

Memorial Student Center
Committee for the Awareness of
Mexican American Culture
Proudly Presents:

**Third Annual Cinco de Mayo
Talent Show & Awards Ceremony**

May 1, 2000
MSC 201
7-9 P.M.

If you are interested in submitting an act, pick up an application form from the CAMAC cubicle in the Student Programs Office located in the second floor of the MSC.
*Deadline for submitting acts is April 25, 2000.

Auditions	Dress Rehearsal
Date: April 25, 2000	Date: May 1, 2000
Time: 7:00p.m.	Time: 4:00p.m.
Place: Rudder 701	Place: MSC 201

For more information call: 845-1515, ask for CAMAC, or 260-6054, ask for Martha

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SAM HOUSTON
STATE**

DATE: April 25 **TIME:** 5:30pm **GAME:** 7:00pm
WHERE: Olsen Pavilion

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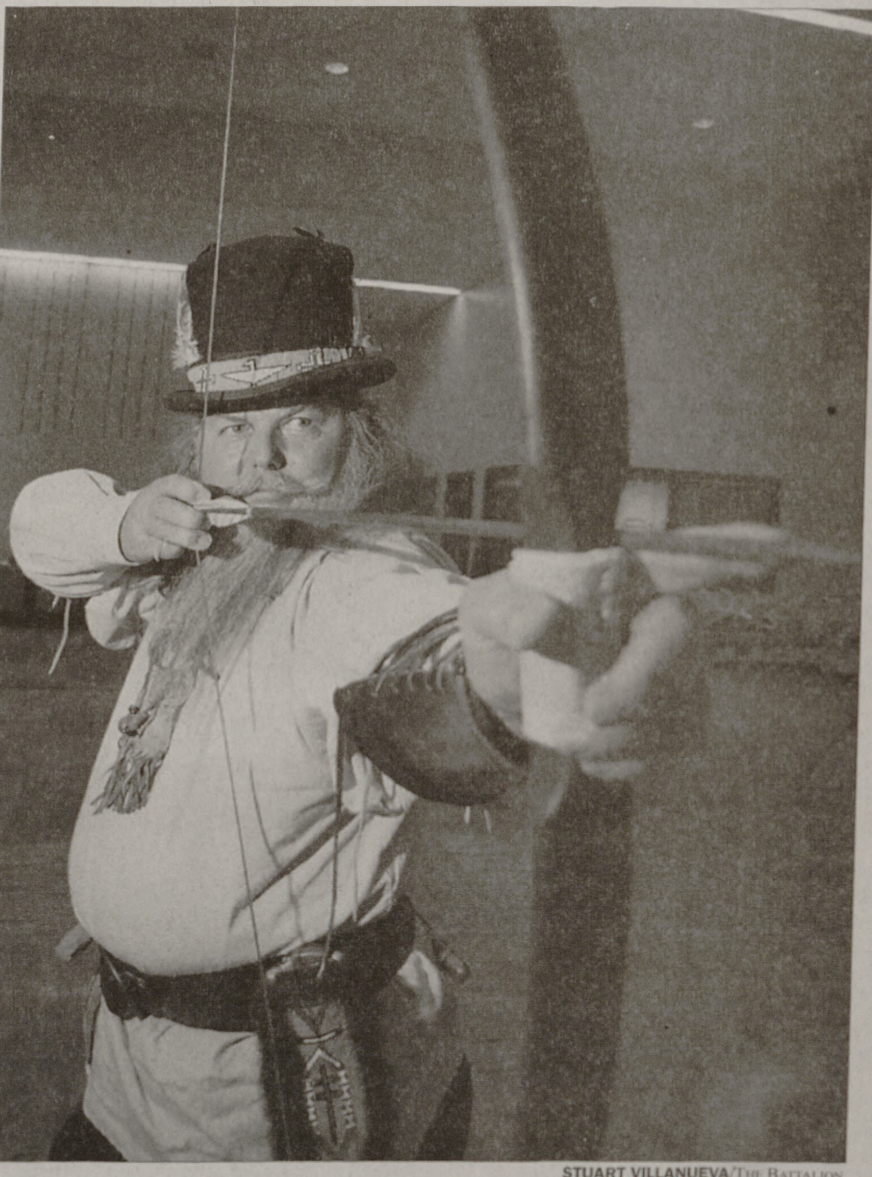
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Tom "Longhair" Slaton demonstrates his archery skills during a beginning archery class at the Student Recreation Center on Monday. Slaton travels all over the the country doing demonstrations and competitions with his long-bow and other primitive weapons.

Campus Calendar

- Tuesday**
- Aggie Lutherans Treehouse:** Join us for a Bible study, fun, and fellowship at 7-8:30 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church located near Northgate.
 - Aggie Toastmasters:** Learn public speaking and resume building. We will be in Rudder at 8:30 p.m. Check blue screen for location. For more information, please contact Laura at 695-2833.
 - University Undergraduate Fellows Symposium:** There will be presentations of the fellows' completed research on Rudder 5th floor at 7 p.m. preceded by a reception at 6 p.m. on Rudder 2nd floor.
 - AAF:** Elections in Wehner 136 at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Marie at 847-0686.
 - Future Aggie Physician Assistants:** We will have our last meeting of the semester. Come talk with those who have applied and been accepted at Garcia's Mexican Restaurant at 7 p.m. Contact Lori at 696-8593.
 - OCF (Orthodox Christian Fellowship):** We will be reading liturgy and having officer elections at 5:30 p.m. at All Faith's Chapel. For more information call Susan at 696-3112.
- Friday**
- University Undergraduate Fellows Symposium:** There will be presentations of the fellows' completed research on Rudder 5th floor at 7 p.m.
 - Texas Student Education Association:** There will be a guest lecture by Diane Graham called "Our Student Teaching Semester" at 8:30 p.m. in Koldus 110. Contact Jamice at 694-7270 for more information.
 - Aggies for Life:** There will be a display entitled "When Does Life Begin?" at 11 a.m. at Rudder Fountain. Contact Amber at 693-5957 for details.
 - Texas A&M Veteran's Association Fajita Fest/Cook-off:** 12 p.m.-6 p.m. at VFW Hall - 1447 S. FM 2818, North of Villa Maria. Applications at <http://www.earthcorp.com/todd>. For more information, contact Todd at 775-4657.
 - Delta Sigma Theta:** Community Playday, where everyone comes together to play games, win prizes and eat free food will be held at the Neal Recreation Center at 1800 Martin Luther King Blvd.
- Saturday**
- Pacesetter 2000 5K run** sponsored by Leadership Robertson County Alumni Association. Run takes place at 8 a.m. in Calvert, TX. This run is in conjunction with Calvert's Maypole Festival and Historical Home Tour. Contact Cathy at 979-279-2173 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. for more information.
- Wednesday**
- Student Activities:** There will be a Student Leadership Retreat Center design forum in the MSC Flagroom at 2 p.m.
- Thursday**
- Graduate Christian Fellowship of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship (Grad IVCF):** Grad students meet at 7:30p.m. for Bible study, prayer, fellowship, and snacks. Please see our Website at <http://stat.tamu.edu/~inlow/ivcf.html> for locations and more information, or call Jen or Mark at 764-1552.
- Friday**
- Catholic Students Association:** There will be a general meeting in Rudder 707 at 7 p.m.
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White House blames the Miami family

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House blamed Elian Gonzalez's Miami relatives for forcing the government to seize the boy, asserting that "none of this would have happened" if they had respected the law and allowed him to be reunited with his father.

The administration also said it was proper for the government to carry weapons when they stormed the house. "There was no information that there might be guns in the house, out in the neighborhood," presidential spokesperson Joe Lockhart said.

Meanwhile, House Judiciary Committee Chairman Hyde, R-Ill., announced a "preliminary inquiry" by the committee staff into Saturday's pre-dawn raid. The inquiry, which will wind up as hearings, will look into whether the use of force was appropriate or necessary, Hyde said in a statement.

Attorney General Janet Reno will meet on Tuesday with Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., to answer questions about the raid, Lott spokesperson said. Lott also has invited about a dozen senators to the meeting, he said.

President Clinton felt the raid was "the right thing to do," even though it could have been avoided. None of this had to happen because the family did not respect the legal process that dictated the father should be reunited with his son, Clinton said.

Earlier today, Reno refused to second-guess the government's actions. "I have no regrets whatsoever," she said.

"I tried my level best to make sure we avoided the raid, an employment and if I bent over backward, so be it," she said on Monday.

Marisleyis Gonzalez, a cousin who looked after Elian before spring break, was in Miami, and the boy's two great-uncles let him stay at a hotel today "to try to speak to whoever we have to meet with Elian and his father. She said the Miami government posed no risk to the father because "we are in his territory."

Armed agents broke into the Miami home of the boy's relatives early Saturday only after negotiations with the father produced mixed signals, Reno said. "We were told we had a deal if we did certain things and we did it and it fell through on the boy's side."

The White House accused Republicans — in particular Majority Whip Tom DeLay of Texas — of playing politics by making "wildly inaccurate statements" about the case and making "wildly inaccurate statements" about the case.

Tom DeLay went on television yesterday and said he had no warrant in this case, that they didn't get a search warrant, Lockhart said. "It's factually not true, and easily disproven. You're not trying to play politics."

The federal government worked hard to make sure Elian, a Cuban refugee was reunited with his father in a peaceful way, Reno said. "We tried and tried." "In the end, what we had to do and we now need to move forward and heal this little boy and his father a chance to heal."

A longtime friend of Reno, Aaron Podhurst, was involved in the negotiations with the Miami relatives Thursday and Friday. "I believe a deal was within minutes or an hour or so," he told NBC. "I was shocked, I was disappointed, I couldn't believe what I was looking at on TV."

Podhurst said he talked to Reno shortly after the raid and heher of his disappointment. "She was as sad as I've ever seen her," he said.

Elian and his father are staying at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington, where some of their Cuban relatives are demanding a meeting. The custody battle that has drawn lines around the world is also getting renewed attention from members of Congress while the family awaits the next step in the case.

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