

## NEWS BRIEFS

### College Station pool named for Aggie

College Station Mayor Lynn McIlroy and Steve Beachy, director of parks and recreation for College Station, will dedicate and rename the Southwood swimming pool in honor of former Texas A&M student athlete Cindy Hallaran Thursday at 5 p.m. The pool is adjacent to the Southwood Athletic Park on Rock Hill Road. Hallaran, Class of '79, died on May 17, 1995. Hallaran was known throughout the state and nation for her contributions to the swimming field. She swam for A&M, coached at A&M Consolidated High School and worked for College Station Parks and Recreation Department for 20 years.

### Gramm aide to visit, explain Workplace Act

Ed Hodges, state director for U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, will visit Texas A&M today to brief employees of the Ocean Drilling Program at A&M Research Park about an act proposed by Gramm this month. The Family Friendly Workplace Act would give employees working overtime the choice of receiving overtime pay or saving overtime hours and taking paid time off. The Act would also give workers flexible scheduling options; work hours missed in one week could be made up by working hours in another week.

### Budget deal includes Texas welfare reform

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush has rejected a congressional deal that would allow Texas to hire private companies to determine and distribute welfare benefits for at least half its applicants. House Majority Leader Dick Armey, speaking today that the governor would announce by telephone Monday night the measure out of the federal budget and tax deal pending in Congress. Armey said the governor expressed concern that the deal would reduce the state's welfare improvement plan because the state could not proceed unfettered. For more than a year, Bush has pushed a plan to set up one-stop locations for welfare applicants to seek financial help, get job training and other aid. He wants to hire private companies to determine applicants' eligibility for assistance and to administer the aid.

## TODAY IN BATTALION

### SPORTS

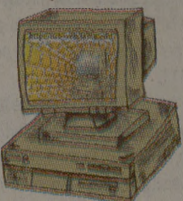
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# 'I scream, you scream ...'

## New dairy center on West Campus to reintroduce Aggie ice cream

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THE BATTALION

The foundation of a building that will house one of Texas A&M's oldest and sweetest yet forgotten traditions, Aggie ice cream, will be poured near Discovery Drive on West Campus Friday. Since the early 20th century until 1995 when the Creamery building next to the Pavilion was torn down, Aggies made milk, ice cream and cheese at the Creamery. The new building on West Campus will be called the Dairy Products Teaching and Research Lab and will house the Creamery's ice cream-making equipment. The Rosenthal Meat Science and Technology Center dairy and meat sales area will sell the ice cream. The Creamery, which was completed in 1956, was destroyed May 31, 1995, to make room for the Evans Library addition and parking garage.

Ray Riley, manager of Rosenthal Center, said A&M-made ice cream was the most popular item sold at the Rosenthal Center. The center has been selling Blue Bell ice cream as a substitute for A&M ice cream since the Creamery closed. Riley said that now ice cream sales are half of what they used to be.

"A&M ice cream is unique," Riley said. "People think, 'I can get Blue Bell anywhere,' and they don't make a special trip to Rosenthal anymore."

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PHOTOGRAPH: Tim Moog

## Man to die for murder of neighbor

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A twice-convicted thief was set for execution Tuesday evening for killing a woman 15 years ago. Robert West, 35, was condemned for the beating and stabbing death of Deanna Klaus, 22, who lived one floor below him at a hotel in Houston's Montrose area. The lethal injection would be the 25th this year in Texas, extending a record for the nation's most active capital punishment state. West's attorneys requested an 11th hour review of the case by the U.S. Supreme Court. West had been in and out of jail since he was 15, when he was sent to reform school in Chicago. He also had served prison time in Illinois and Florida for theft and burglary along with a number of other arrests by the time he arrived in Houston at age 20 "to mellow out," he said. The Klaus murder on August 24, 1982 capped a series of events that began with West and his companion, Gonzalo Tagle, a transvestite known on the streets as Roxanne, picking up an ex-security guard, William Longfellow, who wanted to buy sex. Instead, Longfellow was robbed and stabbed and left for dead by West. Roxanne eventually got busted by police for prostitution and told police her companion was West's friend, Brett Barstow. After recovering, Longfellow put out word on the street that he was looking for Roxanne's lover. Barstow turned up dead, shot in the back of the head, in what police termed a drug killing.

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## Budget agreement reached

### Clinton, Republicans both give ground on tax cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton and Republicans united today in hailing a landmark deal to remake the face of government by cutting taxes and balancing the budget. Clinton called it "an historic agreement that will benefit generations of Americans." "It is very, very good for our country," the president said in a celebratory statement on the White House south lawn, to applause from Democratic members of Congress. He said the agreement would balance the budget in a way that "honors our values, invests in our people, and cuts taxes for middle class families." Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said the deal was "not everything Republicans wanted ... it's not everything the president or Democrats want." "But it does a lot of good things for the American people," Domenici said in an early morning appearance on NBC's "Today" show. Referring to Clinton, he said, "Both of us thought this was better than having seven years of war. You give some, we give some. We did it."

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## Four die in Colorado flood

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — A sudden rainstorm sent a muddy wall of water up to 20 feet high crashing through neighborhoods in the middle of the night, washing away cars, trailers and anything else in its path. At least four people were dead, 35 injured and 20 others missing. "There was no time for warning," said police Lt. Brad Hurst. More than 8 inches of rain fell in the Fort Collins area Monday night and collected behind a 15-foot-high railroad bed until the water finally broke loose in a huge wave. The flood turned the normally quiet Spring Creek into a raging river of caramel-colored water. Televisions, refrigerators, furniture and even a toilet bowl floated through town. "It came and came and came, and I thought, 'Oh man, I've got to get out with what I have with me and help my neighbors,'" said Suzetta Thompson, who was at home with her husband, Rob. Their trailer was destroyed. "I grabbed my bathrobe, and now that's all I have." Two trailer parks were especially hard hit, but the flooding caused hardship all over this city of 108,000 an hour north of Denver. Side streets were swamped with dirty, brownish water, forcing some shops to close. City Manager John Fishbach estimated damage in the millions. Gov. Roy Romer, who had once lived in the neighborhood, flew over the flood area in a National Guard helicopter. "I know that creek well," Romer said. "It just catches your breath when you see that amount of damage." As a steady drizzle fell, rescuers searched for the missing. They went through 90 trailers one by one, prying them open and spraying on them what was found. Many said "Clear." But one was marked: "Live Cat." Fires burned at daybreak from broken gas mains. The Colorado State University campus was heavily damaged. More than 4 feet of water poured through the student center, and water was still rushing from the building hours later. Textbooks, pins from the bowling alley and bicycles were scattered in the muck outside. In a music building, floodwaters ruined band uniforms, sheet music, pianos and other instruments in a basement. Damage on campus was estimated at \$20 million.

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## France, Texas dispute ownership of historic shipwreck

STAFF AND WIRE REPORT

SAN ANTONIO — France is claiming it owns the ship of explorer La Salle, a wrecked vessel the state of Texas salvaged from Matagorda Bay, the San Antonio Express-News reported Tuesday in a copyright story. French officials have notified the United States they will dispute any claim that the sailing ship *La Belle*, which sank off the Texas coast more than 300 years ago, now belongs to Texas. The state of Texas spent \$5.5 million salvaging *La Belle*. Its hull was disassembled during the excavation, which was finished a few months ago. *La Belle's* wooden hull and a trove of artifacts, including highly decorated bronze cannons, are now at Texas A&M's conservation laboratory at the A&M Riverside campus. The Texas Historical Commission contracted A&M's Nautical Archaeology program to conserve the ship's artifacts. Donny Hamilton, head of the Nautical Archaeology program, said France's claim will not affect the conservation plans. "The Texas Historical Commission is footing the bill right now and if France wants the ship they will have to pay for it," Hamilton said. "Either way, we are just in the middle of this." Laurent Mellier, press attache of the French Consulate in Houston, said Texas can keep the ship, but France wants to retain ownership. "It was the property of the king when La Salle was in Texas." That was the position of France, that the ship belonged to the French king," Mellier was quoted as saying in the Express-News. French researchers determined from archival

records in La Rochelle, France, that *La Belle* was on loan to famed explorer Rene Robert Cavellier sieur de La Salle, Mellier said. France's claim to the ship is "just to clear things out and to be the ground for ... scientific, technological and cultural cooperation," according to Mellier. Texas' position is that King Louis XIV gave *La Belle* to La Salle for discovering the mouth of the Mississippi River and thus was the explorer's personal property. The state claims *La Belle* is a Texas shipwreck since La Salle has no descendants who can claim ownership. Curtis Tunnell, executive director of the Texas Historical Commission, said state archaeologists worked closely with French scientists and researchers visiting the shipwreck site, and a traveling exhibit showcasing many of the ship's historical treasures could tour France. "We have tried to cooperate all along with the scientists and others in France that are interested in this discovery," Tunnell said. The French government provided archival research to the U.S. State Department supporting its view that it owns the *Belle*, which sank in 1686, Tunnell said. "I know the French government has contacted the State Department and the State Department has contacted the governor's office and the National Park Service, and it's kind of trickling down to us," Tunnell said. Ray Sullivan, a spokesman for Gov. George W. Bush, confirmed the governor's office has received information regarding France's claim but has delegated the matter to the Texas Historical Commission.



PHOTOGRAPH: Pat James

Bronze cannons from La Salle's ship *La Belle* will remain at Texas A&M's conservation laboratory at the Riverside campus despite France's ownership claim.