

# THE BATTALION DEBRIEFING

## Fire Away

**Anna Gulkowski** (left), a freshman mechanical engineering major, and **Jamie Kovar**, a freshman industrial engineering major, test their ping pong catapult for an engineering project for Foundation Coalition. Students will be showing their projects in the Zachry Building lobby today.



Tim Moog, THE BATTALION

## ► State

### Teacher slain, four teens held in killing

MIDLAND (AP) — Four Midland teens remained jailed Thursday morning and faced capital murder charges after the stabbing death of a local schoolteacher, whose body was discovered in a caliche pit outside of town.

One of the suspects lives next door to Helen R. Johnson, 53, who was stabbed several times at her home during an apparent robbery, police said.

The three 17-year-olds and one 16-year-old initially were arrested early Wednesday morning for possession of alcohol in what turned out to be Johnson's car, police said.

Arrested were Frederick Ernest Keck, James Garibay and Fernando Lujan, all 17, and a 16-year-old male. The three adults were being held in lieu of \$125,000 bond.

Keck was a neighbor of Johnson's, and the Midland Reporter-Telegram reported that police consider him the main suspect. All four have gang ties, police said.

The suspects told police where the 53-year-old woman's fully clothed body was buried, police said. Their information also led to a knife that police think may have been used to kill the fourth-grade teacher.

## ► Nation

### Runaway girl found with internet love

ENERGY, Ill. (AP) — Authorities have found a 14-year-old girl and an airman she disappeared with after she struck up a friendship with a vampire in an Internet chat room devoted to a vampire game.

Senior Airman Brooker Maltby 22, was arrested Wednesday and is wanted by the Air Force for charges of desertion, said Maltby's thia Colin, a spokesperson at the Air Force Base near Omaha, Neb. where Maltby was stationed.

The girl from Brighton, N.Y., in Rochester, was found a short time ago at the apartment they shared in Marion, said Kevin O'Connell, her father.

Four months ago, the airman and the girl disappeared, leaving a lettered trail in Kansas City and Nebraska. Police received hundreds of tips on their whereabouts. But nothing panned out until Wednesday when a tip generated by the syndicated Maury Povich TV talk show police to the pair in southern Illinois.

The girl, whose family has scribed her as an honor student who did not date, was reported missing Dec. 19 after her mother dropped off at a shopping mall. She had told her mother she was going to meet her father and finish Christmas shopping.

## ► This day in history

Today is Friday, April 18, the 108th day of 1997. There are 257 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1775, Paul Revere began his famous ride from Charlestown to Lexington, Mass., warning American colonists that the British were coming.

In 1906, a devastating earthquake struck San Francisco, followed by raging fires. About 700 people died.

In 1921, Junior Achievement, created to encourage business skills in young people, was incorporated.

In 1942, an air squadron from the USS Hornet led by Lt. Col. James H. Doolittle raided Tokyo and other Japanese cities.

In 1945, famed American war correspondent Ernie Pyle, 44, was killed by Japanese gunfire on the Pacific island of Ie Shima, off Okinawa.

In 1946, the League of Nations went out of business.

In 1949, the Irish republic was proclaimed.

In 1955, physicist Albert Einstein died in Princeton, N.J.

In 1956, actress Grace Kelly married Prince Rainier of Monaco in a civil ceremony. (A church wedding took place the next day.)

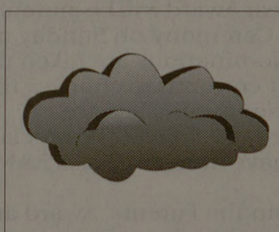
In 1983, 62 people, including 17 Americans, were killed at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, by a suicide bomber.

## ► Today's birthdays

Blues singer Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown is 73. Actor Clive Revill is 67. Actor Robert Hooks is 60. Actress Hayley Mills is 51. Actor James Woods is 50. Country musician Walt Richmond (The Tractors) is 50. Actor Rick Moranis is 43. Actress Melody Thomas Scott (The Young and the Restless) is 41. Actor Eric Roberts is 41. Actor John James is 41. Rock musician Les Patinson (Echo and the Bunnymen) is 39. Talk show host Conan O'Brien is 34. Actress Jane Leeves is 34. Rock musician Craig Eklund (Everclear) is 27.

## ► Weather

Today



Cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms.

Tonight



Cloudy with a slight chance of showers.

Tomorrow



Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms.

Highs & Lows

Today's Expected High 72°F

Tonight's Expected High 59°F

Tomorrow's Expected High 76°F

Tomorrow Night's Expected Low 55°F

# ITALY

## SPRING 1998

in Castiglion Fiorentino

Information Meetings  
Room 154, Bizzell Hall West

Tuesday, April 15, 3:00 - 3:45 pm  
Wednesday, April 16, 1:30 - 2:15 pm  
Friday, April 18, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

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**Undergraduate Student Requirements:**

- You must be a degree seeking student and have a total of 95 credit hours reflected on the Texas A&M University Student Information Management System. (A passed course, which is repeated and passed, cannot count as additional credit hours.)
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- You must have a 2.0 cumulative GPR at Texas A&M University.
- You must be in good standing with the University, including no registration or transcript blocks for past due fees, loans, parking tickets, returned checks, etc.

**Graduate Student Requirements**

If you are a May 1997 degree candidate and you do not have an Aggie ring from a prior degree, you may place an order after you meet the following requirements:

- Your degree is conferred and posted on the Texas A&M University Student Information Management System; and
- You are in good standing with the University, including no registration or transcript blocks for past due fees, loans, parking tickets, returned checks, etc.

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- If you meet all of the above requirements, you must visit the Ring Office no later than Thursday, April 24, 1997 to complete the application for eligibility verification.
- If your application is approved and you wish to receive your ring on June 12, 1997, you must return and pay in full by cash, check, money order, or your personal Visa or Mastercard (with your name imprinted) no later than April 25, 1997.

Men's 10K	- \$307.00	14K	- \$418.00
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Add \$8.00 for Class of '96 or before.  
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