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NEWS BRIEFS

Defense Department reveals privatization plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon's plan to privatize Air Force depots in Texas and California may put pressure on the three remaining depots in Georgia, Oklahoma and Utah to cut back or be privatized as well, some observers predict.

The Defense Department last week unveiled a blueprint that would spare thousands of jobs at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio and McClellan AFB in Sacramento, Calif.

The "privatization in place" plan hastily assembled by the Clinton administration would lessen the hit on vote-rich Texas and California following an independent commission's recommendation to close the depots.

Some 16,000 of Kelly's 18,000 jobs and 8,700 of McClellan's 11,000 workers would be spared for five years, after which privatization would begin. Defense officials estimate fewer than 3,000 Kelly jobs and 4,700 McClellan jobs would be lost when operations go private.

DPS begins courses for firearms instructors

AUSTIN (AP) — Instructed to check their guns at the door, 160 people armed with notebooks and pens packed the auditorium at the Department of Public Safety Training Academy on Monday to learn how to teach Texans to properly carry concealed handguns.

The trainees represent every region of the state. The vast majority — 130 people — already are certified to teach other types of firearms courses. Many are law enforcement officers. Still others have never taught a handgun class but know how to use a gun.

All are hoping to grab a piece of the action when Texans begin applying for concealed-gun permits on Sept. 1.

Anyone teaching a state's concealed-handgun course must be certified as an instructor by the DPS. Applicants pay a \$100 nonrefundable course fee and travel to Austin to attend the course, which varies in length depending on experience.

Those already certified as firearms instructors undergo about 25 hours of instruction, while the others undergo 40 hours of training.

Credit agency gives NRA lowest possible rating

WASHINGTON (AP) — A major credit-rating agency has given the National Rifle Association its lowest possible ranking after studying the gun lobby's financial records.

Dun & Bradstreet, which evaluates the financial strength and credit worthiness of corporations, businesses and municipalities, gave the NRA a rating of nine on its scale of credit risk.

Such a rating generally is reserved for companies with extreme financial difficulties and could make it harder for the organization to do business with banks and contractors. By contrast, a rating of one would be assigned to the most financially sound entities.

The Dun & Bradstreet report, prepared June 30 for an individual involved in the NRA's operations, was obtained by The Associated Press.

The Dun & Bradstreet evaluation comes on the heels of an AP report that showed the NRA has depleted its cash and investments by more than half since 1991 and has been running in the red for the last four years with a cumulative deficit of at least \$60 million.

GOP resumes drive to cut spending on cultural aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — With conservatives pressing for further slashes in federal cultural aid, the House began a week of debate Monday on Republican-crafted spending legislation that would cut the size of government.

The House debated a measure providing \$12 billion next year for the Interior Department, cultural and other programs — \$1.5 billion less than they received this year. The National Park Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service and energy conservation would be cut; the Bureau of Mines would be eliminated.

Among the prime targets were the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Both have long been criticized by conservatives upset with projects they finance.

Second round of hearings on Whitewater opens

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a second round of hearings into Whitewater, Senate Republicans will try to cast doubt on presidential aides' assertions that they didn't tamper with documents in the office of White House lawyer Vincent Foster.

The hearings opening Tuesday are part of a one-two Republican punch aimed at the Clinton White House. House hearings begin Wednesday into the government's deadly 1993 siege at Waco, Texas.

The Senate Whitewater committee will focus on the late-night search of Foster's White House office after his suicide in a Virginia park on July 20, 1993.

Presidential aides have admitted they removed the Whitewater documents from Foster's office two days after his death, taking them to President and Mrs. Clinton's White House residence. The records were later turned over to prosecutors.

TENURE

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bers that are being reviewed for promotions.

Dr. Sam Cotner, head of the horticultural sciences department, said his department's evaluations often focus on research.

"In this department we often look for quality of research done," Cotner said, "but excellence in teaching has always been rewarded."



In the teaching category, seven additional examples of criteria were recommended. They include invitation to teach at a domestic or international institution, receiving awards for research or academic performance by directed students and participation in the University Honors Program or related mentoring programs.

Other additions in the scholarly activities and service categories would include editing a scholarly book and professional service to the Bryan-College Station community.

The changes were proposed by the Academic Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate. Oberhelman said the suggestion for changes came from two areas.

"The International Programs Committee noticed that there really was no place in the list for recognition of international work," Oberhelman said. "It seems only proper that faculty who do work internationally should be recognized."

The Academic Affairs Committee wanted to make changes to the criteria as a result of changes made to a separate document regarding teaching effectiveness.

"The list did not do justice to the full purpose of teaching," Oberhelman said. "Certain aspects of teaching need to be stressed."

Dr. John Weese, head of the engineering technology department, said that effective teaching has always been an integral part of his evaluations.

"The faculty has always been aware of the need to be competent classroom teachers," Weese said. "Careful consideration of teaching has always been there."

Dr. Don Hellriegel, executive associate dean designate of the College of Business, said that despite the recent focus on teaching, faculty members still are evaluated on a broad scope.

"We have to have a balance among all categories," Hellriegel said. "Policies ought to be open enough in terms of a combination of achievements."

The Faculty Senate approved the proposed changes last week.

The revisions will now be given to Dr. Ray Bowen, Texas A&M president, for final approval.

Family brings foster children to court to press case on interracial adoption

A lawsuit has been filed seeking a ruling that delaying or denying adoption based on race violates the Constitution.

AUSTIN (AP) — Six-year-old Joseph and his 2-year-old brother, Matthew, came to court Monday looking spiffy: blue shirts, black pants, shiny shoes.

The boys are at the center of a battle over interracial adoption that's winding its way through the legal system, and the couple that wants to adopt them say it's important for them to be there.

"I feel that it's their case. The children need to be seen," said Lou Ann Mullen, holding Matthew on her lap, surrounded by reporters in a hallway outside the courtroom.

Later, two reporters knelt to interview Joseph, while Matthew said "Hello" to the cameras.

Monday's hearing in the case ended up being pushed back until November. But when it reconvenes, Mullen said she'll be back with the boys.

She and her husband, Scott, allege that state social workers have delayed their adoption of the boys because the children are black and the couple are not. Mullen is American Indian, and her husband is white.

The two are on track to adopt Matthew and Joseph, who are living with them in Lexington, east of Austin in Lee County.

Assistant Attorney General Toni Hunter, representing the state, said the adoptions should be completed by the end of August.

But that hasn't stopped the lawsuit filed on the Mullens' behalf, seeking a ruling that delaying or denying adoption based on race violates the state and U.S. constitutions.

"There are other children out there that need to be saved," Mullen said.

The Texas case is part of a broader legal attack by the Washington-based Institute for Justice against states accused of impeding interracial adop-

tions. A similar lawsuit has been filed in Tennessee. Lawyers for the Mullens want their case to be certified as a class-action lawsuit, meaning would include all the non-white children awaiting adoption throughout the state.

Hunter, who says the state doesn't discriminate based on race, plans to ask for the lawsuit to be dismissed.

A 1993 state law, which was strengthened this year after publicity about the Mullens' case, bars the state from denying or delaying adoptions because the prospective parents are a different race or ethnicity than the child.

The Mullens have cared for other foster children, including two other black youngsters who they also hope to adopt. They also have a biological daughter and an adoptive daughter.

"The children need to be heard."

— Lou Ann Mullen, foster mother seeking to adopt two children

The couple began taking care of Matthew after his birth in 1992. They contend that when they said they wanted to adopt, case workers told them a black family would be considered first.

The Mullens say Matthew was removed from their home last summer to live with Joseph at the home of a black adoptive family. When that didn't work out, the children were placed with black foster family before being returned to the Mullens in January.

Hunter said the state disputes there was a delay in adoption proceedings. If there was, she said it was based on trying to keep Matthew and Joseph in the same family. She said the Mullens initially didn't express an interest in both boys.

Mullen, who said the couple did want to adopt both children, called the situation frustrating.

"It shouldn't take this long for children to find a home that they can live in and call home from now on," he said.

RACE

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keep on going and running good, teamwork was essential. I believe the competition made me a well-rounded individual."

Bates said that besides difficulty with tires, the team exper-

perienced no mechanical or electrical problems.

The production team chose to use bicycle tires because of the light weight, but the tires tended to wear out quickly.

Baron Hall, a senior mechanical technology major, said he was shocked when they received the Outstanding Teamwork Award.

"We were out on the road for nine days; it was not easy," Hall

said. "It was engineering by seat of your pants. When something went wrong, you had to figure it out right then and there."

"You think you know a lot about teamwork until you're thrown into a situation where you have to rely on it."

"I had to learn everything again. It was a once in a lifetime experience."

The Sunrayce '95 competition was held June 20-29.

ASL

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gree and allow students with proficiency in ASL to take a credit-by-examination test to fulfill foreign language requirements.

Several universities across the country have ASL programs, including the University of Texas, Baylor University, Southwest Texas State University, Harvard University, the University of California system and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Madeline Maxwell, professor of speech communications at UT, was one of the founders of UT's ASL program. Students in UT's four-semester program can earn 16 hours of foreign language credit. About 150 students enroll in ASL classes each semester.

Maxwell said the program benefits students, the hearing impaired and the community.

"Priority goes to students who will be teaching deaf children," she said. "American Sign Language is also important to the intellectual commu-

nity because it stretches the concepts of language."

Irene Talamantes, with the communication disorders department at SWTSU, said that since the four-semester ASL program began at SWTSU in 1989, the sign language classes have gained popularity.

"There is a very big demand for the classes," she said. "We have a waiting list to enroll in a sign language class."

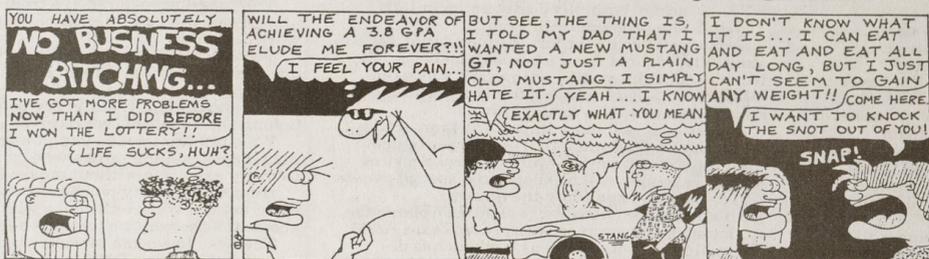
René Harris, accommodations coordinator for A&M's Support Services for Students with Disabilities, said an ASL program at A&M would be beneficial.

"There are some students who simply have a hard time learning a different language," Harris said. "Sign language offers a unique alternative to typical foreign languages."

Support Services for Students with Disabilities currently provides hearing-impaired students with services such as note takers, hearing devices and preferential seating. Harris said it is hard to gauge how many students with hearing impairments attend A&M because most students do not report their impairment.

The ASL program will not be initiated until the study is completed, Oberhelman said.

Sketch



IN THE BUFF



By Quatro

By VALERIE

CONSTRUCTION

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Closing these parking lots has been frustrating for students and faculty who frequently park in the lots.

Thomas Whitworth, a research scientist with the Department of Oceanography, said he felt the amount of manpower used for the repairs was not consistent with the number of people displaced by the lot closures.

"It appears that in an effort to save money, they have become callous to the needs of the faculty and students," he said.

Whitworth observes the construction of lot 55, beside the Eller Oceanography and Meteorology Building, from the window in his office. He said the work, which was recently under construction, was closed for three and a half days, and only two workers were assigned to make repairs to the lot.

"If the University would close one lot at a time rather than close all the lots, they might inconvenience fewer people," he said.

Williams said that in order to accommodate students and faculty on such a short notice, a bonfire site will be opened for parking and traffic officers to direct the drivers.

The only time available to make the repairs is during the summer, he said, when it is the least disruptive.

Dave Ryan, a junior biological major, said students are not warned about a parking lot before it is closed.

"They had barely posted signs when they closed the lot the first time," Ryan said.

Ryan said the lot across from the Zachry Engineering Center appeared to be left alone after work was closed. He said he saw workers repairing lot 51, the served staff lot across the street from the Wisenbaker Engineering Research Center, but saw them working on the student lot.

Robin Woods, a junior English major, said she does not understand why PITS did not utilize the two weeks prior to the first summer session or the weeks following the second summer session to make repairs to the parking lots on campus.

Woods said that students are not given warning in advance.

"Maybe PITS should consider telling students about the construction when they have their parking permits," Woods said. "That would allow students to plan their summer parking ahead of time."

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