



Maneuvering For Position

Staff Sergeant Semon of Recon Company leads infantry maneuvers at Easterwood Airport Saturday.

Photo by Doug LaRue

Hindu temple draws fire from citizens

PARKER (AP) — Residents in this North Texas town, who have become accustomed to tourists passing by the Southfork Ranch of "Dallas" television fame, say a proposed Hindu temple is more than they can take.

The proposal to build a temple decorated with Hindu deities has evoked a list of complaints from locals, including the Baptist minister. Residents argue the temple would be an eyesore on the land and the worshippers would intrude.

About 200 Hindu families live in Dallas and Fort Worth and area suburbs and the temple would serve as a religious and cultural hub, organizers say.

Parker residents took their complaints to a Nov. 12 public hearing and vowed to block the group's effort to receive zoning clearance for the temple.

Council members made no decision at the Nov. 12 hearing and have not set a date for a second hearing.

Parker residents say they fear the temple could be the site of violence between Hindus and area Sikhs.

Answering machines popular at A&M

New designs, lower prices encourage use of recorders

By Heidi Kemp
Reporter

Here's the situation. We've got phones loaded, and it's the bottom of the ninth with two outs, and the A's are behind by one. Here comes the first pitch, and it's a strike, and we've got a squeeze play coming. We've got a squeeze play. Oh my god! It's going to be a play to the left and he's out!

That's right. Marla and Toni are right now, so leave your name number at the tone."

Toni Speck, a senior health education major, made this recording during her telephone answering machine during the World Series so she could not miss important calls.

"My roommate is never home and I'm always at school," Speck says. "I knew that in the future I would be living by myself and would not be home to get my phone calls."

David Bergevin, director of marketing for Code-a-Phone, says more college students are purchasing an-

swering machines because their prices are going down.

Bergevin says the average price of a full-feature machine five years ago was \$895; today, the same machine can be purchased for about \$150. Today's answering machines are also more pleasing to the eye, he says.

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manufacturers to make units look less like the old, bulky box-like machines and more stylish," Bergevin says. "Today's machines come in numerous sizes, shapes and color options to choose from."

Mike McMahon, a senior marketing major, says his life revolves around his answering machine because he is so paranoid about missing calls.

"This may sound funny but I even turn my recorder on when I'm in the john," McMahon says. "It really ticks me off when people hang up or leave a message without saying who they are."

Most people don't know that a recorder distorts their voice and some-

times it's almost impossible to tell who it is, he says.

"My roommate had (an answering machine) and he took it with him when he graduated," McMahon says. "I felt stranded without one so I rushed out and got the first one I saw."

McMahon says his machine has a pre-recorded message that can't be

changed; that's the only thing he doesn't like about it.

Bergevin says Code-a-Phone encourages people to use their own voice for the message.

"The downside of recordings is that some people might call a number and hear Rich Little's voice and hang up," he says.

Bergevin says that 45 percent of all buyers are under the age of 35, with the 18 to 24 age group emerging as the predominant consumers.

Ray Hernandez, a senior anthropology major, says he and his roommates have a machine for the sake of convenience.

Hernandez, whose recording is a rendition of the song "Happy Trails," says some people are embarrassed to have their voices recorded and they hang up.

Hernandez says, "At least three or four times people have called and reached a wrong number but left a message anyway."

"Two girls have even left their phone numbers."

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When the extreme fear of being overweight becomes obsessive, it leads to unusual and harmful eating practices.

Anorexia and Bulimia are eating disorders which are becoming more prevalent. **Anorexia**, the excessive pursuit of thinness, can result in malnutrition, low blood pressure, loss of hair, irrational thinking and even death. **Bulimia**, compulsive eating binges followed by the purging of food, can lead to severe dental problems, kidney failure or cardiac arrest.

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