

Defense cutbacks impact National Guard, state reserve units

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The hardest hit states:
 -California, 12,775 jobs.
 -New York, 9,865.
 -Massachusetts, 8,473.
 -Ohio, 8,041.
 -Michigan, 7,212.
 -Wisconsin, 6,546.
 -Illinois, 5,879.

The largest facilities on the hit list are the 40th Mechanized Division in California and the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Ohio.
 "It will cause great consternation to say the least," said Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa. and the chairman of the House Appropriations defense subcommittee. "This is not the way to get a defense budget through. They're making it

difficult for the members."
 Pennsylvania will lose 4,647 jobs.
 Democratic Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan said: "The reductions must be made rationally and distributed equitably. The Pentagon plan does not meet that basic standard."
 "We didn't have any political considerations at all. I didn't look at whether it was a Republican or

Democratic district," Cheney said.
 "National Guard and reserve units have a big economic impact on local communities. A 150-person armory brings \$2 million into the local economy. Closing them would be a big blow," said Rep. G.V. Montgomery, D-Miss., whose district is losing four units.
 Montgomery and others in Congress have fought deep cuts in the Guard and

the reserves. Last year, the Bush administration proposed a 105,076 reserve strength; Congress approved a 37,508 reduction.
 "Just because Congress said it doesn't mean it's a bad idea," Cheney said. "All I hear from my friends on Hill is 'Not in my back yard.' 'Don't touch my armory.' ... There are no states that are unscathed."

Student Senate removes 8 members from office

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senator about schedule changes.
 Ansbach further contends that it is standard protocol for the speaker of the senate to ensure all senators receive notification.
 Ansbach filed a complaint with the senate Election Commission the week prior to spring break

stating that people had been tampering with the mail in his box.
 James Phipps, student government election commissioner, said he received Ansbach's complaint.
 "We have talked with him, and we are looking into the incident," Phipps said.
 He declined to comment further on the complaint, saying it

was under investigation.
 Even though Wednesday was the last meeting of the current senate before student elections, action nonetheless will be taken against those senators removed.
 Regulations state that if a senator is removed from office, he or she cannot participate in senatorial elections for one academic year.

Phipps said Ansbach's presidential campaign will not be affected and he remains eligible for that position.
 Mannaser Marshall, a former senator seeking an off-campus senate seat, is ineligible because of the absence policy. He declined comment pending further consultation with senate officers.

Libertarians gain popularity among disenchanting voters

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large majority of American voters remain committed to the two parties."
 In one Texas district, which includes Grand Prairie and Arlington, one out of three residents voted Libertarian, Ehlers said.
 "I think we have broken the novelty of seeing us on the ballot," Ehlers said.

Third parties are effective in influencing the platforms of major parties, but are not very likely to win elections, said Dr. Norman Luttbeg, a Texas A&M political science professor.
 There is a strong allegiance and identification to the already established parties, Bond said, so third

parties basically are swimming upstream.
 The best showing of a third party was George Wallace's American Independent Party movement in 1968, Luttbeg said.
 "He polled 13 percent of the vote and won electoral votes in several southern states," Luttbeg said.

Libertarians combine views that Democrats and Republicans already hold, said Sally Trigg, an A&M student and Libertarian party member.
 People feel the only way to voice their views is through the already established parties.
 "Most people are Libertarians; they just don't know it," she said.

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Many A&M students hold moderate views

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as liberals if they scored high on civil liberties and low on free-market economics. Students who scored low on civil liberties but high on free market economics were characterized as a conservative.

Students demonstrating high scores on civil liberties and free-market economics were labeled as libertarian. Students holding low views of civil liberties and free-market economics were classified as authoritarians.

Centrist or moderates do not conform to any consistent pattern, according to the survey.

The responses were scored 20 points for "Y," for agree all the time or most of the time, 10 points for "M," for not sure or might agree under some circumstances and 0 points for "N," for never agree.

Questions asked to determine if a person is a self-governor of personal issues were:

- Military service should be voluntary with no draft or compulsory registration.
- Government should keep hands off radio and TV program content.

• Government should not interfere in sexual conduct between consenting adults.
 • Drug laws don't work. They do more harm than good. Repeal them.
 • People should have the right to travel, immigrate and emigrate freely.

Questions asked to determine if someone is a self-governor of economic issues included:

- People are better off with free trade than with tariffs and other barriers.
- Minimum wage laws eliminate jobs. Repeal them.
- End taxes. Pay for services with user fees.
- Let farmers farm without subsidies, quotas or other government limits.
- Western Europe and Japan should pay for their own defense.

The points for each "Y," "M" and "N" answer were added together to form a percentage score in both personal and economic issues. This score determined which political philosophy a student held.

Civil defense coordinator warns to prepare for storms

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in the past, because of this year's mild winter, he said. Most of the fronts that have affected Texas have come through California from the Pacific Ocean, rather than through the Midwest from the arctic. This has kept the weather relatively warm, so this spring's climate change won't be great.

Brazos County is trying to make people aware of potentially hazardous weather, Canglose said. When there is possibility of danger, the Civil Defense office immediately begins working to inform and protect the public.

"We have quite a good warning team here," he said. "When severe weather threatens, we use the A&M radar on top of the O&M Building as an early warning system to detect tornadoes and heavy thunderstorms, and send out local police units as spotters."

"People can listen to local radio or TV stations or NOAA Weather Radio to keep updated," Canglose said.

Anyone can receive more information about safety precautions by going by the Brazos County Emergency Management/Civil Defense office in the Brazos County Courthouse.

Regents plan to honor oilman for contribution

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are special requirements on the structure to house the computers.

The Board also adopted a resolution honoring Albert B. Alkek, a Texas oilman and honorary Aggie, for the major role and contribution he made in the development of the Albert B. Alkek Institute of Biosciences and Technology.

Alkek was a major contributor to the Texas Medical Center in Houston, at which a dedication will be held April 3 at 3 p.m.

In other business, the board approved the sale of 16,000 acres of land, known as the Kyle Ranch, in Loving County.

The University administration has determined that no viable research or teaching use exists for

this property.
 The Board will have the final decision on any offers made on the land.

A Texas A&M University System Land Acquisition Account was established to hold proceeds from sales of property, such as the \$37,000 the system received from the sale of lands in Brazoria County to Amoco Chemical Company.

These funds will be used to finance future real estate acquisition by the A&M system.

The Board will meet again today to discuss remaining business, including fee increases at all universities within the system, construction projects on the College Station campus, and the creation of the Center for Distance Learning Research.

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