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NEWS BRIEFS

Democracy on hold for Haiti's Aristide

By Michele Brinkmann
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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The difficulties assembling a new government were illustrated Tuesday by the cumbersome process required to name the next Haitian prime minister, wealthy businessman Smark Michel.

The president of Haiti's lower house announced Tuesday that President Jean-Bertrand Aristide had designated Michel as Haiti's premier-in-waiting.

Frantz Robert Monde showed the Chamber of Deputies a letter from the newly returned president and said Aristide was expected to convene the body within 48 hours to ratify Michel.

But the Constitution requires that Aristide consult with the heads of both houses before officially announcing his choice as prime minister. Monde said he met with Aristide on Monday, but Senate President Firmin Jean-Louis has been nowhere to be found.

Republican supporters rallied at a Grand Old Party to the tune of the Texas Aggie War Hymn in the Texas Hall of Fame Tuesday night.

George W. Bush, Republican candidate for governor, and Jack Fields, U. S. Congressman for the 8th District of Texas, and the Republican team of candidates led 1,000 supporters in a grass-roots style rally.

Fields said the Hall of Fame was a great place to have the rally because it represented a simple, down to earth campaign.

"This (the Hall) shows the grass roots of the Republican Party," Fields said. "Brazos County is one of the largest Republican areas in the state," he said. "It has very conservative people who want less taxes and a

defense that is no less than the best."

Fields, the master of ceremonies for the rally, told the crowd to "get energized for the biggest victory our country has ever seen."

Fields predicted that the Republicans will rule the U.S. Senate and, for the first time in 40 years, will rule the U.S. House of Representatives.

He said with Republicans ruling the Senate and House, President Bill Clinton will have a balanced budget and no new taxes to sign.

Bush told an energized crowd he was glad to be in George Bush country.

"I now know why George Bush put his presidential library here," Bush said. "There is no place like Bryan College Station and Texas A&M for an energy boost."

"I have worked hard to show Texas there is another George Bush in this state."

Bush thanked the A&M College Republicans for their support.

"You have figured out the future of Texas before a lot of other Texans have," Bush said.

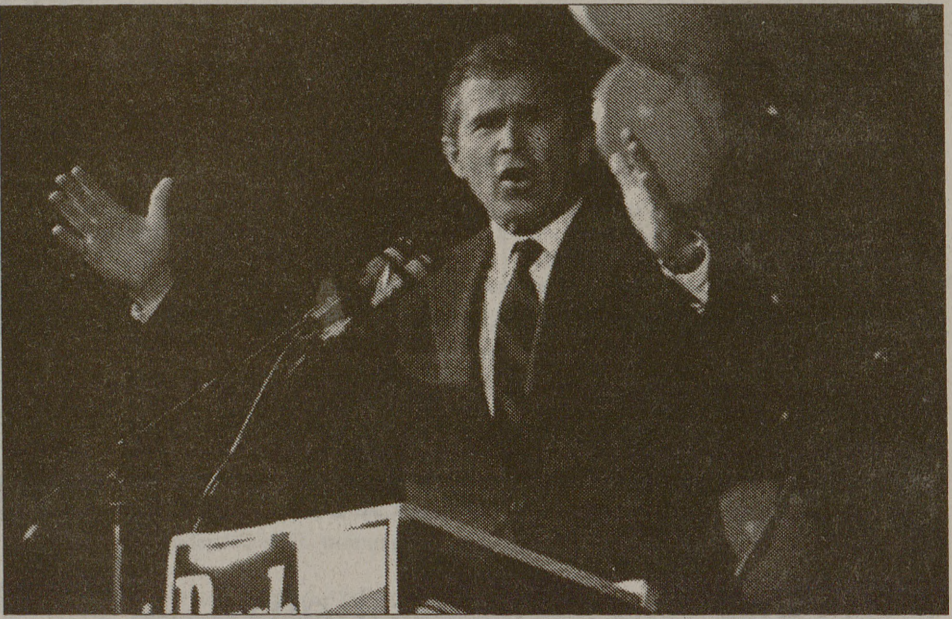
Bush said he has the experience in business and the "real world" that his opponent lacks.

"I have 18 years experience in the business world," he said. "My opponent has 18 years in the public sector."

Bush said he is a supporter of small business and of taking chances to be successful.

"You have to be willing to risk capital so anyone who wants a job can have one," he said. "I will stand up for what is right for the people of Texas."

Bush said he is a support



Republican gubernatorial candidate George W. Bush made his last B-CS appearance before the election at a College Republican rally at the Texas Hall of Fame last night.

Worker compensation costs continue to rise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Compensation received by American workers continued rising at a record slow pace in the three months ended in September, the government said today.

The Labor Department said worker compensation increased at an annual rate of 3.2 percent in the third quarter of the year, the same as in the 12-month periods ending March 30 and June 30. Those increases were the smallest on record. Economists said after the last report that inflationary pressures from the employment sector appeared in check.

The government created the index in 1982. It measures changes in wages, salaries and costs to the employer for worker benefits such as health insurance, vacations and sick leave. Analysts consider it one of the best gauges of wage inflation.

The Labor Department said wages and salaries, which constitute 72 percent of total worker compensation, edged up 2.9 percent, even less than the modest 3 percent reported three months ago. Benefit costs were up 3.8 percent, the same as the previous figure.

Oil spill clean up expected to take longer

HOUSTON (AP) — Cooler weather Tuesday hampered oil-spill cleanup efforts in the San Jacinto River, and the Coast Guard said it would probably take most of the week to finish the job.

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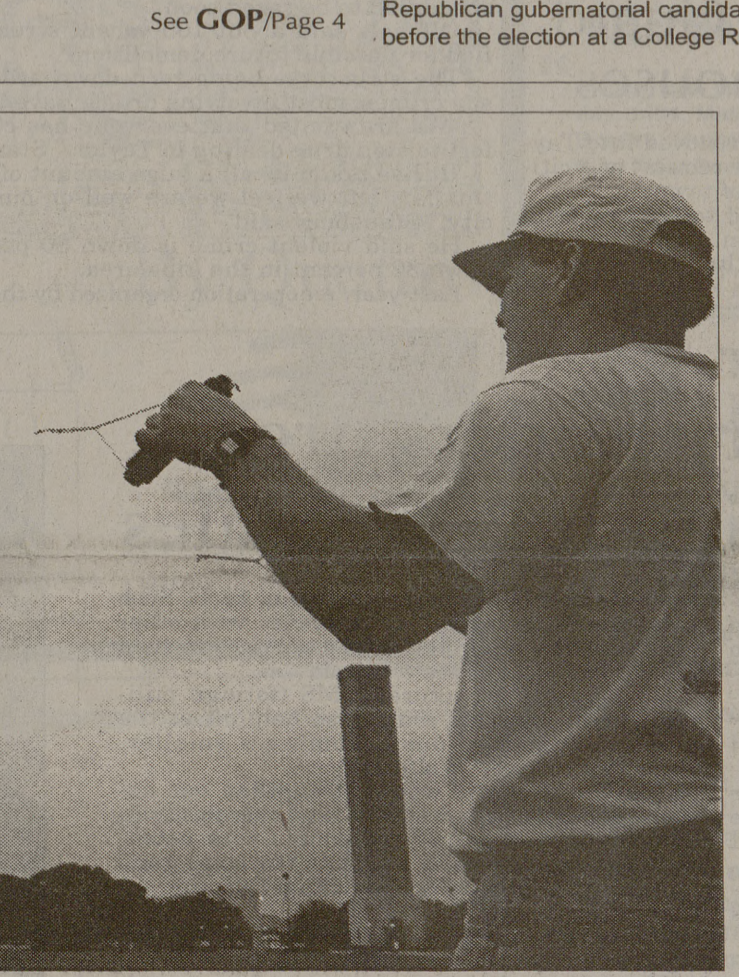
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Colonial Pipeline Co. said it lost 400,000 gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel, most of which either had evaporated or burned off in the fires.

Up, up and away

Glen Meloy, a sophomore computer engineering major, takes advantage of the breeze from yesterday's cold front to fly his kite on Simpson Drill Field in front of the Memorial Student Center.



Nick Rodnicki/The Battalion

Negative political ads tarnishing candidates' image, election

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Richard Bryan, a Democrat in no apparent re-election trouble in Nevada, airs a commercial tagging his rival as a "special interest lobbyist in Washington D.C."

Democratic Sen. Bob Kerrey, in a relatively easy race for re-election, shows an advertisement accusing his Nebraska challenger of sitting on a corporate board that "moved American jobs to Mexico."

And Sen. Paul Sarbanes, who seems comfortably ahead in his Maryland re-election campaign, has an ad saying his Republican opponent, as a lawmaker from Tennessee, "voted against the start of Medicare, the Voting Rights Act and the minimum wage."

Even some Democratic senators in relatively good shape are attacking their rivals in television commercials this fall.

"This is a year when voters are quick to believe the worst about politicians," says Geoff Garin, advising Bryan's re-election effort. "Incumbents and even the best-off incumbents can't afford to play these campaigns on defense."

Polls say Bryan holds a lead of 20 percentage points or more over Hal Furman. He had been airing commercials that depicted him as an independent-minded senator working to fight crime and cut government waste.

After Furman began attacking him, Bryan

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Madonna's brother turns self in to police

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Madonna's brother Martin Ciccone is back in jail, apparently at his own request.

Ciccone, 37, of Rochester Hills was jailed on charges including drunken driving after a July 9 accident. A Detroit merchant posted his \$2,500 bail Oct. 13, but he returned to the Oakland County Jail the next day and asked to be locked up. The Oakland Press reported Tuesday. He is being held on \$5,000 bail.

Why Ciccone wants to stay behind bars is a mystery. He's allowed to call out on Wednesdays only, and he hasn't returned any messages.

His next court appearance on the drunken driving charges is set for Nov. 10.

New century, millennium create pessimistic beliefs about society as a whole, says A&M professor

By Lisa Messer
THE BATTALION

People are experiencing general feelings of pessimism and cynicism in politics, religion and economics as the end of the century and the millennium draw near.

Stjepan Mestrovic, a professor of sociology at Texas A&M, said pessimism is often seen at the end of a century, or "fin de siecle" as the French first called it in the 1880s.

"The term literally means 'end of century,'" Mestrovic said, "but it also has connotations for 'end of millennium' and 'end of era.' There's also an apocalyptic connotation for 'end of world.'"

Mestrovic said evidence of pessimism can be seen through Americans' disenchantment with politics.

"Clinton succeeded in Haiti," Mestrovic said, "but people still don't like Clinton. They distrust him."

"The polls show Americans are in lousy moods. No matter who is in power in politics, I think the American people would vote against them right now."

William McIntosh, a professor of sociology, said most people are looking for a large scale change.

"A particular party or ideology on the scene plays itself out after about 30 years," McIntosh said. "That's probably because all individuals make promises they can't keep. It is fairly evident people are pessimistic about politics. I think we're probably headed for a period of change to conservatism."

Mestrovic said people's pessimism is evident in a worldwide apocalyptic fear.

"Cults all over the country are preaching the end of the world is at hand," Mestrovic said. "The mass deaths in Switzerland of Luc Jouret's Order of the Solar Temple and David Koresh's following in Waco are examples."

Mestrovic said organized religions are a part of this apocalyptic fear.

"People say they have seen apparitions of the Virgin Mary in Medjugorje, Bosnia saying that if the world doesn't repent

Being a good sport

By Melissa Jacobs
THE BATTALION

The University of Texas students' association president has upped the stakes for the Nov. 5 football game between UT and A&M.

John Black, UT's students' association president, and other members of the students' association passed a bill requiring the losing school's president to wear the winning school's colors for one full day.

Brooke Leslie, A&M's student body president, said she accepted the bet.

"I'm not worried about it," she said. "I'm sure A&M will pull through, but it does give you something to think about."

Black said he takes credit for the idea.

"Brooke and I have had the opportunity to work together on a business and a personal level," he said. "Brooke and I have become good friends and whenever she comes to Austin I give her a hard time about the match-up."

Leslie said this year the student body presidents have bridged the gap between the two schools.

"I've gotten to know the student body president and members of the student government really well," she said. "We've built up a friendship and I guess they thought this would be fun to do."

She said she will get a 12th Man jersey for Black to wear.

Black said the sweat shirt he will get for Leslie to wear is going to be the brightest orange he can find, and it will simply read "Texas Longhorns."

A&M, UT student body presidents place reputations on line in Aggie, Longhorn football face off

"I am 100 percent confident that Brooke Leslie will be wearing my Texas Longhorns sweat shirt," he said.

The bill states "the student body president must pose in his/her 'loser's regalia' for a photo opportunity by both schools' newspapers. The losing student body president will display the opponents 'hand sign' (Horns) during said photo opportunity."

Black said the photo opportunity will be determined by The Battalion and The Daily Texan.

"If you want, I'll drive up to College Station and the Aggies can embarrass me in any way they want to because I'm sure Brooke will be wearing orange," he said. "I'm really looking forward to Brooke putting up her horns. I think it's something she's been wanting to do for a long time."

Black said the bet fosters goodwill and promotes interaction between the student governments.

The bill states "The University of Texas Students' Association wishes to promote campus-wide joy by beating the hell outta' those brain-washed, NCAA violatin', no good mascot havin', crew-cut wearin', all dressed up in white and yellin', 'WHOOOP' screamin', alcohol voucher fakin', silly tradition havin', Cotton Bowl chokin', bonfire buildin' military neophytes in College Station."

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