forty-two areas were found not to meet federal standards for carbon monoxide, and 71 areas exceeded federal maximums for

To come into federal compliance under the Clean Air Act, state and local authorities will have to take a variety of pollution control measures, depending on the severity of the pollution, EPA officials said

While states have considerable leeway on how to clean up the air, the measures are likely to include a broad array of pollution reduction measures such as requiring cleaner-burning gasoline, tighter tailpipe emis

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Student workers preregister Monday, need application

By Melody Dunne

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On- or off-campus student workers at Texas A&M can preregister for Spring '92 classes Monday through Wednesday in

the Pavilion from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students who work a minimum of 12 hours per week between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, can pick up a pre-registration application in the first floor of the Pavilion or in

The application must be filled out by the student and the em-

ployer to be valid.

A&M's assistant registrar Willis Ritchey said the application process began last spring when students started applying for fall classes. He said too many people were taking advantage of worker preregistration and the application

could stop potential misuse. Many graduating seniors who

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