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*"Building on a Decade of Dominance"*



## Laredo residents split over A&M-UT battle for the TAMIU System

□ Debate on whether TAMIU should be transferred to the UT system continues to evoke conflicting opinions.

LAREDO(AP) — Tiny Texas A&M International University, once ignored by those far from South Texas, now finds itself in the middle of a tug-of-war between the mammoth Texas A&M and University of Texas systems.

"It has been a dream converted to a nightmare," TAMIU president Leo Sayavedra said of the power struggle. "The timing couldn't be worse."

"It's bizarre," he said. "I think somehow the university is caught in an environment in which it has no control."

The controversy erupted last month when Sen. Judith Zaffirini, a Laredo Democrat and a UT graduate, introduced legislation that would transfer TAMIU to the UT system.

Some say the split is along socioeconomic lines, with the city's powerful bankers leading the charge for UT while the folks closer to Laredo's agrarian roots cling to A&M.

But supporters of the UT bill say it's not about class. They say the opposition is a small but vocal and well-organized group. The UT measure, they contend, has united the city as never before.

Supporters point to various polls that show residents backing the proposed switch to UT and extol endorsements ranging from the Laredo Chamber of Commerce to the City Council.

Critics say a more sensitive, new A&M Board of Regents and administration is in place and are skeptical of whether the UT System could do any better.

The measure passed in the Senate and is pending in a House committee. If thwarted, it could come law by riding on the back of legislation that would put the Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas in the Texas A&M University System.

"We're going to fight until whatever franchise we have, and then we'll skate on ice," said A&M Chancellor Barry Thompson, adding they have a good deal invested in the university.

TAMIU has about 2,000 students, but enrollment is projected to more than triple in the next 10 years, given the south's Hispanic population boom.

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To handle the growth, the university is about to move to a new campus on 300 acres of rolling ranch land in northeast Laredo.

Some students expressed frustration. Said student Rose Rabin, a senior English major: "I feel as if we're left in limbo. We're the children of divorced parents getting pulled both ways."

Others seemed weary of the battle. "I don't think it matters either way," said Ken Jessen, a senior finance major. "Just give me a sheet of paper that says, 'Degree.'"

## IMF predicts strong world economic growth

□ The International Monetary Fund releases positive global survey of economic status.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The global economy should enjoy its strongest growth in seven years in 1995, but that bright prospect is threatened by the recent weakness of the dollar and the turmoil in the Mexican economy, the International Monetary Fund said Sunday.

In its latest survey of global economic conditions, the IMF predicted that the economic recovery would gather steam in most of the world, although it forecast a significant slowdown in the United States this year and next.

In its new economic forecast, the IMF predicted that the world economy would expand by 3.8 percent this year and an even better 4.2 percent in 1996.

These would be the best rates since a 4.6 percent surge in 1988. Global economic output grew by 3.7 percent last year, up sharply from 2.5 percent in 1993.

It predicted that growth in Germany would accelerate slightly to 3.2 percent this year. But it estimated that the Japanese economy would continue to struggle with a subpar 1.8 percent

growth rate as exporters suffer because the rising yen made their products more expensive.

The IMF forecast that developing countries would enjoy growth of 5.6 percent this year.

But it cautioned that this outlook was clouded by the turmoil in Mexico, which is facing a severe recession this year after peso devaluation in December sparked a plunge in investor confidence which has spilled over into other emerging markets.

"This episode serves as a powerful reminder for all economies of the speed with which perceptions about a country's situation can change and the heavy cost of allowing economic imbalances to persist," the IMF report said.

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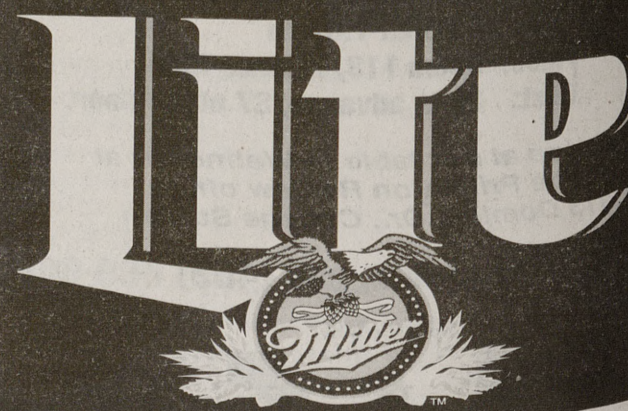
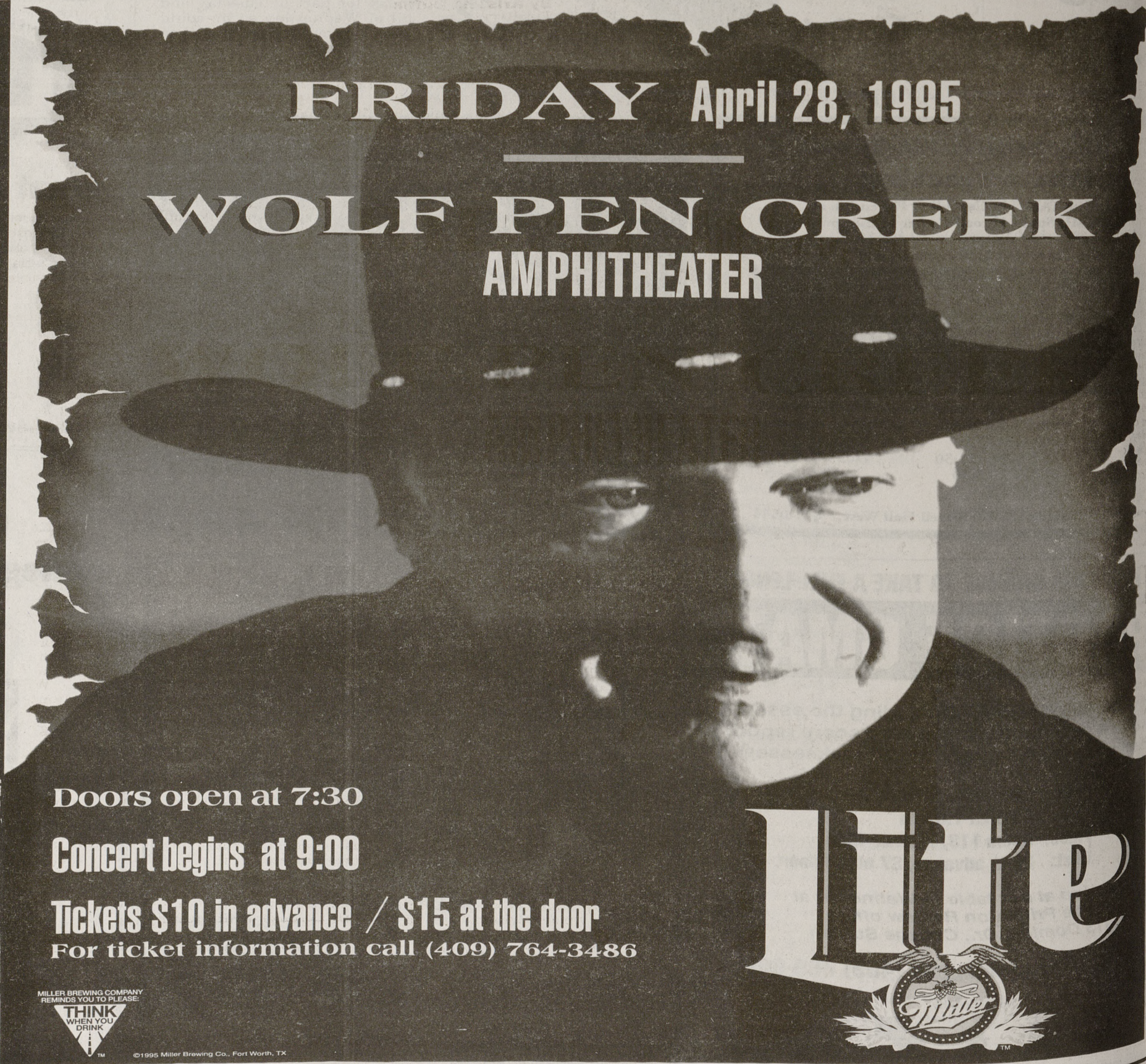
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