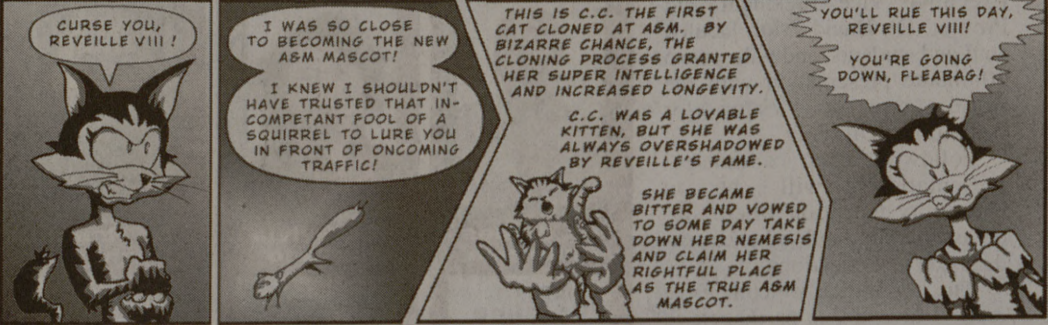


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# FCC

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broadcasting," Adelstein said. He said consumers' anger "will flash as they surf through their channels only to find more sensationalism, commercialism, crassness, violence, homogenization and noticeably less serious coverage of news and local events."

Powell said after the vote that court challenges would have swept away the old rules anyway and now he is confident "the vast majority of what we've done will survive" the lawsuits he expects to be filed.

Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., a member of the Commerce Committee, was joined at a news conference by South Carolina Sen. Ernest Hollings, the committee's ranking Democrat, and Mississippi Sen. Trent Lott, the former Republican leader. They criticized the FCC vote and threatened congressional action to block the initiatives.

"There clearly now is going to be an orgy of mergers and acquisitions," said Dorgan, who called the FCC's decision "dumb and dangerous."

But Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, supported Powell, saying, "The rules correctly reflect the continuing goals of ensuring diversity and localism and guarding against undue concentration."

Others in the diverse circle of critics include media moguls Ted Turner and Barry Diller, consumer advocates, civil rights and religious groups, small broadcasters, writers, musicians, unions and the National Rifle Association.

Under the new rules, a single company can now own TV stations that reach 45 percent of U.S. households instead of 35 percent. The major networks wanted the cap eliminated, while smaller broadcasters said a higher cap would allow the networks to gobble up stations and take away local control of pro-

gramming. The FCC ended a ban on joint ownership of a newspaper and a broadcast station in the same city. Restrictions in markets with nine or more TV stations were eliminated, while smaller markets would face some limits.

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— Billy Tauzin  
Louisiana House member

"Cross-ownership" still would be barred in markets with three or fewer TV stations.

Tribune Co. and Gannett Inc. were among the major newspaper-owning companies that wanted the ban lifted. Both also have broadcast holdings.

"Our readers, viewers and listeners across the country are the real winners today," Tribune President Dennis FitzSimons said. "They will benefit as we explore additional ways of enriching the content of our newspapers, television stations and Web sites."

The FCC also eased rules governing local TV ownership so one company can own two television stations in more markets and three stations in the largest cities such as New York and Los Angeles.

The agency also changed how local radio markets are defined to correct a problem that has allowed companies to exceed ownership limits in some areas.

Copps said the commission should have learned from the example of radio, which has seen shrinking numbers of independent and minority owners since deregulation in 1996.

The government adopted the ownership rules between 1941 and 1975 to encourage competition and prevent monopoly control of the media.

# Indicators dip, show promise

By Jeanne Aversa  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Spending on construction projects around the country slowed in April to the lowest level in four months. But manufacturing, while still weak, showed some signs of improving in May.

The Commerce Department reported Monday the value of construction projects dipped by 0.3 percent in April from March to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$862.6 billion, marking the third straight month that construction spending went down.

In another report, The Institute for Supply Management in New York said business at the nation's manufacturers declined for the third consecutive month in May, but at a much slower rate.

The institute's manufacturing index was 49.4 percent last month, up from 45.4 in April. A reading below 50 means manufacturing activity is slowing; above 50 indicates the industry is growing.

The manufacturing report heartened economists who were hoping it signaled better days ahead for the battered manufacturing sector.

"Manufacturing has been the weak link of this economy, but this report shows that the sector may have begun to turn the corner," said Lynn Reaser, chief economist at Banc of America Capital Management.

# Student Affairs

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Conoley said. J. Malon Southerland will retire in August after serving as vice president for nine years. The vice president oversees the University's extracurricular activities.

"When you do these searches, a lot of factors have to come together to find the perfect person for the job at the perfect time," said Barry Hammond, former Memorial Student Center Council president and a search committee member. "You have to find someone that's ready to leave their position at a prestigious university in order to come and lead this division at this prestigious university. We've had strong leadership in the Division of Student Affairs, and we don't want to take a step backward."

# Diversity

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Anderson will present Thursday, Hurlbut will present June 10 and Rochon will present on June 13. All presentations will be at Memorial Student Center 206.

Parrish said the committee hopes to have the position filled by July.

# CSPD BLOTTER

- 6/1/03 11:18 a.m. Hit and run accident with injuries (scrapes and bruises), Longmire/Rock Prairie.
- 6/1/03 6:02 p.m. Driving while license suspended (also warrant), Balcones/Welsh. One arrest.
- 6/1/03 9:03 p.m. Criminal attempt burglary of a habitation, 705 Wellborn.
- 6/1/03 10:33 p.m. Driving while license suspended, Harvey Mitchell Pkwy/Texas. One arrest.
- 6/1/03 11:22 p.m. Warrant arrest (also driving while license suspended), 2101 Harvey Mitchell. One arrest.

# UPD BLOTTER

- 5/27/03 Supplemental information, Burleson County. Burleson County Sheriff's Office personnel notified UPD that they had recovered a vehicle reported stolen earlier in May. The vehicle was found in possession of a suspect while he was attempting to burglarize a home in Burleson County. Investigation complete.
- 5/28/03 10:05 a.m. Theft/Unauthorized use of motor vehicle, McKenzie Terminal. The reporting party leased a 2001 Dodge Stratus to an individual May 8 with the agreement the vehicle would be

- returned May 9. As of May 28, the vehicle has not been returned. Investigation continues.
- 5/28/03 2:00 p.m. Harassment, Engineering Physics Building. The victim was the recipient of two obscene telephone calls from an unknown male subject. Investigation continues.
- 5/28/03 8:23 p.m. Warrant arrest, Parking Area 55. While investigating a theft of service, the investigating officer was informed the reporting party was wanted on an outstanding warrant held by UPD. The subject was arrested and incarcerated.

- Investigation complete.
- 5/29/03 11:04 p.m. Minor in possession of alcoholic beverage, Hensel Park. Citation issued.
- 5/30/03 12:24 p.m. Theft, History Building. The victim's wallet and contents were stolen from a third floor office. Investigation continues.
- 5/31/03 1:31 a.m. Disorderly conduct, University Terrace Apts. Victim reported seeing a male subject looking at her through a bathroom window while she was showering. When the subject noticed he had been seen, he turned and walked away.

# Geology

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years, the geology department at A&M has lost two faculty members who were on student field trips.

Faculty and students at UT and A&M geology departments regarded Goldhammer as an excellent teacher and researcher.

"Goldhammer was field-oriented and was doing what he loved to do," said Dr. Andrew Hajash, head of the A&M geology department. "He was a success in industry and took the lowest level of assistant professor for a considerable cut in pay. From what I hear, he was a mentor to many of his students, and he was sought after to teach."

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