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NEWS BRIEFS

Republicans search for key winning vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — Delaying a showdown once again, Republicans labored Wednesday to find the single, elusive vote needed to rescue the balanced-budget amendment. Majority Leader Bob Dole said he might revive the issue at the height of the 1996 election season if it fails this time around.

"This is no time for retreat," Dole, R-Kan., said as the GOP bargained privately with a small group of wavering Democrats.

The amendment stands at the core of the Republican drive to rein in government. The House approved a similar amendment, 300-132, late in January, the first big victory of the GOP's conservative "Contract With America." The measure would require a balanced budget by 2002, and demand a three-fifths vote of both houses to permit deficit spending thereafter.

After a month-long debate, the Senate was scheduled to vote on the amendment Tuesday night. Dole abruptly postponed the showdown when supporters found themselves stuck at 66 votes, one shy of the two-thirds majority needed.

Police arrest former Mexican leader's kin

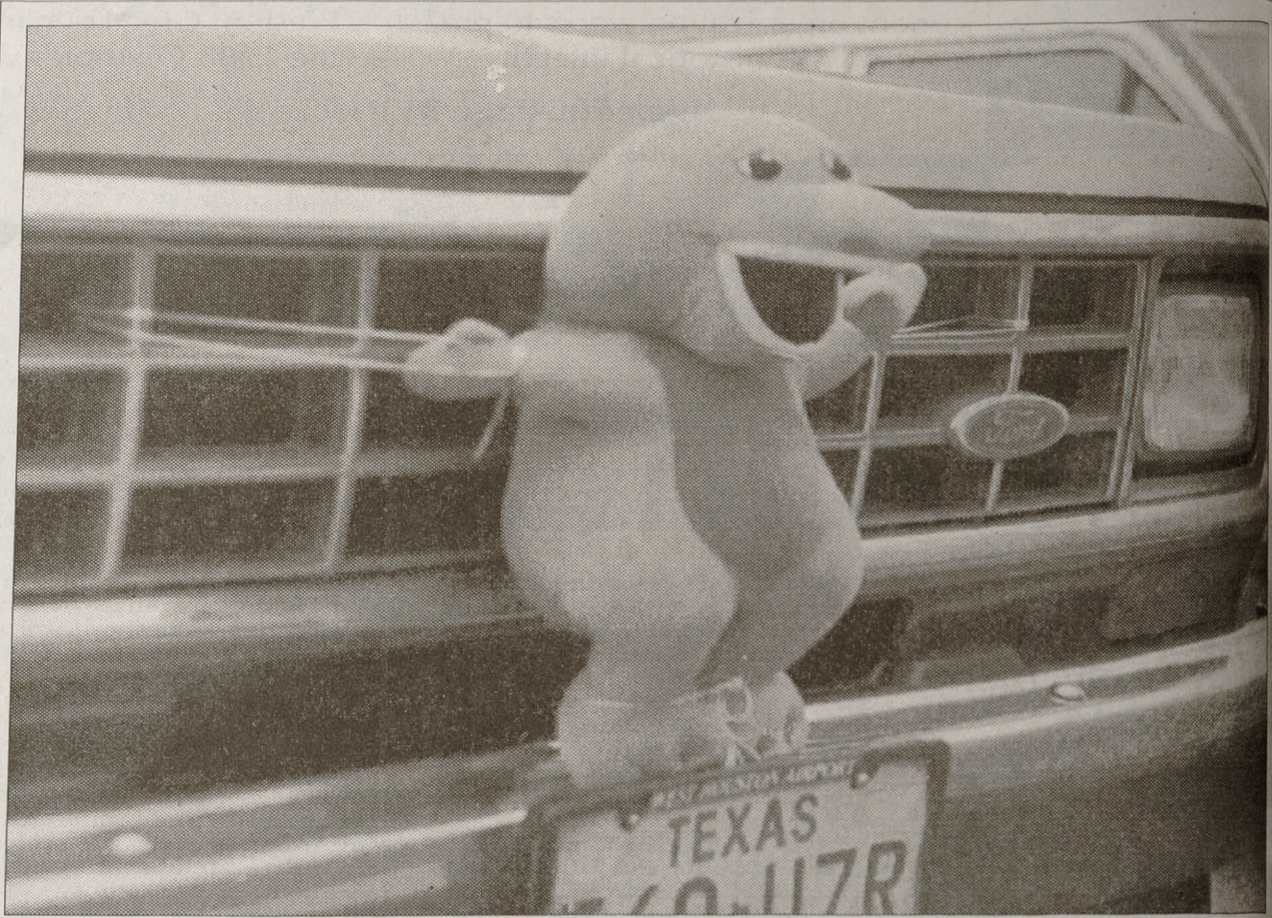
MEXICO CITY (AP) — The laws of Mexican politics seemed as durable as the party that has ruled the country for 65 years: Acting presidents ignore the crimes of their predecessors. Former presidents are neither seen nor heard.

But all that changed when President Ernesto Zedillo's attorney general ordered the arrest of Raul Salinas de Gortari — brother of Carlos Salinas, who turned the presidency over to Zedillo on Dec. 1.

The attorney general's office Tuesday charged Raul Salinas with masterminding and financing the September assassination of Jose Francisco Ruiz Massieu, his former brother-in-law and the No. 2 man in the ruling party.

On the same day, Carlos Salinas gave a series of televised interviews that rejected Zedillo's attempts to blame him for the economic crisis that has shaken confidence in the government — blaming it instead on the decisions leading to a devaluation of the peso.

The arrest of Raul Salinas, he said, is a blow "against the whole system born with an agreement among generals in 1928," at the birth of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party.



Chris Holder/ special to THE BATTALION

Will you be my friend?

Texas A&M freshman Thomas Mather expresses his love for Barney, the purple dinosaur, by strapping a plush version of the children's television character to the grille of his truck.

\$ FINANCIAL TIPS

Good credit requires planning

By Jason Zachary
 SPECIAL TO THE BATTALION

Purchasing by credit card has become a way of life for many students.

The thought of buying now and paying later is appealing.

Often credit card debt soon becomes dangerous as we begin to live beyond our parents' allowance or part-time paycheck.

The major credit-card companies have saturated the college student market. They have done so for two main reasons: the

likelihood that students will remain loyal customers, and because students are a relatively safe risk. Parents often repay if their children fail to do so.

If you need to establish, or rebuild, your credit, here are some suggestions:

- Apply for a secured credit card. These cards often require annual fees and carry high finance charges.
- Establish a savings account — and a relationship — with your local bank.

Remember: The best way to build credit and stay out of debt is to pay your balance in full.

make regular payments on time — but don't carry a balance. Most department-store cards also carry interest charges ranging from 19 percent to 22 percent.

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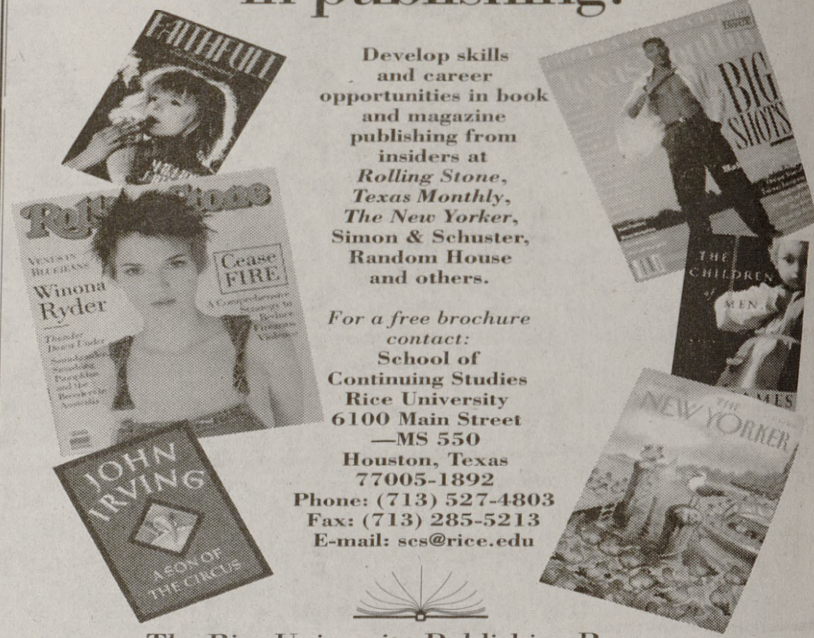


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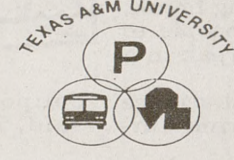
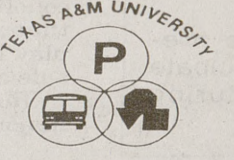
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Texas A&M University  **Parking News:** 

March 2 - Parking in PA 72 will be restricted due to an event being held at the College of Business.

March 3 - A portion of the University Center garage will be reserved for conferences.

March 4 - The University Center Garage will be reserved in the evening for the Lady Aggies basketball game.

March 6 thru March 8 - The University Center Garage will be reserved for the Texas Water Utilities Association conference. PTTS encourages all permit holders to park in their designated parking lots.

Shuttle Bus News:

Bus Operations will stop its regular bus service at 6:00 p.m. March 10, 1995. Bus service will be provided during Spring Break, March 13 through March 15, 1995, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The schedule is as follows:

For on campus transportation there will be 2 Rudder buses in service. To arrange rides to and from campus passengers will need to Dial-a-Ride at 847-RIDE or 847-7433.

Passengers requesting paratransit transportation need to contact Bus Operations at 845-1971 before March 10, 1995 to schedule rides.

Watch for PTTS updates in the Battalion, each Monday and Thursday! We're doing our best to keep you informed of activities and events that could impact your parking and transportation needs. For more information, call our parking counselors at 862-PARK or Shuttle Bus Operators at 845-1971.

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