



Pat James, THE BATTALION

Hop to it Michael Parks, a senior business major, bounces around on a pogo stick outside his apartment Tuesday.

► **Campus**

Senate confirms three new regents

Three new members of the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents were confirmed by the Texas Senate.

Anne L. Armstrong of Armstrong, Erle Allen Nye of Dallas and Dionel E. "Don" Aviles of Houston will be sworn into six-year terms at the Board's March 26 and 27 meeting in College Station on the A&M campus.

Armstrong is a former U.S. ambassador to Great Britain and a rancher. Nye is president of Texas Utilities Company in Dallas, and Aviles owns Aviles Engineering Company in Houston.

The three will replace Chairman Mary Nan West of Batesville, Alison Briscoe of Houston and Royce E. Wisenbaker of Tyler, whose terms expired this month.

The Board will elect a new chair on the first day of the March meeting.

Students can meet the new regents at a reception Tuesday March 26 at 6 p.m. in the regents' meeting room of the Memorial Student Center.

► **State**

Terrorist threat is called off by FBI

DALLAS (AP) — The FBI dropped a nationwide terrorist-threat advisory after tracking down a suspect U-Haul truck and finding it wasn't being used to carry the makings of a huge bomb.

The advisory was posted after witnesses said two men had loaded the

truck with what appeared to be thousands of pounds of fertilizer and 30 gallons of diesel fuel, enough material to make a bomb similar to the one that killed 168 people at the Oklahoma City federal building in April 1995.

The truck and its two occupants were located in Atlanta, and the advisory was canceled Monday night.

"The FBI and ATF now believe ... that there is no substance to the fears that two men driving a U-Haul truck were accumulating materials to build a bomb," the FBI said Tuesday.

The containers did not contain ammonium nitrate fertilizer but "something he used in his business," FBI spokeswoman Marjorie Poche said of one of the men.

She said the FBI would not identify the men, and she would not specify the contents of the containers or the man's business.

The witness had told police the men loaded the diesel into containers in the back of the truck at a Texaco station in Haltom City on Saturday.

Ms. Poche said agents found the two men by canvassing U-Haul rental outlets and places throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth area where fertilizer is sold. She said the two men "were surprised and they were cooperative."

► **Nation**

Man accused of secret videotaping

DOVER, N.H. (AP) — A photographer who took bridal portraits and portfolios for aspiring models is accused of secretly videotaping his subjects in a basement dressing room

where a sign warned:

"Attention Models!!! Please! No undergarments. Why? Because pantyhose, panties and bras cause unsightly lines and bulges which are unacceptable for glamorous or model shows."

By Tuesday, about 20 women contacted police with fears they might have been victims of 71-year-old Lawrence Ring, who is accused of making the tapes for two decades and distributing some of the pictures over the Internet.

"They realize now they may have been taped," said Sgt. Anthony Colarusso. "They're very upset because they don't feel they did anything wrong — and they didn't."

Police accused the photographer of going much further than voyeurism with some of his subjects — including having sex on camera with a 15-year-old girl whose call to police last week led to Ring's arrest.

Police Chief William Fenniman said Ring paid women \$15 an hour for modeling, \$30 an hour for body painting and \$150 an hour for acting in pornographic movies.

After searching Ring's house for about 12 hours on Saturday, police charged him with sexual assault and said more charges are expected.

Some 400 hours of videotape and thousands of photo negatives were seized, some going back so far that officers recognized some of their own high school classmates. One woman called from Italy about pictures taken years ago.

Police sought to allay women's fears that nude photos of them might become public. "We can as-

sure victims we have very security," Colarusso said. "Our concern is the victims."

Clinton tackles of snake control

WASHINGTON (AP) — Clinton wants Congress to fund \$1 million to help attack brown snakes in Guam and keep them from spreading to Hawaii and the rest of the United States.

Alaska Sen. Frank Murkowski another idea—a \$1 bounty on snakes.

"If you paid kids \$1 a week, wouldn't it do some good?" Murkowski asked Tuesday in Senate budget hearing.

"No," answered Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt. He said the \$1 is needed to pay for new research to combat the millions of nonpoisonous snakes overrunning Guam and parts of the Pacific.

"How do you know?" Murkowski countered.




"If I was out there with my 12-year-old kid, I think I'd be some snakes," the Republican senator continued.

"I'll go out with my pile of snakes and you come out with your pile and we'll see who gets more snakes," Murkowski told Babbitt.

Babbitt replied, "You'll get of snakes, but you won't solve the problem."

Murkowski, chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, brought the matter up in the Clinton administration's guided spending priorities for the Interior Department.

► **Weather**

| Today | Tonight | Tomorrow | Highs & Lows |
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|  |  |  | Today's Expected High: 66°F Tonight's Expected Low: 44°F Tomorrow's Expected High: 58°F Tomorrow Night's Expected Low: 49°F |
| Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. Southeasterly winds at 15-20 mph. | 20 percent chance of showers, then decreasing clouds. Westerly winds at 15-20 mph. | Partly cloudy with north winds at 10 mph. | |

Information courtesy of TAMU

► **This day in history**

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 26th, the 57th day of 1997. There are 308 days left in the year.

In 1802, French literary giant Victor Hugo was born in Besancon.

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from the Island of Elba to begin his second conquest of France.

In 1846, frontiersman-turned-showman William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody was born in Scout County, Iowa.

In 1870, New York City's first pneumatic-powered subway line was opened to the public.

In 1919, Congress established Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.

In 1929, President Coolidge signed a measure establishing Grand Teton National Park.

In 1940, the U.S. Air Defense Command was created.

In 1952, Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced Britain had developed its own atomic bomb.

In 1986, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and author Robert Penn Warren was named the first poet laureate of the United States.

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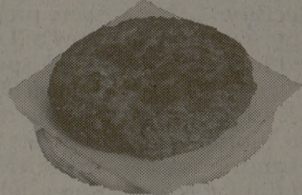
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| ADVANCED JITTERBUG | 8-9:30 | SUNDAY | GRW 266 |
| JITTERBUG | 6-7:30 | WEDNESDAY | GRW 255 |
| COUNTRY & WESTERN II | 8-9:30 | WEDNESDAY | GRW 255 |
| JITTERBUG | 6-7:30 | THURSDAY | GRW 255 |

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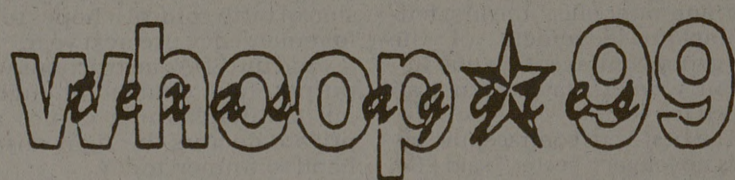
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