

SATANIC VERSES:

MUSLIMS' CRITIQUE

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In Advance

Wiley Lectures focus on Middle East

By Fiona Soltes
STAFF WRITER

MSC Wiley Lecture Series will present three lectures to provide background for this year's Program Symposia, The Middle East: Peace or Powder Keg.
Dr. Clement Henry, a senior lecturer at the University of Texas and specialist in Middle Eastern affairs, will speak about U.S. policy in the Middle East at 7 tonight in 701 Rudder.

Ambassador William Crawford, former ambassador to Yemen Arab Republic and Cyprus, will talk about Islam: Culture and Religion Wednesday at 7 p.m. in 206 MSC.

Steve Gutow, a Dallas Jewish community leader and former director of the southwest region of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, will give the final lecture in the background series April 5 at 7 p.m. in 206 MSC.

Gutow will speak about Jewish ethics and their impact on Ameri-

can Jews and the government of Israel.
The talks are free and are partially sponsored by the Middle East Institution, a non-partisan educational organization based in Washington, D.C., to promote knowledge of Islam.

The Program Symposia, April 12 at 8 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium, will include United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar; Admiral Stansfield Turner, former CIA director for the Carter administration; and Robert McFarlane, national security adviser for the Reagan administration. Ed Bradley of CBS "60 Minutes" will moderate.

Tickets are \$6, \$8 and \$10 for students and \$8, \$10 and \$12 for non-students and are available at the MSC box office.

Before the panel discussion on April 5, de Cuellar, Turner and McFarlane will present individual seminars. Those interested in attending may pick up an application in the Student Programs Office.

Aggies promote Muster Awareness Week

By Juliette Rizzo

STAFF WRITER

As part of Muster Awareness Week, which continues through Friday, Muster committee members, at a table in the Memorial Student Center, will distribute "Pass It On" cards to promote and publicize the tradition.

The holder of the card signs the back of it and passes it on to a friend who continues the process. Muster committee members also will be available to provide information about Muster, answer any questions and spread the word.

Muster is a time-honored ceremony that allows Aggies to gather and remember fellow comrades who have passed away.

Ann Doan-Do, Muster public relations committee co-chairman,

said it is the committee's goal to make all Aggies understand and be aware of the tradition, so that the image of Muster 1989 will live long past the actual ceremony.

"We want to stress the solemnity and significance of Muster, especially to freshmen," she said.

She said that in order to prove that Muster is indeed A&M's most sacred tradition, everyone needs to be able to feel and express the emotion involved with the tradition.

A history of Muster is available at the table in the MSC and a videotape of last year's ceremony will be shown. Aggie coins also will be on sale this week.

"We want the image of Muster 1989 to live long past the actual ceremony," Doan-Do said.

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Austin community protests expansion of Baptist church

AUSTIN (AP) — While the preacher preached and children fidgeted on a recent Sunday, homeowners disguised in church-going attire tucked fliers on the windshields of cars belonging to Hyde Park Baptist Church worshippers.

"How Would You Feel?" the messages asked, to find "your neighborhood church" had taken out demolition permits on most of the houses on your block?

Not far behind, church messengers followed, picking up the fliers. The melodrama in historic Hyde Park has continued for more than a decade. As the church has expanded and chomped into the neighborhood's core, homeowners have grown increasingly antagonistic toward the Baptists.

On one side is the city's largest Christian congregation — 10,000 members, a church with the resources to do God's work on a grand scale.

On the other side are the homeowners. They love their old houses and love life in the central city, but they don't have much love left in their hearts for "that church," as they call it.

It's God's house against all the others.

The Hyde Park neighborhood was born before the turn of the century. Then, the neighborhood and church were growing up together, as allies.

By the 1960s, however, Hyde Park was on a skid. Homes were deteriorating, and the growing University of Texas to the south brought in renters. Character was replaced by characters — such as hippies. Families moved to the suburbs, but returned on Sundays for church.

In the 1970s, there was a renewed interest in Hyde Park's unique homes. People began moving back to the central city, renovating and showing off the properties with annual spring home tours. Hyde Park Baptist Church, under the leadership of the Rev. Ralph Smith, began to prosper.

The bickering began. At their simplest, squabbles have been about parking. Every Sunday is Easter Sunday in Hyde Park, with a parade of churchgoers parking bumper-to-bumper for blocks.

"It's like an automotive equivalent of a blood clot," homeowner Grant Thomas told the Austin American-Statesman.

"Frankly, we feel like a lot of it is anti-church sentiment," Smith said. "I have prayed so often. It's gotten to the point of not knowing what to do."

An entire block is taken up with the church's educational buildings, administrative offices and two sanctuaries. Another block is reserved for parking, including a multi-level garage. Nearby are two playgrounds

and senior-citizens center. Church programs include those for international students, food for the needy, family counseling, and daily hospital visits. It has a school for kindergarten through 12th grade.

"Because God has blessed his work, the church has grown," church business coordinator Bill Gardner told the newspaper. "We do not apologize for this growth."

Impregnation techniques fail with Dallas ape

DALLAS (AP) — Jenny, a 34-year-old lowland gorilla, has failed a home pregnancy test and conventional test after attempts to impregnate her through artificial reproduction techniques.

If she had become pregnant, Jenny would have been the first gorilla to conceive with the help of "test tube" fertilization or surrogate parenting techniques developed for use in humans.

"I'm so hummed out about it," Naida Loskutoff, a research associate for the zoo and Texas A&M University, said Tuesday.

Jenny, a Dallas Zoo gorilla, has not been able to conceive naturally since she first gave birth when she was in her teens. Her sole offspring reached adulthood but died before reproducing.

A month ago, Loskutoff and a team that included a human infertility specialist and veterinarians tried two approaches to impregnate Jenny. The attempt was their fifth — and their second with Jenny — to achieve a pregnancy in a gorilla with artificial reproduction techniques.

After Jenny had been given a fertility drug for five days, doctors removed one of her eggs, added sperm from one of the zoo's male gorillas, OmBom, and deposited the mixture into one of her Fallopian tubes.

Into Jenny's other Fallopian tube, they placed an egg that had been fertilized in a laboratory dish and frozen two months earlier. That egg had been removed from the zoo's other female, Demba, and fertilized with sperm from the zoo's other male, Fuho.

Loskutoff said she and her colleagues aren't sure why Jenny didn't become pregnant.

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