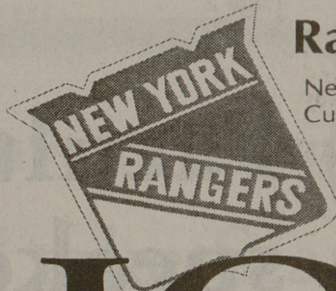


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**Watching a Klan rally:**  
Robbins said "I got ready to see the Klan bring out the worst in the town. Only 25 people showed up."  
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**Weather**  
Wednesday will have isolated thundershowers, low of 75, high of 95  
— National Weather Service



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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Convicted killer executed Tuesday

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Convicted killer Denton Crank, after brief words expressing affection for his family, was executed early Tuesday for the abduction and fatal shooting of a Houston supermarket manager during a robbery 10 years ago.

"To my family who kept me strong I give my love," Crank, 39, said just before the lethal drugs began flowing into his arms.

The high court refused the last-day appeal, rejecting the claim about 2 1/2 hours before Crank was placed on the Texas death chamber gurney and given lethal injection just after midnight.

Crank became the seventh convicted killer to be executed this year in Texas and the 78th since the state resumed the death penalty in 1982. Both figures are the highest in the nation and the total represents one-third of all executions in the United States since the Supreme Court in 1976 allowed capital punishment to resume.

### Jury rules Exxon to pay Valdez victims

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A federal jury has opened the way for victims of the Exxon Valdez disaster to seek \$15 billion in punitive damages from Exxon Corp. and skipper Joseph Hazelwood, ruling that their recklessness led to the nation's worst oil spill.

The more than 10,000 fishermen, Alaska natives and property owners who are suing claim that Hazelwood was drunk the night of the spill and that Exxon had known about his drinking for years and left him in command anyway.

The jury deliberated for more than four days before finding recklessness, a necessary step in the plaintiffs' attempt to collect punitive damages for the 11-million-gallon spill that blackened Prince William Sound in 1989. The jury also said Monday that Hazelwood acted negligently.

The plaintiffs are seeking \$15 billion in punitive damages and about \$1.5 billion in compensatory damages.

"Exxon still thinks it's above the law," said Brian O'Neill, the plaintiffs' lawyer. "Brian O'Neill, the plaintiffs' lawyer. "Brian O'Neill, the plaintiffs' lawyer. "Brian O'Neill, the plaintiffs' lawyer."

### N. Korea to quit U.N. watchdog group

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Voicing dismay over North Korea's plan to quit the U.N. nuclear watchdog group, the United States, Japan and South Korea pledged Tuesday to push ahead with sanctions against the Communist state.

South Korean authorities, meanwhile, sought to calm the public, scaling back plans for the biggest civil defense drill in years and publicly playing down the possibility of war with North Korea. But jitters sent South Korean stock prices down sharply.

North Korea's withdrawal from the International Atomic Energy Agency would make it virtually impossible to check whether it is complying with provisions of the nuclear arms-control pact it signed in 1985.

Although the regime in Pyongyang says its nuclear research program is for peaceful purposes, the refusal to permit full U.N. inspections has fueled suspicions that the North Korea is trying to build atomic bombs.

### U.N. destroys Iraqi chemical weapons

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — U.N. chemical weapons experts completed the destruction of Saddam Hussein's main chemical weapons facility Tuesday, then over cups of tea returned it to the Iraqis.

Although other Iraqi arms facilities remain to be dismantled, the end of the Muthanna operation is a big step in the U.N. campaign to prevent the Iraqi leader from posing a military threat in the region.

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## Bowen re-assigns top A&M official

### Vice President Robert Smith to become special operations director

By Michele Brinkmann and Jan Higginbotham  
THE BATTALION

Texas A&M University President Ray Bowen re-assigned a top University administrator Tuesday in a step toward assembling his own administrative team.

Robert Smith, vice president of finance and administration, will assume the new position of executive director of special operations upon his return from medical leave.

"It's very simple," Bowen said. "I want to have the opportunity to assemble my own administra-



Smith

tive team." In his new position, Smith's duties will include working with aviation, the Texas A&M Riverside Campus and the special events center.

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— Dr. Ray Bowen, Texas A&M president

to re-organize the Department of Finance and Administration in the coming months.

"The University will be involved in the re-organization of that department," he said. "I would like to start the re-organization by the time classes start in the fall."

Bowen said he hopes to name

an interim vice president within a couple of weeks.

"I will ask the interim vice president to give advice on the re-arrangement of the department of finance and administration," he said.

The Texas Rangers and the Brazos County District Attorney have been investigating A&M's

dealings with Barnes and Noble Bookstores and the possibility of privatizing the Department of Food Services, a department under Smith's direction.

Smith's office was responsible for the negotiation of the contracts concerning Food Services which would allow private vendors access to A&M food courts.

Smith has also been under scrutiny in recent months after he re-assigned three top officials in Food Services department for their opposition to the privatization.

Brooke Leslie, A&M student

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## A wonder to the eyes...

A&M's Visual lab offers innovative computer imaging

By Monique Lunsford  
THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M Visualization Laboratory is one of the University's best-kept secrets by students in the architecture department.

The innovative computer imaging capabilities of students and faculty in the Visualization Laboratory are propelling the University into the future of computer technology.

The Visualization program, a division of the Department of Architecture, is designed for a select number of students who have developed an interest in fields such as computer character animation, architectural design, and scientific modeling.

Jason Burlow, a graduate student studying visualization science, said that students all over the world seek to fill the limited spots available in the program.

"This lab is known around the world," he said. "It's amazing because the people of Texas A&M are not very familiar with this lab or what it does."

One specific application of this technology is a student's reconstruction of historical sites combined with live video footage, all processed on computer.

Students have also utilized this technique in making tele-



Photo illustration by Stew Milne/THE BATTALION

This photo illustration is an example of digital imaging, the process of utilizing computer technology to manipulate and enhance traditional photography. It is one of many fields in computer technology offered by the Visualization program, a department in the College of Architecture.

vision quality videos, manipulating video images and combining them with audio sources and creating cartoon characters for entertainment purposes.

David Parrish, a Texas A&M graduate student studying visualization science, said

people can find a variety of uses for computer image processing.

"It's the choice of the animator," he said. "It's an artistic statement, usually about you and what you have strong

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## Clinton announces welfare program

### White House plans to cut funds to immigrants, addicts

KANSAS CITY (AP) — President Clinton announced a \$9.3 billion plan Tuesday to transform welfare from a check-writing system into a job training program for tens of thousands of single mothers.

"I really believe that we have a chance finally to replace dependence with independence, welfare with work," Clinton told former and current welfare recipients. He spoke in the lobby of the historic Commerce Bank in downtown Kansas City, where Harry Truman found a job as a young man.

Eula Duncan, a mother of four who is trying to get off welfare and get a job, whispered "Amen," as the president promised to give women on welfare a second chance and to get tough with the parents who refuse to support their children.

"We cannot permit millions and millions of American children to be trapped in a cycle of dependency with people who are not responsible for bringing them into the world, with parents who are trapped in a system that doesn't develop their human capacity to live up to the fullest of their God-given abilities and to succeed as both workers and parents. We must break this cycle," he said.

The White House proposal would cut welfare benefits to immigrants, drug addicts and alcoholics, and would slash subsidies to wealthy farmers to finance its scaled-back and often-delayed plan.

In Washington, Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, called the president's plan "limp" and said it does not meet the test of placing welfare recipients in "productive tax-paying jobs with a future."

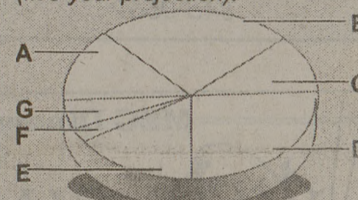
Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, said the Clinton proposal resembles a New Deal program that promises government jobs. "What kind of nonsense is that?" he said. "We don't have the money for that."

The cornerstone of the president's plan is a two-year limit on cash benefits.

The Clinton plan also tackles teen-pregnancy, child support enforcement, welfare fraud and the welfare bureaucracy.

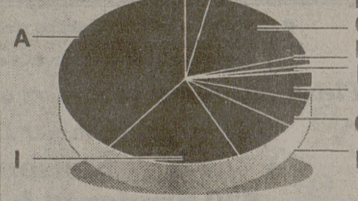
### Clinton's welfare reform program

Cost of the plan (five-year projection):



- A More child care for the working poor: \$1.5 billion
  - B More child-care spending for people in the program: \$2.7 billion
  - C Jobs for participants who reach the two-year time limit: \$1.2 billion
  - D More money for education, training and job placement: \$2.8 billion
  - E Miscellaneous: \$300 million
  - F Teen-age pregnancy prevention: \$300 million
  - G Collection of child support payments: \$600 million
- Total cost of program: \$10.8 billion  
Savings through reduction of cases and fraud: \$1.5 billion  
Net cost: \$9.3 billion

### Cuts to the current plan:



- A Tighten eligibility rules for non-citizens: \$3.7 billion
- B Changes to earned-income tax credit: \$3 billion
- C Excess saving from Superfund tax: \$1.6 billion
- D Fees for customs services: \$200 million
- E No increase in food stamp overpayment recovery: \$100 million
- F Retargeted subsidies to family day care homes: \$500 million
- G Elimination of subsidies for wealthy farmers: \$500 million
- H Limited eligibility for substance abusers: \$800 million
- I Spending cap on Aid to Families with Dependent Children Emergency Assistance Program: \$1.6 billion

AP/Wm. J. Castello

## A&M audit to begin today

### Image problems push up review's timing, official says

By Sara Israwi  
THE BATTALION

State auditors will begin reviewing Texas A&M University and System records today, although the audit was originally scheduled for later this year.

State Rep. Steve Ogden for Bryan said he welcomes the early audit at Texas A&M.

"I don't object, that's fine with me," he said. "Every public institution should be subject to an audit to be sure it is run correctly."

Ogden said the audit will show off some strong points in management spending.

"My guess is it will be fairly positive," he said. "Based on what we have found, A&M is doing a good job."

State Sen. Carl Parker of Port Arthur requested the acceleration of the management control audit earlier this year.

Dr. William Mobley, A&M System chancellor, said he sees no problems with the early audit.

"We are a large, complex organization and auditing is a continuing way of life and that's as it should be," he said. "We are looking forward to it and showing some of the strengths A&M might have."

In a memo issued by Mobley about the upcoming management audit, he said A&M will fully cooperate with the state auditors and the internal audit staff will be available as needed.

Kathy Smock, project manager of the Office of

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## Investigation continues into stabbing murder of O.J. Simpson's ex-wife

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A blood-soaked glove reported in his home. A midnight flight to Chicago. Drops of reddish-brown liquid on his driveway. An ex-wife he once allegedly threatened to kill found stabbed to death near the body of another man.

These are a few of the elements in the killing of O.J. Simpson's former wife. Is one of America's best-loved sports stars a suspect in the slayings?

His attorney says no. Police won't say. Friends say it simply can't be true and that Simpson and his wife were trying to reconcile.

And Simpson is emotionally drained,

according to friends, relatives and the attorney, who met with him Tuesday at his mansion.

"It's difficult enough with the shock that your wife's been murdered, but to hear that you may be accused of it, well, it's awful," attorney Howard Weitzman said.

Authorities released an autopsy report Tuesday that found Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Lyle Goldman died of multiple stab wounds, but withheld other details. Coroner's spokesman Scott Carrier said officials didn't know what kind of weapon was used.

Police refused to say if they were able to determine the time of the deaths.

"We have made progress in the investigation," said Cmdr. David Gascon, a police spokesman. "There is no indication at this point that any arrest is imminent."

The Los Angeles Times and Los Angeles Daily News reported Tuesday that a blood-soaked glove was found at Simpson's home, with the Daily News saying the glove matched one found near the bodies.

Weitzman denied that a bloody glove was found at the house. He confirmed that a bloody towel was found in Simpson's

room at the O'Hare Plaza-Hotel in Chicago, but said Simpson used it when he broke a glass in the room and cut himself.

Simpson, 46, and Nicole Simpson had a stormy relationship. In 1989, Simpson allegedly screamed "I'll kill you" as he slapped and kicked his then-wife in a pre-dawn New Year's Day argument. He pleaded no-contest to wife beating and was placed on two years' probation.

The couple divorced in 1992, but friends said they were trying to reconcile. Their children were sleeping in the condo when the bodies were found and were reportedly staying with relatives.