

# Opinion

Stavenger: "There are those of us who choose our career paths in the manner of chasing a wild squirrel through the underbrush—sometimes grabbing the wrong squirrel."

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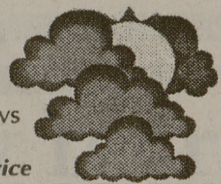
Els breaks tie to win in sudden-death playoff

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# Weather

Tuesday and Wednesday, partly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the 90s, lows near 70.

National Weather Service



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## NEWS BRIEFS

### New president for Prairie View sought

Four names have been submitted to Chancellor William Mobley for the position of president of Prairie View A&M University. The finalists are Dr. Harold Bonner, vice president for finance and administration at Prairie View A&M; Dr. Ashland Brown, dean of the School of Engineering at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California; Dr. William Lester, provost of Tuskegee University in Alabama; and Dr. Maxine Moore, vice president for academic affairs at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina. The four finalists were recommended to Mobley by a 10-member search committee chaired by Dr. David Sanchez, A&M System vice chancellor for academic affairs.

### A&M professor wins award for article

Dr. Leonard Berry, director of the Center for Retailing Studies at Texas A&M University, was named a recipient of the Jagdish N. Sheth Best Article Award by the Academy of Marketing Science. Berry, a marketing professor in the College of Business Administration and Graduate School of Business, won the award for an article he co-authored with Valarie Zeithaml and A. Parasuraman, both former A&M faculty members. Berry and his co-authors received a plaque and a cash award.

### Simpson pleads not guilty of murders

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A morose O.J. Simpson pleaded innocent Monday to stabbing to death his ex-wife and her friend, as a prosecutor declared him the "sole murderer" and said he had planned the slayings. Wearing a dark suit coat, white shirt buttoned to the neck and no tie, the retired football star stood somberly with his head bowed, sometimes shutting his eyes. He has been under a suicide watch in his jail cell. "Not guilty," he told Municipal Judge Patti Jo McKay after charges were read accusing him of murdering Nicole Brown Simpson, 35, and her friend, Ron Goldman, 25. Simpson winced slightly when the charge was read involving his ex-wife. Twice he answered "yes"; when the judge asked if he had been correctly identified and — with his lawyer whispering over his shoulder — whether he understood the charges. The 46-year-old football Hall of Famer sighed heavily as the court then turned to procedural matters. Defense attorney Robert Shapiro demanded a preliminary hearing as soon as possible, and the judge scheduled it for June 30. Preliminary hearings force prosecutors to present their evidence to determine if a case should go to trial.

### Beatles back in recording studio

LONDON (AP) — Listen, do you want to know a secret? The Beatles have returned to the recording studio. News reports said Monday that Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr recorded new material together in London three weeks ago — the first time they've laid down tracks together in nearly a quarter-century. The songs were recorded as instrumentals. At least one song is expected to use the voice of the late John Lennon, who sang it on a demonstration tape. There also is speculation that Lennon's son, Julian, will join the group. McCartney had confirmed in January that the trio would be recording together. The new music is to be part of a television documentary on the band to be aired next year. Apple, the Beatles' production company, has been collecting archival material for the project. "They announced some time ago they intended to get together. I gather they have now done so," said Apple's Chips Chipperfield. The Beatles broke up in 1970. Lennon was shot to death in New York City in 1980.

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# A&M cancels power plant project

## Construction on hot, chilled water facility to continue as planned

By James Bernsen  
THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M University System canceled on Friday the construction of a \$120 million cogeneration power plant that was scheduled to be built on the A&M campus. Tenneco Power Generation Co. was to build the plant, which would have been the largest capital construction project ever built by the A&M System, in two stages. The cancellation will only affect Phase II of the project, which is the building of a power plant on campus.

Phase I, the installation of a facility to provide hot and chilled water to west campus is already under construction and will continue.

Richard Lindsay, System vice chancellor for finance and operations, said in a

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press release that the project was stopped because of the failure of A&M to come to an agreement with Tenneco and System concerns of whether the plant is necessary. "We are discontinuing further negotiations because the University was not able

to secure an agreement for the purchase of back-up power or the sale of excess power for the proposed project," he said.

Terri Parker, System director of communication, said the agreement was required to be reached by March 31, 1994. "Despite the University's best efforts, no agreement was reached," she said.

Tenneco also failed to find a bond issuer for the project. A bond issuer is a company, like an industrial development corporation, that can issue tax-exempt bonds to fund the program.

A study by Ernst & Young, begun early in March, also swayed the decision.

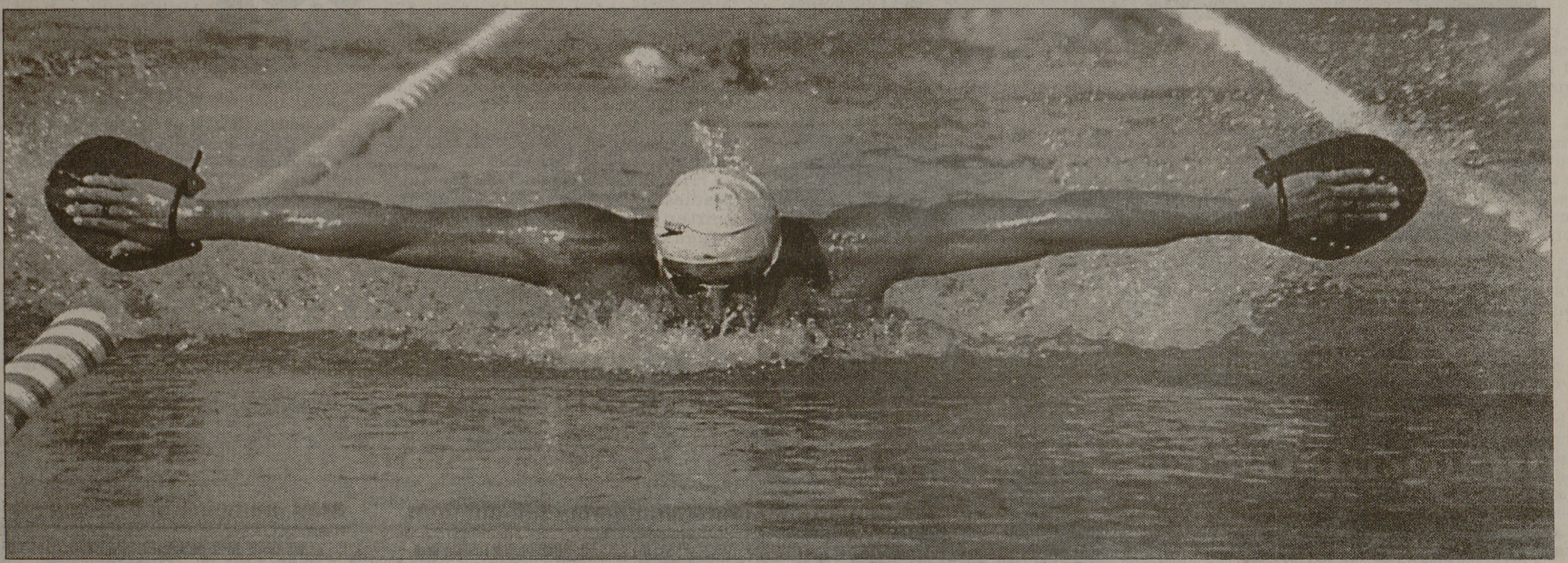
"They found significant problems in the proposed project," Parker said. "We're going to re-evaluate A&M's energy requirements."

The study reviewed the economic and financial aspects in determining need of the power plant, the evaluation process used to select a developer and the related risks involved.

According to the study, the original evaluation of the program did not consider substantial risk to the University that would be provided by the plant.

The evaluation also did not take into

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Steve Milne/The Battalion

### Stroke! Stroke!

Diego Perdomo, a member of the A&M swim team, works on his upper-body strength during practice Monday morning at 6:30. Perdomo received an All-American Honorable Mention last year in the 100 meter butterfly.

## Aggie mom keeps eye on University

### Former Mothers' Clubs president intends to keep up contact, support

By Christine Johnson  
THE BATTALION

The former president of the Aggie Mothers' Clubs said she will continue to monitor the University's actions and make sure they meet the needs of students.

Margaret Freeman said the role of an Aggie mother is to support students and to make sure policies being made are in the students' best interest. "A lot of things we don't make the policies, I think it is up to us to let the policy-makers know what the mothers expect," she said.

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She believes this role includes raising money for scholarships for students who want to attend A&M. "But, I think we should not abandon them once they get to A&M," she said. "We should

always be concerned for their welfare."

Since leaving office, she has been assigned to a special committee to monitor events at Texas A&M.

Lyabeth King, a fellow committee member, said the committee was formed because many members wanted Freeman to continue the efforts she had made during her presidency.

"The main focuses of the committee will be Food Services and the A&M Bookstore because these are things we feel directly affect the students," King said.

Freeman said the privatization of Food Services was not in the best interest of the students.

"Not all privatization is bad, but for Texas A&M it is," she said. "We thought it could lead to the privatization of room and board at A&M, but the motive was purely profit."

Freeman said her interest in Food Services started with

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## Easing tensions

### N. Korea may halt nuclear program; Washington waiting to reopen talks

WASHINGTON — President Clinton cited "hopeful signs" Monday that the North Korea crisis may be easing, and the administration awaited confirmation from the Koreans that they are willing to freeze their nuclear program.

The State Department said it was using unspecified "diplomatic channels" to confirm with the North Koreans the offer former President Carter said they made during his meetings last week in Pyongyang with President Kim Il Sung.

Mike McCurry, the State Department spokesman, declined to say whether the diplomatic contacts would include a visit by U.S. officials to North Korea. Beyond saying the contacts would take place this week, McCurry and other administration officials refused to discuss the exact timing and nature of the effort.

If the North Koreans are ready to halt operations of their nuclear fuel reprocessing plant, scrap plans to load fresh fuel in their 5-megawatt nuclear reactor and permit normal international inspections to verify this, then Washington would be willing to hold a new round of high-level talks, McCurry said.

Those high-level talks are con-

sidered crucial because they would cover a broad range of issues that North Korea has insisted must be resolved before it can accommodate Western demands on its nuclear activities. North Korea wants, for example, to receive full diplomatic recognition from the United States, an end to U.S. trade limitations and a peace treaty ending the 1950-53 Korean War.

Carter, who briefed Clinton and senior administration officials Sunday on his talks in Pyongyang, has said he believes Kim, the 82-year-old dictator who had ruled North Korea for nearly half a century, sincerely wants to end the nuclear dispute.

Clinton, in an interview Monday on NBC's "Today" show, sounded hopeful, but also skeptical, that Kim's offer to Carter represented a change in circumstances. "We have surely something to gain by talking with the

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### The U.S.—North Korean Dispute and How It Grew

1985: North Korea signs the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. In the process, it agrees to list all its nuclear facilities and to allow inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency to visit its reactor and radioactive waste sites to verify the information.

1992: Almost seven years after North Korea joined the treaty, the Vienna-based IAEA finally conducts a preliminary inspection visit, and finds a major discrepancy: Although North Korea claimed that it had acquired a small amount of plutonium from a single reprocessing of spent fuel rods from its reactor, an analysis shows that it actually reprocessed used fuel rods several times, suggesting that it had been conducting a much larger operation than it was admitting—possibly with plans to manufacture nuclear weapons. North Koreans repeatedly balk at further inspections.

1994: The Clinton Administration, alarmed by the prospect that the North Koreans might be building a nuclear arsenal, demands additional IAEA

inspections—ultimately in vain. North Korea surprises the West by announcing in late April that it is shutting down its reactor at Yongbyon immediately and removing the spent fuel rods, jeopardizing the IAEA's ability to tell whether additional plutonium has been diverted.

MAY, 1994: The IAEA tries to extract samples from the spent fuel rods, but is blocked by North Korea from taking the measurements that it wants. The United States, South Korea and Japan begin pressing for imposition of U.N. sanctions as punishment.



## Bomb kills 25, wounds 70 worshipers in Iran mausoleum

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — A bomb blew up in a crowded mausoleum in Iran's holy city of Mashhad on Monday, killing 25 people and wounding 70 gathered for prayer, Iran's official news agency said.

Police arrested a number of people in connection with the blast, the official Islamic Republic News Agency said in reports monitored in Nicosia. It gave no further details.

The government blamed the opposition Mujahedeen Khalq for the bombing, and Iran's spiritual

leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei urged authorities to bring the "blood-sucking bats" to justice.

But the dissident group denied involvement in the attack Mashhad, a city 450 miles east of Tehran.

IRNA initially reported 70 dead and 114 wounded, which would have made it the worst terrorist attacks reported in Iran in 13 years. But IRNA said later that those figures were based on accounts from witnesses and that an unidentified Interior Ministry official had announced

the lower toll.

The bomb reportedly exploded in the prayer hall of the mausoleum of Imam Reza, a saint in the Shiite branch of Islam. Worshipers were observing the mourning day of Ashura, anniversary of the 7th century martyrdom of Shiites' most revered saint, Hussein, grandson of the Prophet Mohammed, Islam's founder.

State-run television said the blast was caused by an 11-pound bomb at the foot of a column in the mausoleum. It broadcast

scenes of fallen masonry, shattered glass and pools of blood on the marble floors. Religious notices and inscriptions from the Koran were scorched.

It was not known how many people were in the prayer hall when the bomb went off. The news agency said most had come from other parts of Iran.

Iranian security sources were quoted by the agency as saying evidence at the scene pointed to the involvement of the Mujahedeen Khalq, the largest Iranian dissident group.



AP/Carl Fox