

# Spring Workshops

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## DANCE

**Adv C & W Dance**  
 Wed. April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
 6-7:15pm  
 \$20/student \$25/nonstudent

**Jitterbug**  
 Wed. April 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6  
 7:30-8:45pm  
 \$20/student \$25/nonstudent

## ARTS & CRAFTS

**Drawing II**  
 Tues. March 24 - April 28  
 6-8pm  
 \$20/student \$25/nonstudent

**Etched Glass**  
 Tues. March 24  
 6-9pm  
 \$12/student \$17/nonstudent

**Leaded Glass**  
 Wed. March 25 - April 22  
 6-9pm  
 \$28/student \$33/nonstudent

**Jewelry**  
 Sat & Sun April 4 & 5  
 9am-12 & 1-4pm  
 \$40/student \$45/nonstudent

**Hand Building**  
 Mon. March 23 - April 27  
 7:30-9:30pm  
 \$30/student \$35/nonstudent

**Woodworking**  
 M/W. March 30, April 1, 6, 8  
 6-9pm  
 \$28/student \$33/nonstudent

**Sewing II**  
 Mon. March 30 April 6, 13, 20, 27  
 6-9pm  
 \$30/student \$35/nonstudent

**Craft Sampler Class**  
 Thurs. March 26 April 2, 9  
 6-8pm  
 \$20/student \$25/nonstudent

## COMPUTERS

**Intro to DOS/IBM PC**  
 T/W/Th. March 24, 25, 26  
 7-9pm  
 Sat. March 28, April 4  
 9-12am

**WordPerfect 5.1**  
 T/W/Th. April 14, 15, 16  
 7-9pm  
 T/W/Th. April 21, 22, 23  
 7-9pm  
 \$15/student \$20/nonstudent

**Adv. Word for MAC**  
 Sat. April 25, May 2  
 9-12am  
 \$20/student \$25/nonstudent

## LANGUAGES

**Japanese II**  
 M/W. March 30 - May 6  
 6:30-8pm  
 \$35/student \$40/nonstudent

**Inter Spanish**  
 T/Th. March 24 - April 30  
 6:30-8pm  
 \$35/student \$40/nonstudent

**English as a 2nd Language (ESL)**  
 M/W. March 23 - April 29  
 6:30-8pm  
 \$40/student \$45/nonstudent



## SPECIAL INTEREST

**Suzuki Strings**  
 Mon. Mar 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27  
 6:30-8pm  
 \$18/student \$23/nonstudent

**Wine Appreciation II**  
 Wed. March 25, April 1, 8, 15  
 7-8:30pm  
 \$25/student \$30/nonstudent

**Matting & Framing**  
 Thurs. March 26, April 2, 9  
 6-8pm  
 \$25/student \$30/nonstudent

**Electronics**  
 Thurs. March 26 April 2, 9, 16  
 6:30-9:30pm  
 \$26/student \$31/nonstudent

**Cake Decorating**  
 Mon. April 6, 13, 20, 27  
 6-8pm  
 \$15/student \$20/nonstudent

**Plan a Wedding**  
 Tues. March 24, 31 April 7, 14  
 6-8pm  
 \$22/student \$27/nonstudent

**Potpourri**  
 Tues. April 7  
 6-8pm  
 \$12/student \$17/nonstudent

**Assertiveness**  
 Thurs. April 2, 9, 16, 23  
 7:30-9pm  
 \$12/student \$17/nonstudent

**B&W Darkroom**  
 Tues. March 31, April 7, 14  
 6-9pm  
 \$25/student \$30/nonstudent

**Bike Maintenance**  
 Tues. March 31, April 7, 14, 21  
 7-9pm  
 \$20/student \$25/nonstudent

**Video Recorder & VCR Techniques**  
 Thurs. April 9, 16, 23  
 7-9pm  
 \$18/student \$23/nonstudent

# Trade talks show progress

Negotiators hope to approach Congress with pact before 1993

WASHINGTON (AP) — Negotiators could achieve a breakthrough in the North American Free Trade Agreement talks, making it possible to present the pact to Congress this year, a spokesman for the U.S. Trade Representative's office said Monday.

"There's still a chance for an agreement this year and for one to be presented (to Congress) this year," said Timothy O'Leary, a spokesman for Trade Representative Carla Hills.

But senior Bush administration officials last week told The New York Times and The Washington Post that the White House almost certainly would not seek congressional ratification of the pact this year.

Although President Bush remains firmly committed to a trade agreement — and several confidants feel it could be an election-year political bonus in several key states — the complexity of the talks make a deal unlikely this year, the unidentified officials said.

The chief negotiators for the United States, Mexico and Canada began a week-long series of talks Monday in Washington.

Many of the 19 working groups examining individual trade issues also were in town and meeting separately.

The Washington talks mark the first time the chief negotiators have met face-to-face since the Dallas round last month.

None of the 19 working groups

has reached agreement. Talks on problem areas such as energy and automobiles remain "in the concept stages," Ms. Hills said last week.

The free trade agreement — which would link the United States, Canada and Mexico in a market of 360 million consumers with an annual output of \$6 trillion — has become a hotly-contested issue in the presidential campaign season.

Former California Gov. Jerry Brown campaigned hard against the free trade pact in the Midwest where fear is high that industrial jobs could be lost to low-paid Mexican workers.

H. Ross Perot has come out against a free trade agreement.

# Lottery ticket sales to start early, beat July deadline

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The first tickets for the Texas Lottery could go on sale as early as late May, State Comptroller John Sharp said Monday.

Sharp, whose office oversees the gambling game, said he expects to beat the July 1 deadline for starting the instant-win games and the Jan. 1, 1993, deadline for computerized "lotto" games.

The lottery already is issuing licenses to retail outlets that will sell instant scratch-off tickets, he said.

"It (start-up) may be moved now to as early as June 1," Sharp said. "It may even be possible to begin around Memorial Day — the last week of May — something like that."

Sharp's comments came in a speech to the Texas Daily Newspaper Association's annual meeting. The comptroller said the computerized games could be ready by Sept. 1, although lottery officials likely would wait until a week or two after the Labor Day holiday.

"Everything's on track. It's well ahead of schedule," he said.

"Each day the lottery operates means about \$1 million in revenue for state government," Sharp noted. An earlier start-up means that much more revenue, he said. "One million dollars a day starts getting into some real money."

Sharp also said lottery officials are pushing Texas merchants to apply for lottery-selling licenses by the March 31 deadline to help meet the earlier start-up date.

"We're trying to get the whole 15,000 signed up by the end of this month," he said.

On other state issues, Sharp told the newspaper group that he continues studying possible changes in the tax structure that would end public schools' dependence on property taxes. Lawmakers are under court order to devise a more equitable funding system.

Sharp said he wasn't yet ready to endorse a "value-added tax" but is looking for something that could roll back property taxes on homeowners and provide a fairer business tax structure.

"The only reason we use school property taxes to fund education is because when that system started, that's the only wealth there was," he said.

# Physicians join forces in radiation study

HOUSTON (AP) — Physicians at Methodist Hospital on Monday joined colleagues at the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem to study children exposed to radiation in the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear plant accident.

The Texas Hadassah Medical Research Foundation is establishing a registry of radiation-exposed children who have fled their former Soviet Union homes for Israel. The project will involve physicians who hope to develop preventive medical care for radiation exposure.

"The idea was to collaborate this between Texas Medical Center and the Hadassah Foundation," Dr. Samuel Penchas, director of Jerusalem's Hadassah Medical Organization, said. He said Methodist Hospital and Texas Children's Hospital along with two hospitals in Jerusalem will work on the project.

"Nature has given us an unusual opportunity," Penchas said, noting that as many as a million residents of the former Soviet Union will have emigrated to Israel by the end of the decade.

# Plea bargain reveals conspirators

DALLAS (AP) — There were other persons working with the Presidio County sheriff in a \$50 million cocaine smuggling attempt, according to the sheriff's plea agreement which was released Monday in Pecos.

The plea bargain, which kept Rick Thompson from going to trial, was unsealed Monday after The Dallas Morning News sued to have the document opened. The case was sealed last month when Thompson pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiracy to import a load of cocaine that was found in a horse trailer at the Presidio County fairgrounds.

Prosecutors had said they didn't want the pact made public because authorities still are investigating the drug smuggling case. Thompson also wanted the agreement to remain secret.

The plea agreement shows that Thompson said he became involved in the smuggling case with co-defendant, Glyn Robert Chambers, and "with other persons to the grand jury unknown."

The bargain says that Thompson will cooperate

with the government in the future.

Three of four charges against Thompson were dropped in the deal. The charges followed a 2.5 pound cocaine seizure in Marfa last year.

Also, the government agreed not to prosecute the former sheriff for any past narcotics or gun violations or for any perjury committed before the grand jury the past in the Western District.

Thompson faces between 10 years to life in prison and a maximum \$4 million fine, although the U.S. Attorney is recommending a reduction in the sentence for making the plea. The government is suggesting a 10-year prison sentence with no fine. Sentencing is set for May 8.

Thompson, who had been sheriff for 18 years, remains free on \$5,000 bond.

Before his indictment, Thompson had said he moved the drugs from the Rio Grande to Marfa as part of a one-man reverse drug sting he was conducting. The cocaine's street value was estimated at \$1 million.

The Texas A&M University Student Publications Board is accepting applications for

## Editor, The Battalion

Summer 1992

The summer editor will serve from May 25, 1992, through August 7, 1992.

## Editor, The Battalion

Fall 1992

The fall editor will serve from August 17, 1992, through December 11, 1992.

• Qualifications for editor of *The Battalion* are:

Be a student at Texas A&M with a minimum 2.0 GPR at the time of appointment and during the term of office;

At least one year experience in a responsible editorial position on *The Battalion* or comparable student newspaper,

OR

At least one year editorial experience on a commercial newspaper,

OR

At least 12 hours journalism, including JOUR 203 and 303 (Media Writing I and II) or equivalent. The 12 hours must include completion of or enrollment in JOUR 301 (Mass Comm Law) or equivalent.

## Editor, Aggieland

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The *Aggieland* editor is responsible for staffing, producing and promoting A&M's 1993 yearbook. *Aggieland* is the nation's largest yearbook, both in the number of pages and number of copies sold each year.

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Be a student at Texas A&M with a minimum 2.0 GPR at the time of appointment and during the term of office. At least one year of experience in a responsible position on the *Aggieland* or comparable college yearbook is preferred.

Application forms should be picked up and returned to the Student Publications Manager's office, room 230 Reed McDonald Building. Deadline for submitting application: 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, 1992. Applicants will be interviewed during the Student Publications Board Meeting beginning at 8:30 a.m. Friday, March 27, 1992, in room 214 Reed McDonald.



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