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Photo by Katherine E. Matzinger

Want a lift?

Freshman Kelly Huett, a business administration major, talks to a remote control police car Tuesday next to the MSC. The car is equipped

to allow a speaker to converse with passers-by through a walkie-talkie. The car helps promote Security Awareness Week, Feb. 15-18.

Bush win sets back Dole's bid

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Vice President George Bush powered past Sen. Bob Dole in New Hampshire's kick-off presidential primary Tuesday and reclaimed momentum in the Republican race for the White House. Michael Dukakis won impressively in a Democratic contest for supremacy and survival.

"Reports of my death were greatly exaggerated," rejoiced Bush in rebounding from a third-place finish in last week's Iowa caucuses.

Rep. Jack Kemp narrowly led Ted du Pont and Pat Robertson in the third-place GOP competition to emerge as a conservative alternative to the front-runners. But the group was clumped far behind Bush and Dole.

Dukakis said his win would "give us a very, very strong boost" going into the delegate-rich southern primaries. In his wake, Rep. Richard Gephardt led Sen. Paul Simon in the contest for second place.

"Ten months ago we launched a campaign for the future of America, a campaign for good jobs and real opportunity for every citizen... a campaign to get our fiscal house in order," Dukakis told supporters.

With returns from 81 percent of the precincts, Dukakis had 26,710 votes, or 36 percent of the Democratic vote, ahead of Gephardt with 15,006 or 20 percent and Simon had 12,570 or 17 percent.

Jesse Jackson and Sen. Albert Gore Jr., both hoping for a boost as the primary campaign moves South, led the rest of the pack with 8 percent and 7 percent of the vote. Former Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt had 5 percent and was a candidate for withdrawal, as was one-time front-runner Gary Hart who had 4 percent and said he would continue his campaign for at least a month or two.

Among the Republicans, Bush had 39,346 votes, or 38 percent, compared to Dole with 29,825 or 29 percent.

U.S. withdraws ships from Gulf, Pentagon says

WASHINGTON (AP) — A top Pentagon official said Tuesday the United States was withdrawing some warships from escort and mine-clearing duties in the Persian Gulf, and expressed concern that Iraqi forces were engaging in dangerous maneuvers near U.S. ships.

Richard Armitage, assistant defense secretary for international security affairs, said the United States already had protested to Baghdad an incident over the weekend involving an Iraqi jet that fired a missile near a U.S. destroyer.

He said the administration planned to send a team of military officials to Iraq later this week to discuss the matter further.

In a wide-ranging briefing at the Pentagon, Armitage confirmed that the United States was reducing the number of U.S. warships in the Persian Gulf and said the administration had no plans to offer military protection to U.S.-owned ships flying foreign flags.

In Santa Barbara, Calif., White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said, "This represents a fine-tuning of our position in the Gulf and not a policy change that would be reflected in overall forces or in other countries' actions."

"We think this has been a very successful operation, and it's just time to kind of fine-tune our forces."

The remarks by Armitage were the first by an administration insider reflecting official concern about Iraqi military operations near U.S. ships. The United

States thought it had won Iraqi agreement last year — after the attack on the USS Stark — to keep jet fighters roughly 40 miles away from American warships.

An Iraqi fighter attacked the Stark in May 1987 in what Iraq has described as a case of mistaken identity. Thirty-seven sailors died in the attack.

While no American ships have been attacked since, there have been a number of close calls and the United States now wants "to assure that we're all singing from the same hymnal," Armitage said Tuesday.

The latest incident occurred on Saturday and involved an Iraqi jet that failed to respond to Navy radio calls and fired a missile that passed close to the destroyer Chandler during a convoy operation.

"It was the fact of the firing of the missile and the range of the firing that was troublesome about the recent event," Armitage said.

"We have communicated with Baghdad the undesirability of this dangerous practice," he said. "And we will be sending a team in the next day or two back to Baghdad" to review safety procedures.

The assistant secretary also formally announced on Tuesday the withdrawal of some warships from the Persian Gulf region. Administration sources had previously outlined the moves on Jan. 26.

There are currently 28 ships in the region, but the helicopter carrier Okinawa and the battleship Iowa and two escorts are coming home without being replaced, Armitage said.

Tentative agreement may bring end to minority students' 5-day take over

AMHERST, Mass. (AP) — A tentative understanding that could end the five-day takeover of a University of Massachusetts black studies center was reached Tuesday, school officials said.

"It looks like we have a resolution," said James Langley, a spokesman for Chancellor Joseph Duffey, who met with student protesters for nearly four hours Tuesday afternoon.

Langley said details on the agreement would not be released until later Tuesday night. Duffey spoke only briefly to reporters as he left the building, saying he was going to his office to write up a document based on what was agreed to in the meeting.

There was no immediate confirmation from the minority students holding the New Africa House building, who met with Duffey and another top administrator for several hours on their demands for efforts to end alleged racial harassment on the campus.

But earlier, Roscoe Robinson, spokesman for the protesters, had expressed optimism on the course of the talks, saying that the two sides were nearly halfway through the agenda following three hours of discussions.

"I'm pleased with the results," said Robinson, who declined to give any

details of the negotiations.

A nine-member student panel, representing some 200 students and faculty members who took over the building Friday, began meetings with Duffey and Vice Chancellor Dennis L. Madson about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

More than 500 white UMass students, rallying in support of minorities, carried signs and chanted slogans as Duffey made his way to New Africa House.

"Hey, ho, Chancellor Joe, racism has got to go" was chanted by students, who were held back by black students linking arms to clear a path for Duffey as he walked toward the building.

Students and faculty also read letters of support, including a message sent Tuesday by Democratic presidential candidate Jesse Jackson. Some supporters had traveled from Albany and Philadelphia, and local businesses and residents had sent

protesters blankets, pillows and food.

"I came to see if they needed any help," said Michelle Norman, 21, a senior from Pleasanton, Calif., who added that she was missing two classes to attend the vigil. "I think it's

a good cause."

Jackson, a Democratic presidential contender who was in nearby New Hampshire for Tuesday's primary balloting, called the protesters at 9:15 a.m. to lend his support.

Magazine sued for ad linked to '85 killing of Bryan woman

HOUSTON (AP) — The publisher of Soldier of Fortune had no way of knowing an advertisement in the military magazine would lead to the killing of a Texas woman, attorneys for the publication argued Tuesday as a \$22 million civil suit got under way.

"No one would suspect an ad would be seeking criminal conduct," attorney Larry Thompson said.

The parents and teen-age son of Sandra Black of Bryan are suing the

magazine, alleging Mrs. Black's husband, Robert, found a hired killer through the publication.

Black was convicted of arranging the 1985 slaying and paying \$10,000 to have it done. He now is on death row in Texas.

The alleged gunman, John Wayne Hearn, is serving life terms in a Florida prison for other slayings.

"Our case is there was another party in this crime — Soldier of For-

ture," said Ron Franklin, attorney for the slain woman's family, accusing the magazine of facilitating the killing and giving Black the means to accomplish it.

"By looking at the back (where the classified ads appeared), he could select," Franklin said. "This is not Vanity Fair. It has a military flavor, to say the least."

Jury selection began Tuesday. The trial was expected to last more than a week.

Panel of experts stress importance of filing report following date-rape

By Ronnie Calhoun
Reporter

The best way to get revenge against date-rape is to report the crime, according to a panel speaking on "Dating and the Hidden Threat" Tuesday. The program is the second part of a four-part seminar of C.A.R.E. Week: Creating Attitudes For a Rape-Free Environment.

Linda Castoria, director of the Brazos Valley Rape Crisis Center, began the discussion by saying women need to be open and honest about their sexual feelings.

Castoria stressed that women should exercise control over their bodies and shouldn't submit to someone if they don't want to.

"Girls are afraid that the word will get around if they don't have sex and no one will go out with them," Castoria said.

Castoria said date-rape is the responsibility of both the men and women. Women give off signals that might lead men on and men should be aware of these signals and be careful of what they do, she said.

Castoria described a date-rapist as someone who wants to be in control at all times. She listed the early warning signs of a rapist as a man who gives you funny looks, touches you where you are not comfortable with

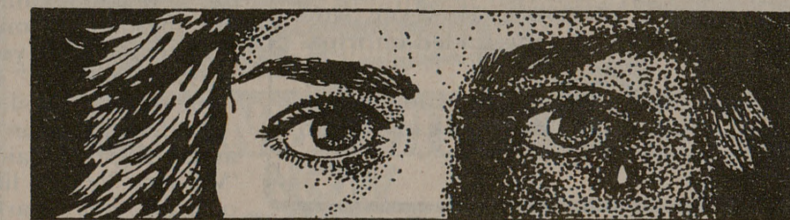


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it and tries to get you to drink more than you should.

Castoria also said it is important for women to be aware of their limited reactions under the influence of alcohol and drugs, Castoria said.

"If the case goes to court, you have to think what the jury will think about you being drunk," she said.

Bill Turner, Brazos County district attorney, said Texas law books do not list a specific crime as date-rape. The Texas law only describes sexual assault — intentional or knowing penetration of the sexual organ or anus of another human being without that person's consent.

For this reason, Turner said it is critical for a rape victim to go straight to the hospital for an examination to get proper evidence. A woman also should tell someone im-

mediately so their testimony can be used in court, he said.

In court, the woman has the burden of proof — meaning that she has to prove the defendant is guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, he said. "One major problem is that people don't usually commit rape in front of other people," he said. "The jury only has to go on what the two people say. And the defendant is going to say 'I'm not the person who did it.'"

Without enough evidence, Turner said date-rape cases can't be taken to court.

"We can only go to court with the cases we can win," he said.

Speaking third, Dr. Brent Paterson, judicial affairs supervisor at Texas A&M, said the legal system for date-rape cases is different on

campus. Paterson is the only person who hears the case.

Paterson said the sexual assault must be between two students for a date-rape case to be handled by A&M.

First, the victim must submit a statement to Paterson telling him what occurred and saying they want to go through the disciplinary process. Paterson reviews the information to see if there is enough information for a case. Letter charges, stating what the defendant is charged with, are then sent to the defendant. The student has an administration conference with Paterson to review evidence about the case. Paterson hears the defendant's story. If the stories differ, the victim and defendant meet with Paterson. A decision is made. Depending on the case the rapist could be suspended, forced to take counseling and possibly kicked out of school. The student has one chance to appeal to the Faculty Student Panel.

Paterson described the typical response of date-rape victims. Paterson said typical date-rape victims are plagued by confusion at first. Next, victims believe they might be to blame. Third, they become angry at the rapist. Finally, they begin to rationally deal with the rape.

Charge of rape leads to officer's suspension

By Jeff Pollard
Staff Writer

A College Station police officer was suspended with pay Monday after a 20-year-old College Station woman reported that she had been raped by the officer a little over three weeks ago. Police would not say if the woman is a Texas A&M student.

The complaint, which was filed on Feb. 10 and listed the complainant as Jane Doe, accused the off-duty officer of sexually assaulting her in her apartment on Jan. 22. The report said the attack occurred at about 10 p.m.

Maj. John Kennedy of the Technical Services Divisions of the College Station Police Department said the Criminal Investigative Division and Internal Affairs are looking into the complaint. Kennedy also said the police department has requested assistance from the District Attorney's office in reference to the criminal investigation.

Kennedy said the names of both subjects are being withheld and no other information will be released until investigations are complete. He said that it is unknown when that will be.