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Russia joins Gulf arms market

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Russia and other cash-strapped Soviet republics are trying to get a slice of the lucrative Gulf arms market, helping fuel an arms race between the Arabs and Iran.

During the Cold War, the Gulf was the preserve of the United States and European arms manufacturers. There are signs that is rapidly changing, with the Russians hawking warplanes, missiles, warships and armor at bargain-basement prices to Arabs. Moscow is also supplying weapons to Iraq to be a very potent force in the market now.

"They have a lot of good systems and they're selling 40 to 50 percent below many Western systems," said Charles Carr of British Aerospace said in an interview.



Airlines contributing to their downfall

WASHINGTON (AP) — A congressional investigation of the airline industry's money miseries began Wednesday with the Clinton administration chiding airlines for contributing to their own woes by overexpanding.

Other critics, including the head of USAir, were far harsher. Some accused the nation's three largest airlines of adding hundreds of planes to their fleets to drive smaller competitors out of business.

The so-called Big Three — United, Delta and American — said their expansion has been prudent.

The growth has been "far more than needed," said Patrick V. Murphy, an acting assistant secretary of transportation testifying for the administration. He said recent expansion by the Big Three equaled the creation of two new major airlines.



Bullock proposes budget increase

AUSTIN (AP) — Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock said Wednesday that \$2.2 billion more could be put into education, health care, social services and protecting Texans from crime — without increasing taxes.

His proposal would use government efficiency measures and bookkeeping transactions pointed out by state Comptroller John Sharp, Gov. Ann Richards and Senate staff, according to a statement from his office.

"Make no mistake about it. This is not a cure-all. At best, it is a prescription for relieving some of the pain," Bullock said.

He said most of the money would come from bookkeeping measures.

However, he added, "We find ourselves again without a permanent solution."

Bullock has been critical of bookkeeping tactics in the past and remains so.



Sports After a disappointing defeat about one month ago, the Texas Tech women's basketball team avenged the earlier loss against Texas Wednesday. The 77-67 win was Tech's first ever in Austin. **page 6**

Duncan anticipates 'Robin Hood' approval

by KENDRA CASEY
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The school finance plan, designed to redistribute property taxes across Texas school districts, is expected to receive voter approval May 1 when the future of Texas school financing will be in the hands of the electorate, said Rep. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock.

"I think the momentum has shifted toward approval," he said.

Texas legislators passed the recapture amendment, often referred to as the Robin Hood tax,

Monday, leaving the final decision up to Texas voters.

The amendment proposes redistributing property tax revenue from wealthy school districts to poor school districts.

"This appeared to me to be the best solution we could come up with in the political process," Duncan said.

He said Lubbock is a property poor school district and stands to benefit from the amendment should it receive voter approval.

Members of the Texas House and Senate are planning to organize a privately funded

campaign to support the amendment.

Although the finance proposal did not initially receive approval, lawmakers compromised to adopt a plan to meet the June 1 deadline, Duncan said.

If voters turn down the proposal, the Texas Legislature will meet in special session during the summer to avoid turning the school finance budget over to the Texas Supreme Court.

Duncan said there are no proposed affirmative plans to replace the Robin Hood amendment if it is not approved.

"If voters fail to approve it, then that sends a

message that recapture isn't suitable for Texas," he said.

"And we should honor that and come up with a different solution."

Also on the May 1 ballot is an amendment proposed by Duncan that will require the state to fund all mandated programs for Texas school districts.

The state currently is able to mandate programs without providing funding for the programs.

"We think it's a step toward responsible state government and responsible development of school programs," Duncan said.

Communication key to understanding, assistant DOS says

by SANDRA PULLEY
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

Healing racial tensions on the Texas Tech campus will begin with individual friendships and understanding, Assistant Dean of Students Joshua Mora said during a presentation at Horn/Knapp Residence Hall Wednesday night.

"We have got to start feeling comfortable asking questions about people from other cultures," he said. "Political correctness has gotten crazy, and we are afraid to talk to each other. Talking with each other is the only way to learn."

Mora said discrimination exists between all ethnic groups, and multicultural education needs to focus on understanding for everyone.

"There has always been a push to educate the majority to be sensitive towards minorities," he said.

"We have forgotten that minorities also need to be educated about other cultures."

Although the United States is a diverse nation, there is not an emphasis on communication between cultures, he said.

Katrina Watland, a senior elementary education major from Mandal, Norway, said, "I just think it is about time that we focus on solutions to racial problems now and put a positive light on the new things that can happen now."

Mora said racism often stems from one bad experience with a person from another ethnic group.

"We have to remember to judge people individually and not as a group," he said. "People express themselves in different ways. We speak too much out of ignorance."

Mora suggested that students make a sincere effort to include people from other races in their social circle.

"You cannot patronize people or be their friends because it looks good," he said. "You have to make a sincere commitment to establish a real trust."



All aboard

Two days of freezing temperatures have made buses the preferred travel method for students across campus. Snow and freezing rain fell most of Wednesday, making roads and sidewalks extremely slippery. Today's high is expected to reach the mid-40s.

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MPAC chairman advocates cost control at physician level

by JAMES DAVID
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A faculty member of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center has been elected chairman of the American Medical Political Action Committee.

C.L. Montgomery, associate dean for continuing medical education, will head the committee for the American Medical Association, the nation's largest medical organization.

Montgomery said AMPAC is involved primarily in congressional politics and does not endorse presidential candidates.

"We're still waiting to see what Clinton's health care proposals will entail," Montgomery said.

He said that despite what the new administration proposes, he is against socialized medicine.

"I feel that it is an ineffective way of providing medical care for people," Montgomery said. "In Great Britain they have what is called a capitation method whereby one general practitioner is responsible for several thousand patients. The doctors get paid by the government according to how many patients they see."

Montgomery said that in such a system, patients have to wait to see a general practitioner, then if a specialist is needed patients have to be referred by their primary care practitioner first.

Problems in medicine include the high cost of medications and treatments, Montgomery said.

"I'm against government price controls in anything," he said. "What needs to be done is cost containment at the physician level. Doctors usually have several options in what brand of medications they prescribe."

"Here, at the medical school, we try to teach medical school students about the various options in prescribing medications and what types of treatments to use," Montgomery said.

The American Medical Association has proposed a 16-point plan for health care reform called "Health Access America."

The plan calls for reforming the Medicaid and Medicare programs and increasing health care access by requiring employers to provide health insurance.

The plan also includes maintaining quality and reducing costs through developing professional practice standards, repealing or overriding state mandated benefit laws, increasing health promotion and disease prevention and reducing administration and paperwork.

Clinton appeals for higher taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton asked Americans Wednesday night to accept one of the biggest tax increases in history, part of a tough \$499 billion plan to curb massive budget deficits and stimulate the economy. "We must do this together," he said in a pointed overture to Congress.

"This economic plan cannot please everyone," Clinton said in a 60-minute address to a joint session of Congress. "If this package is picked apart, there will be something that will anger each of us. But if it is taken as a whole, it will help all of us."

The plan is a mixture of \$246 billion in tax increases and \$253 billion in spending cuts over four years. "Our budget will by 1997 cut \$140 billion from the deficit — one of the greatest real spending cuts by an American president," he said.

"If we do not act now," Clinton said, "we will not recognize this country 10 years from now." He said the deficit would have grown to \$635 billion a year and the national debt would consume almost 80 percent of the gross domestic product.

"Americans have called for change," the president said, "and now it is up to those of us in this room to deliver." He warned that lobbyists would try to block the program.

Clinton's prime-time speech was delivered in the House chamber, where majority Democrats gave a thunderous welcome to the first Democrat to hold the White House in 12 years.

Republicans denounced Clinton's plan as a massive round of tax hikes. GOP lawmakers wore buttons that

said "Tax and Spend. Again" and "It's Spending, Stupid."

House GOP Leader Bob Michel said, "The American people would do well to remember: when you hear a Democrat call for taxes, do not ask for whom the tax rises — it will rise for you."

"Tonight the president mentioned a number of new programs that inevitably will cost considerable sums of money," Michel said. "Laudable as they may be, how do we pay for them? The president's answer is: more taxes on everyone."

Clinton's Cabinet looked on as he spoke, as well as his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, and his mother, Virginia Kelley.

Clinton's plan would spread pain almost universally, although well-to-do people would be hit hardest. The administration braced for stiff opposition following a negative reaction from Wall Street.

The program would impose higher energy taxes on every household with income of more than \$30,000. The administration calculated that would raise \$71.4 billion by 1998.

The tax would start next July at 2.5 cents a gallon for gasoline, 2.75 cents per gallon of heating oil, and 8.75 cents per thousand cubic feet of natural gas. It would increase over three years to triple those original figures.

Income tax rates would jump significantly — from 31 percent now to 36 percent next year — for families with taxable income over \$140,000. A 10 percent surtax which Clinton had promised to impose on millionaires would be applied to taxable income over \$250,000.

Internal VP, Student Senate president time-consuming roles, Sutton says

by KRISTIE DAVIS
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Editor's note: The following article is the last of a three-part series on the duties of the Student Association's executive officers.

Senior political science major Michelle Sutton stays busy with two Student Association officer positions as internal vice president and Student Senate president.

"If you don't like to deal with people, this is definitely not the job for you," she said. "You have to be people-oriented."

The internal vice president, liaison between the executive SA officers and the Student Senate, works closely with the 62 senators and appoints them to various committees.

As senate president, the internal vice president needs to have an understanding of parliamentary procedures and the rules and order for presiding over senate meetings.

The internal vice president must attend meetings and keep up with issues of importance to students, faculty and staff.

During the spring semester, the internal vice president stays busy with organizational funding and senate elec-

tions. "Sometimes, I'm up here all night," Sutton said. "It's definitely time-consuming. There's always a meeting. There's always something to do."

Sutton suggested people interested in the position be organized and aggressive.

"You have to be able to give orders and get people to do stuff," she said. "You have to keep your personal feelings out of it and give everyone the same treatment."

The internal vice president should have a flexible academic schedule and be able to miss classes when necessary.

A cumulative 2.25 GPA is required prior to being elected, and the officer must maintain the average while in office.

The internal vice president must complete a minimum of 60 hours before the election and be enrolled in six hours while holding office.

"It's been the best experience for me," Sutton said.



Sutton

Defensive driving course spurs odd friendships, interesting conversations among bored students



JENNIFER SANDER

After sitting through the first few hours of a seemingly never-ending defensive driving class last weekend, I began (as most people do) to look around at people's faces, trying to figure out their lives and dark secrets.

Everyone entered the room at a groggy 8 a.m., eyes half-closed and cursing the cop who sent them to this place.

No one paid much attention to each other at first. You know how it is, look straight ahead, at the ground — anywhere but at each other.

Since this was my fourth defensive driving class in the last two years, I didn't pay much attention to the lecture (who does?) and began to research a little human behavior.

My observation? I discovered the three topics that can bring total strangers into hours of long conversation.

The first is alcohol. Naturally, when you bring together 20 or more college students, the subject is bound to come up. But it's an easy ice-breaker to discuss the best bars, cheapest drink specials and worst drunk stories. No matter what, someone has a more embarrassing

story or had a 'better drunk.' It can bring hours of laughter to a room full of bored speed demons.

Ironically, this conversation both preceded and proceeded the section on DWI laws and gory clips of alcohol-related deaths.

This conversation took up a majority of the time, but the one that fell right under it is concerts. Oh yes, the 'I saw them in '79 when they toured the nation with so and so, and it was so much better than when you saw them' conversation.

As tired as this conversation-starter is, it is a sure-fire way to keep it rolling. There is always the guy in the back, dressed in faded jeans and his overly worn and washed '70s Led Zeppelin World Tour T-shirt who is talking concert biz to the young teenager, clad in his latest Guns-N-Roses attire.

It never fails, when Mr. Concert saw the band, it was their best performance, maybe a once in a lifetime show, and rumor has it the band broke up. Endless hours of one guy topping the other on concert stories.

Of course, the glory of defensive driving is the common bond of the ticket.

The instructor allows everyone to state their name and crime. It's almost like an Alcoholic's Anonymous meeting. Hello, I'm Jennifer and I was going 52 in a 40. The purpose of this name game is to feel better when someone can top it. I was a little relieved when I heard someone admit his 135

in a 55 zone.

Everyone was allowed to tell about the location of the ticket, if they tried to appeal, etc... It allowed us all to vent our frustrations about our ticket and to moan and groan about how the cop robbed us. It was the highlight of the eight-hour event, if you don't count lunch.

By the end of the session, we were all talking, introducing ourselves and such, like we had known each other for years. That's the strange thing I've noticed about defensive driving — the family-like atmosphere when you leave.

There's always someone who tried to tell their whole life story and two that argue the whole eight hours.

I just find it interesting, almost funny, how people act in a situation such as defensive driving. Complete strangers are forced into a small room for eight hours together to watch films about driving and become friends for brief moments but will probably never see each other again.

People release personal life details about themselves, some which none of us would like to hear about. But perhaps the most interesting thing to me is the strange, random topics of conversation that bond people together.

Oh well, as the hymn goes, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

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University Press furthering knowledge

by SANDRA PULLEY
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TO DEAL WITH STATE BUDGET CUTS, THE PRESS IS FOCUSING ON PUBLICATIONS WITH A BROAD PUBLIC INTEREST.

Tony Privett

From roadrunners to Texas golf legends, the Texas Tech University Press is spanning the gap between the scholarly and popular press by offering books with a variety of reader focuses.

"The mission of the University Press is to promote our books," said Tony Privett, University Press associate director of marketing. "We differ from general publishers because we are charged with furthering knowledge."

To deal with state budget cuts, the press is focusing more on publications with a broad public interest, Privett said.

"We are looking for books with a foot in the scholarly press and one in general interest," he said. "In the future, there will probably be a focus on books with a regional subject to capture the local market."

Some of the scholarly books published by the press serve as supplementary texts at universities, and other

books are purchased by scientists to keep up with new knowledge in their field.

"We get orders for our books from all over the world," he said. "Any bookstore in the world can order books from us. People hear about our books through catalogues and reviews."

Privett said the books range in price from \$6.95 to \$65 with the average paperback costing between \$15 and \$20 and the average hard cover book costing \$30.

A listing of University Press publications can be found in the press catalogue or a book titled "Books in Print." Books from the press can also be seen in displays in the University Book Store and the education building.

Some of the books offered this semester include "Texas Golf Legends," a book which highlights the lives of famous golfers with sketches by Paul Milosevich.

"This book demonstrates how the press can cover areas which seem far away from scholarly pursuits, but combine knowledge with entertainment and sports," Privett said.

"Blades in the Sky" is a compilation of photographs and history about the development of windmills. In "Roadrunners," Wyman Meinzer, a nature photographer, details the life of the bird in the wild.

"Meinzer is a premier nature photographer," Privett said. "It is amazing that since roadrunners play such a role in our culture, jewelry and myths that there are not more books about them."

Best Friends

by Laura Waldusky



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson

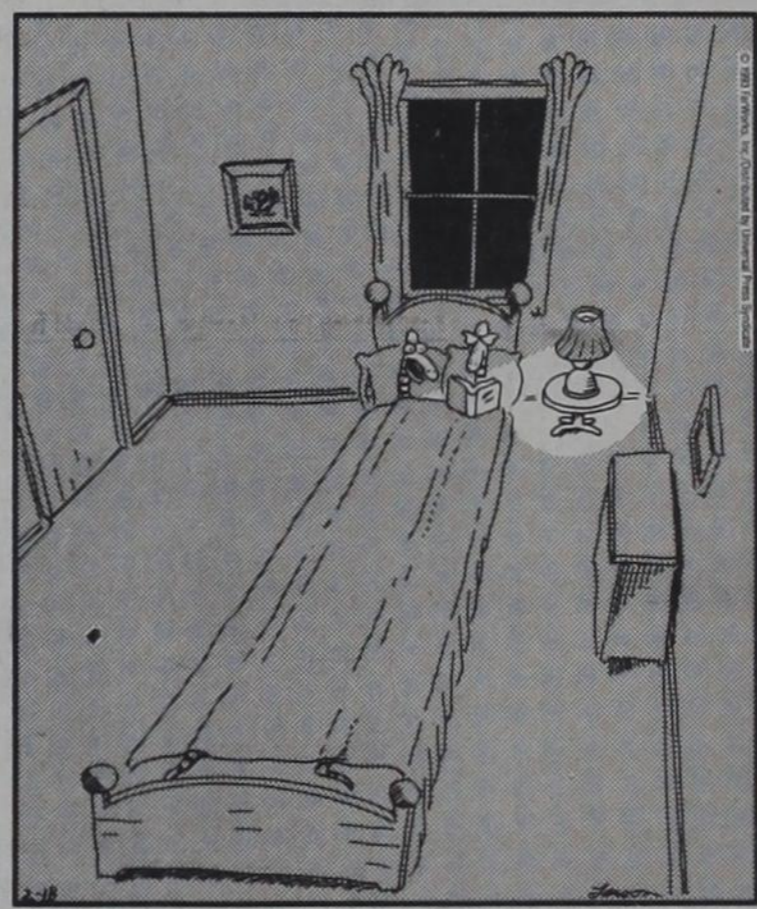


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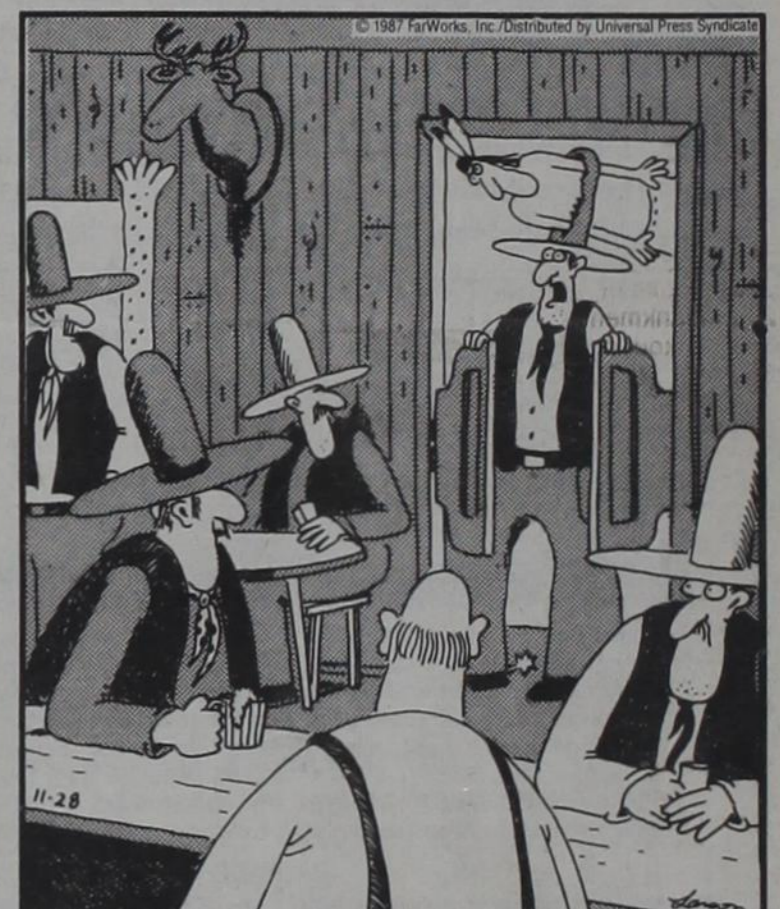
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"Oh, man. There you go again with another one of those hiss-and-tell books."



"Indians!"

Conference scheduled

The eighth annual Student Assistance Conference will take place April 29-May 1 at the Western Hotel in Chicago.

Several workshops and five speakers will be included in the conference sponsored by the National Organization of Student Assistance Programs and Partners. Registration is \$275 for NOSAPP subscribers and \$295 for non-subscribers. For more information, contact NOSAPP at 4760 Walnut St., Suite 106, Boulder, Colo. 80301, or call 800-972-4636.

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Tech ends Austin jinx, ties Longhorns for conference lead

by LEN HAYWARD
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AUSTIN — Ninth-ranked Texas Tech, clad in new black uniforms, rang the death knell on Texas' 15-year home-court dominance of the Lady Raiders, defeating the Lady Longhorns 77-67.

Sheryl Swoopes, electrifying the crowd of 9,577 at the Frank Erwin Center, scored 37 points, including 16 in the last 12 minutes of the second half. Swoopes' total was the most points scored by an individual against Texas this season.

"It is a great feeling," Swoopes

said after Tech's first win in Austin. "In the first half, Krista (Kirkland) was down on herself a little bit, and I thought maybe I needed to step up. The opportunity was there and I took it."

With the win, Tech upped its record to 19-3 and 9-1 in the Southwest Conference, while Texas fell to 16-6, 9-1. The teams are now tied for the lead in the Southwest Conference standings.

Texas tied the game at the 48-48 on a Fay Meeks' layup with 12:23 remaining in the game.

The Lady Raiders then embarked on an 11-4 run, capped by a Swoopes layup with 7:55 left, making the score

61-52.

After that, the closest the Longhorns came was eight points, with Texas stars Cinetra Henderson and Joanne Benton each having four fouls in the second half. Henderson ended the game with 25 points, hitting 9 of 11 shots from the field. Both players saw less than 10 minutes of playing time in the second half.

"What a great win," coach Marsha Sharp said. "We had great play from a bunch of people and Sheryl did a great job of making the big play."

Swoopes also grabbed eight rebounds along with freshman post Michi Atkins.

The Lady 'Horns came out in the second half and outscored Tech 14-4 to cut the Lady Raiders' 12-point-half-time lead to 46-44.

Sharp then called a time out to cool off the team.

"We knew coming in Texas was a great team and we knew they were going to make a run at us," she said. "We just wanted to stay patient and stick with our game plan."

Sparked by Swoopes' 19 first-half points, Tech jumped out to a 42-30 lead going into the locker room.

Tech's biggest lead of the half came

at the 1:14 mark when Atkins hit a layup, making the score 40-25.

"Every time since we played in Lubbock we have talked about being focused in the first half," Sharp said.

Nekeisha Henderson answered the score immediately with a layup.

Vicki Hall stole the ball on Tech's transition, hitting a three-pointer with 22 seconds on the clock.

The two teams were tied at 8-8 when Swoopes added to her point total, hitting a three-pointer with 13:37 left in the first stanza.

Tech then went on a 13-4 run that

was capped by a Clinger layup with 7:36 remaining. During the run Texas went without a bucket for just five minutes, while Tech increased its lead.

"It was a tough game. We fought hard but we couldn't get a break," Texas coach Jody Conradt said. "I think we did a courageous job of coming back."

Both Tech inside players each scored in double figures, with Clinger scoring 13 and Atkins garnering 12 points.

"I would say our game plan worked pretty well," Clinger said.

Dale named to district Academic All-America team

Texas Tech junior forward Brad Dale was named to the District VI Academic All-American team by members of the College Sports Information Directors of America on Wednesday.

Dale, an exercise and sports sciences major, holds a 3.8 overall grade point average and was named to the President's List for the 1992 fall semester after earning a 4.0 GPA.

"We're proud for Brad to receive this honor," coach James Dickey said. "His dedication and desire in the field of academics is something all athletes should strive for."

Dale, a 6-6 Amarillo native, is one of two Red Raiders to start all 21 games and he is averaging 4 points and 2.2 rebounds a game.

"It's quite an honor to be named to the Academic All-District team," he said.

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