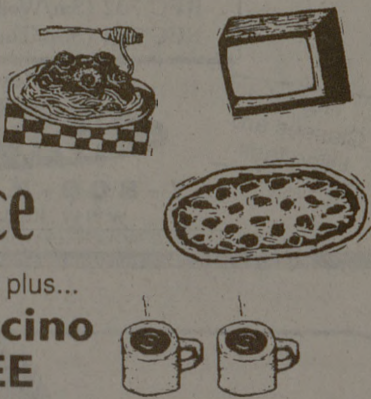


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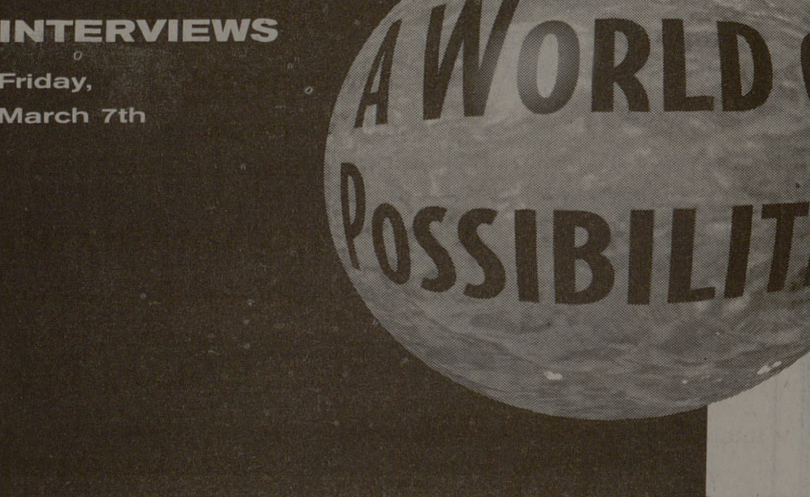
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**► What's Up?**

**Thursday**

**Men's Lacrosse Club:** Practice will be held from 4-6 p.m. at the Zachry Fields. Everyone is welcome and no experience is necessary. For details, call Todd Hendreks at 764-8561.

**Women's Lacrosse:** There will be practice from 4-6 p.m. at the Zachry Fields. Beginners are welcome. For more information, call Monica at 694-6915.

**Aggie R.E.A.C.H.:** There will be a general meeting for old and new members at 5:30 p.m. in A.P. Beutel Health Center. For more information, contact Marc Wade at 847-7903.

**Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Aggies:** There will be a program on Personality Profiles and Assessments with Lisa Bryan at 7 p.m. in 144 Koldus. For more information, call Gay line at 847-0321.

**Study Abroad Programs Office:** There will be an informational meeting to promote the Italy Spring '98 program from 2:30-3:15 p.m. in 358, 161 Bizzell Hall West.

**Career Center:** There will be a Summer Internship search at 4 p.m. in 212 MSC. There will be a Placement Orientation at 5 p.m. in 308 Rudder.

**Association of Baptist Students (ABS):** A meeting to praise, worship and learn more about God and to meet new friends will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the ABS Center. For more information, contact Bobby at 846-3223.

**Floral Design Club:** Floral arranging for banquets and other special occasions will be held at 6 p.m. in 108 Horticulture/Forestry. Contact Jamie at 764-6504 for details.

**Biomedical Science Association - Veterinary Medicine Sub-branch:** There will be a general meeting at 7 p.m. in 206 MSC. Dr. Jerram will be speaking about dentistry. For more information, call Tami Smith at 775-9140.

**Kappa Sigma:** Fight Night registration will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the MSC Hallway.

**MGMT 481 Class:** There will be a guest lecture by Creed Ford on Brinker International, Inc. at 10:20 a.m. in 144 Koldus.

**Saturday**

**Horsemen's Association:** Horsemen's is hosting the Special Students Riding Clinic all day beginning at 8 a.m. at the Freeman Arena. For more information, contact Shannon Castle at 696-3381.

**Society of Women Engineers:** The High School Engineering Conference will be all day in the Zachry lobby and MSC.

**TAMU Sailing Club:** Recreational sailing will begin at 9 a.m. and last all day on a variety of boats. The day will include sailing, instruction, launching of the new fleet windsurfers, Paul's birthday, and BBQ lunch. For more information, call Paul Mushrush at 846-2271 or Ellen Mitchell at 846-8577.

**Brazilian Student Association:** There will be a Brazilian Carnival featuring "Brazilian Band" at the Ramada Inn Hotel at 9 p.m. Prizes will be given for the best costume. For more information, call Soummo Mukherjee at 846-6876.

**What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit student and faculty events and activities. Items should be submitted no later than three days in advance of the desired run date. Application deadlines and notices are not events and will not be run in What's Up. If you have any questions, please call the newsroom at 846-6876.**

**Native American Student Association:** There will be Native American singing and drumming at 7 p.m. in 407 Rudder. For additional information, call Sonny at 847-1836 or Wendy at 260-1992.

**Aggie Speleological Society:** A general meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. in 202 Francis. Contact Will at 847-1612 or Tina at 775-7266 for details.

**Texas A&M Emergency Team:** There will be a general meeting with in service over bandaging and splinting at 7 p.m. in 212 MSC. For more information, contact Hunter Olsen at 693-1299.

**Friday**

**Men's Lacrosse Club:** Practice will be held from 4-6 p.m. at the Zachry Fields. Everyone is welcome and no experience is necessary. For details, call Todd Hendreks at 764-8561.

**The Learning Skills Center of the Student Counseling Service:** There will be a workshop on Time Management and Procrastination from 2-3 p.m. in 103 Henderson. For details, call 845-4427.

**Study Abroad Programs Office:** There will be an informational meeting to promote the Italy Spring '98 program from 3:15-4 p.m. in 358, 161 Bizzell Hall West.

**Career Center:** There will be a Co-op education seminar at 2 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

**Society of Women Engineers:** The High School Engineering Conference will be all day in the Zachry lobby and MSC.

**Kappa Sigma:** Fight night registration will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the MSC Hallway.

**Lawmakers tangle over Waco commemo-**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two Texas congressmen tangled Wednesday in an unusually personal dispute provoked when one denounced the other for saying on TV that the public fears being "bombed" in a Waco-like government raid.

Rep. Chet Edwards, D-Waco, demanded that Rep. Ron Paul apologize to the American people for saying during a C-Span interview Wednesday that "there are a lot of people who fear that they may be bombed by the federal government at another Waco."

"I mean, these people committed no crimes," the Surfside Republican added.

"A member of Congress making that kind of extremist statement simply encourages the kind of radical hatred that leads to Oklahoma City (bombings)," Edwards said.

Paul demanded an apology of his own, accusing Edwards of engaging in a "vicious attack" for personal reasons.

"He ought to apologize for being so cheap, taking a cheap shot at me," said Paul, who once targeted him for defeat in the Democratic primary.

"Maybe I'll ask him to defend the defense of burning up lives by the federal police," Paul said. "What crime did the children have in order for them to be have their building burned and be burned alive?"

"Why doesn't [Edwards] have compassion for the children?" Paul asked.

Eighty-one Branch Davidians, including 25 children, died in a fiery inferno after federal law enforcement teardropped tear gas to end the 51-day siege that resulted after a botched raid by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

**Strong bones may help indicate breast cancer risk**

**► Breast cancer kills 44,000 people in the United States each year.**

BOSTON (AP) — The strength of a woman's bones may be the most powerful predictor yet of her risk of breast cancer.

For the second time in recent months, a study found that older women with very strong, healthy bones run a sharply higher risk of breast cancer, a disease that kills 44,000 people in the United States annually.

Having strong bones is ordinarily thought to be a good thing, and the bones themselves are almost certainly not the problem. Rather, doctors believe healthy bones reflect a high lifetime exposure to estrogen, the female sex hormone also implicated in breast cancer.

"The suspected link is estrogen — not the kind that doctors give you when you enter menopause but the kind that is naturally occurring in the body during a woman's premenopausal years," Dr. Douglas Kiel said.

Kiel, a geriatrics specialist at the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center for the Aged in Boston, is the author of a study in Thursday's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine. It found that older women with the strongest bones have almost four times the breast cancer risk of women with weak bones.

This could make bone strength the single most powerful predictor of breast cancer risk — more telling than a family history of the disease, which increases risk two to three times.

Weak bones — a condition called osteoporosis — are especially common among elderly women. Many are already routinely tested for bone strength, which costs about \$100.

Kiel said he does not believe whole bone testing is a better cancer risk. He said when the test is already done for other reasons, it can be combined with other known risk factors to help single out women with especially high risk.

Knowing their risk is especially great should encourage women to get yearly mammograms, which are already recommended for those over 50.

**State education committee considers 'safe schools' bill**

**► The bill calls for 'zero tolerance of drugs, alcohol and disruptive behavior'**

AUSTIN (AP) — Schools could expel students for misdemeanor drug and alcohol offenses under a bill approved Wednesday by the Senate Education Committee.

The measure by Education Committee Chair Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, is meant to strengthen a law decreasing "zero tolerance" for drugs, alcohol and disruptive behavior on campus. The bill goes to the full Senate for consideration.

Bivins acknowledged that his measure could result in students being expelled "to the streets," because smaller counties aren't required to have juvenile justice alternative education programs for students expelled from campus.

But he said that concern is outweighed by the need to allow schools to fight drugs and alcohol on campus as they see fit. Bivins said there have been alternative programs set up even in counties that aren't required to have them.

"I have had a number of superintendents come to me and say, 'If your goal is zero tolerance of drugs and alcohol on campus, is it that you have prevented them from being able to expel students who are in possession of these controlled substances?'" said Bivins.

Current law calls for expulsion of students for felony drug and alcohol violations.

The bill was among several proposed by the Education Committee to adjust the safe schools provision of the 1995 education code, which allows teachers to remove or disruptive students from their classrooms for placement in alternative education programs.

Current law requires school districts to set up alternative programs which may be on campus if they separate from other students.

In addition, juvenile justice counties over 125,000 population must establish a juvenile justice alternative education program for expelled students.

Judge Mary Craft, a juvenile justice judge in Harris County, said she has stable funding for that county's juvenile justice alternative education program and other factors have detracted from its effectiveness.

**Dogs**

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Dogs in the program come from breeding centers and other donors. The foundation prefers certain breeds of dogs such as golden retrievers, German shepherds and Labrador retrievers, because they are known for good dispositions and strength.

Puppies chosen to be guide dogs must have parents that have a clear eye record and are certified free of hip dysplasia. They also must pass a preliminary aptitude test and a physical.

Baker said the list of blind people in need of a guide dog is getting longer, as is the list for people needing to be puppy walkers.

"The demand for guide dogs is large," Baker said. "And, in states like Texas, there is a need for about 3,000 guide dogs."

Baker said the foundation wants to give guide dogs to recipients of charge because of donors, grants and volunteer work.

"It is a good cause," Baker said, "and I feel students at A&M can help."

To be granted a guide dog, a student must be legally blind, have a severe visual impairment. They must be at least 16 years old and to offer care and love to the dog.

Students interested in this program can call the Guide Dog Foundation in San Antonio at (210) 366-4081.