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The Lady Aggie soccer team reacts to playing the established powerhouses of No. 1 North Carolina and No. 11 Maryland.

Opinion

JOSEF A. ELCHANAN: This country was not founded on religion, and those who say so lie and tarnish the names of those who sacrificed their lives for it.

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Ostriches and emus are starting to replace the more traditional birds on people's dinner tables.

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NEWS BRIEFS

85 percent of Texans want casinos, poll says

AUSTIN (AP) — A new opinion poll finds 85 percent of Texans saying the Legislature should allow voters to decide whether the state legalizes casino gambling. The survey, made public Monday by the Houston-based Tarrance Group, also found that 52 percent of respondents said they favor allowing a limited number of casinos in Texas. Another 36 percent were opposed and 12 percent undecided. "The results clearly show that the voters of Texas want the opportunity to participate and to be heard on this important issue," said the firm's Mike Baselice. The results were based on a Sept. 6-8 survey of 802 registered voters. The margin of error was plus or minus 3.5 percent.

Bizarre security breach allows plane crash

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a bizarre breach of security, a stolen plane darted unchallenged over the White House fence Monday, slammed down on the South Lawn and cartwheeled against the mansion two floors below President Clinton's private quarters. The pilot, killed in the crash, was identified as Maryland truck driver Frank Corder, said to have a history of mental illness. Clinton and his family were not in the White House when the small, single-engine plane hit at 1:49 a.m. They were staying in a government guest house across the street because of White House repairs. The Secret Service launched an immediate review of whether security procedures were followed and how the pilot got through. Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen said the review also would look at the adequacy of procedures to protect the president and first family.

Loose moose moves like Spruce Goose

ROCKLAND, Maine (AP) — This moose wasn't loose. The 800-pound animal got stuck at a rock quarry, giving rescuers fits as gawkers grabbed their cameras. At one point Monday, a crane tipped over with the beast dangling 25 feet in the air from a harness. Its adventure also included a 20-foot swan dive into water. "There was a big fiasco," Keel Kemper, a regional state wildlife biologist, said of the rescue. "Fortunately everything turned out all right." The episode started Sunday when the animal got trapped near the edge of a quarry in Rockland, about 80 miles north of Portland. Because the moose had attracted a crowd, wildlife officials decided Monday to tranquilize it and move it to a safe area.

Judge denies inmates' request for hearing

AUSTIN (AP) — A state judge today denied a request by death row inmate Gary Graham to order the Texas Board of Pardons and Parole to conduct a clemency hearing. State District Judge Pete Lowry said he would not order a clemency hearing in light of a Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ruling that could give Graham judicial review of his sentence. Texas Civil Rights Project attorney Jim Harrington, who represents Graham, said he would appeal Lowry's decision to the 3rd Court of Appeals in Austin. Graham claims he was wrongly convicted in the 1981 robbery-murder of Bobby Grant Lambert in a Houston grocery store parking lot. Years after his conviction, several alleged witnesses came forward to dispute trial testimony of the witness who identified Graham as the killer.

Southerland to decide grievance case

Former food services chiefs to know fate

By Michele Brinkmann
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After repeated delays, a Texas A&M administrator will decide if three former Department of Food Services employees who were reassigned by their boss, were wronged by the University. Col. James Moore, former assistant food services director, Lloyd Smith, former director of food services, and George Nedbalek, former business manager, filed grievances against the University after they were reassigned in September 1993 by Robert Smith, former vice president

- Sept. 14, 1993 — Lloyd Smith, director of food services, Col. James Moore, assistant director of food services, and George Nedbalek, business manager, are reassigned.
- Oct. 20, 1993 — Rick Floyd, interim director of food services, announces the Department of Food Services will not be privatized.
- Dec. 1, 1993 — The A&M Student Senate passes legislation supporting the

- University's decision to conduct a review of Food Services.
- Jan. 10, 1994 — Moore, Smith and Nedbalek file grievances with the University.
- Aug. 10, 1994 — The state releases the audit of Food Services.
- Sept. 21, 1994 — J. Malon Southerland, A&M's vice president for student affairs, is scheduled to announce the decision on the grievances.

Moore, one of the three employees who filed a grievance, said the three employees were never given a valid reason for their reassignments. "We just want to return to our positions," Moore said. Although they were filed nine months ago, West requested the grievances not be reviewed until a state audit into the Department of Food Services was completed. Moore said he wanted to wait until the audit was completed because he thought it was better for them and the University. "This has been delayed for various reasons," Southerland said. After the audit was released Aug. 10, the three employees said they were hopeful that each will be reapportioned to their former positions. The three employees also said they are confident they will ultimately be vindicated. Southerland said by Sept. 21 he will

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Faculty Senate approves new academic calendar

By Amanda Fowle
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The Faculty Senate approved a revised academic calendar Monday, giving students six days of finals and two reading days in the fall semesters. The spring semesters will still have four days of finals so that graduation and military commissioning will not be disrupted. Jeb Jones, Student Senate representative to the Faculty Senate, said the new calendar will take effect in fall 1997. "We are really pleased that we are getting extra reading days," he said. "The Student Senate has worked for this for a long time. The six final days and two reading days will relieve a great deal of pressure for

students." Philip Yasskin, a senator from the College of Science, said that having more days of finals will benefit both the students and the faculty. "Finals will end at noon on the last day, so the faculty will have an extra half day of grading time," he said. "It will be less likely that students will have three exams on one day." One reason for revising the academic calendar was to make a formula for setting the schedule each year. The new calendar designates Good Friday as a University holiday. In the past whether or not this day was a holiday varied from year to year. Often, if it was not a University holiday, information to the cases after West and the University's attorneys hand it over to him Friday. In the grievances, which were filed in January, the employees said they were unfairly reassigned because they opposed Smith's plan to privatize the Department of Food Services. Southerland will review all relevant

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Mourners remember USAir crash victims

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Hymns echoed softly through a crowded downtown square Monday as 2,000 people gathered at lunchtime to mourn the victims of USAir Flight 427. "Maybe God will give me some answers to what happened," said Pam Kastelmeyer, whose neighbor's daughter was among 132 people killed when the jet crashed Thursday in a wooded ravine. Some of the victims' loved ones were stoic through several prayers, but they broke down and sobbed when a priest read the names of the dead. A wreath adorned with red carnations and tiny white flowers stood alone in front of a stage set up on Market Square, in the city's business district. About 20 miles away at the crash site, investigators continued their search for clues. They were trying to determine

whether the right engine of the Boeing 737-300 inadvertently went into reverse before the plane nose-dived six miles short of Pittsburgh International Airport. A flight crew reported problems with the engine's reverse thrust 2 1/2 months ago. When activated, the reverser closes across the rear of the engine so hot exhaust is deflected to counteract the plane's forward motion. Passengers can hear the process as a roar from the engines just after the plane touches the ground. Four actuators, which control the position of an engine's thrust reverser, were recovered from the right engine. Three were in the deployed position, but it wasn't clear whether they were in that position before the plane hit the ground at more than 300 mph. The fourth wasn't deployed.



Tim Moog/The Battalion

It'll be a triple somersault with a half turn.
Graduate student Stacy May of Rosenberg performs a back dive from the 3 meter spring board at Cain Pool Monday.

B-CS may not gamble on casinos

By Katherine Arnold
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Casino gambling may have no appeal to residents in Bryan-College Station, one College Station city official said. "We would have to do a lot of research into what the economic and social impacts would be in the community," Tom Brymer, College Station assistant city manager, said. "We have Louisiana and other states to use as examples. I don't think there would be much appeal to 18- to 25-year-olds for a casino in this area." Dan Morales, state attorney general, issued a statement last month proclaiming that the operation of slot machines in Texas will not be allowed until voters approve a constitutional amendment.

"I think the voters of Bryan-College Station ought to be able to determine for themselves directly by a public vote if they want a casino in the community," Morales said Sunday. "I happen to be against all forms of gambling, but even so, I don't think it would be appropriate for me to decide what is best for this community." According to current law, lotteries and other activities involving lottery activities are illegal. However, an amendment approving a state lottery was approved by Texas voters in 1991. The operation of slot machines does not fall under the approved definition for a lottery, Morales said. "It is clear that operation of a slot machine is, as a matter of law, a lottery for

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Conference delegates agree on 20-year population plan

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — After seven days of hard bargaining, delegates to the U.N. population conference agreed Monday on the last tricky points of their 20-year plan for curbing world population growth. The Program of Action breaks new ground by urging that population be controlled not just by family planning but by economic development, empowerment of women and protection of the environment. The document urges that unsafe abortion be treated as a "major public health concern," proclaimed as a victory by women's and abortion rights groups. "The world is never going to be the same after Cairo," said Tim Wirth, a U.S. undersecretary of state and head of the American delegation. The drafting committee said reproductive health should

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