

**Spring  
Talent Showcase**  
Downtown Bryan  
**Palace Theatre**  
105 S. Main St.  
**March 21**  
**6:00 to 9:00 pm**

Each show 10-30 minutes  
Awards for first and second place - Best of Show.  
A demo tape/cd must be submitted with application.

No cost to enter.  
All varieties of entertainment welcome.

Deadline March 20

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**Fish**  
by R. DeLuna



HEY RYAN, How Do YOU SPELL DYSFUNCTIONAL?  
D-Y-S-F-U-N-C-T-I-O-N-A-L  
THANKS

Butterball89: Do you think we have a dysfunctional friendship?  
Hottie\_net\_stud69: I prefer to think of it as "verbally challenged"

**funny side up ↑**  
by Josh Darwin




WHAT'S WRONG, STANLEY?  
THE ELECTION IS OVER. I LOST.

OH, I'M SORRY, WHO WON?  
THAT LOUSY WINSLOW P. RABBIT III.  
THE ACTOR?  
THAT'S HIM.

DIDN'T HE TRY TO ASSASSINATE STEVEN SPIELBURG?  
YEAH, BUT THEY LET HIM OFF AFTER THE RELEASE OF "A.I."

**NON MIA CULPA**  
BY R. JUPPI



ZZZZZZ

AAA! A VISION... THE SMOLDERING FRESH TAR OF NEW PARKING LOTS! ENHANCED ACADEMIC FISCAL BUDGETS! AN ARMY OF PNEUMATIC HAMMER WEILDING MONKEYS AT MY COMMAND!

WARM THE PROPAGANDA MACHINE! I'M RUNNING FOR STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT!

OUR PRINTER IS STILL JAMMED WITH THE STICKY ENTRAILS OF YOUR LAST CAMPAIGN MANAGER.

AH YES. CHECK HIS POCKETS FOR ANY GOOD KEYNOTES AND PUT A GARDEN HOSE TO THAT THING.

**Applicants**  
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"There has been a lot of push from high school counselors to get students to apply," Ashley said. "Aggie Updates helped."

Aggie Updates is a program among A&M and high school counselors that informs prospective freshmen about the admission requirements and deadlines. Recruiters from A&M visit high schools to convey the message that A&M welcomes all students, Ashley said.

"We made 13 trips. I personally made eight," Ashley said. "I made a plea to minority students, saying, 'Don't let any-

one tell you you can't make it at A&M.' I think the message got out there."

Ashley said he encouraged many minority students to actively visit the campus rather than listen to comments about A&M.

"I invited a lot of kids to come and see what A&M really is. I believe more will want to come if they visit A&M," Ashley said.

The admissions office will make admittance decisions this week and early next week. The number of prospective Freshman is capped at 6,500, but A&M will offer admission to 10,800 prospective freshmen.

"We have predicted that about 59 percent (of those offered admission) will accept," Ashley said.

Even though the number of applications

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**Parking**  
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The garage hourly decreased from \$1 per hour to \$0.50 per hour. Dallas garage provides 713 parking spaces at Northgate, approximately 1,000 for the area.

"There will never be a problem at Northgate," he said.

City Manager Tom said the parking rate decrease has a very positive effect on both customers and merchants.

"We want the student experience the ease and affordable pricing," Brynne said. "We hope to provide a positive experience and increased utilization."

A group of Northgate merchants composing the Northgate District Association, identified the more fair parking rates as a result of the current rates.

"The city was very and gracious," Dallas said. "We want the area to be more inviting."

The changes have come in time for the Northgate Festival this Thursday, Saturday, Dallas said.

The decreased rates for students with access to the located on Northgate at an affordable rate, Dallas improvement is hoped to nate a major discouragement for students and customers parking in the area.

"Northgate represents Aggie tradition," he said. "We want the area to grow

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**Golden Key International Honor Society**

**General Meeting**  
Wednesday, March 20th  
7:00 PM, Koldus 111

**Brazos Valley Baseball**

Coaches Call - - Brazos Valley Baseball needs coaches for the upcoming season. If you are willing to be responsible for a team please call Greg Jasper. Play will begin in May and conclude with a tournament prior to August.

**Coaches only call!**

For more information  
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