

Special effects requests a daily challenge for casting director

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — It takes a lot of chutzpah to close down a busy section of Interstate 15, orchestrate a simulated shootout in a crowded airport lobby, or fake the firebombing of a casino on the Las Vegas Strip.

But for a former New York model, such challenges have become routine.

Christine O'Rourke, who saw dreams of a modeling career derailed 19 years ago, now runs the only licensed movie casting and location management company in Nevada.

In that role, she finds her ingenuity tested almost daily by Hollywood producers, taking part in the pro-

duction of films such as "Rain Man," "Midnight Run," "Heat," "Starman" and the television series "Crime Story."

Her toughest assignment was setting up a scene in which a casino was firebombed — a near-impossible feat in a city where gaming executives are skittish about even having photographs taken in their establishments.

The firebombing was shot for one of the episodes of the TV series "Crime Story."

"We had to clear everything through security, deal with fire codes, get clearance of city and county officials, etc.," O'Rourke says.

"We had to practice the scene, then shut down the entire casino operation to make it work."

She found herself enlisting the aid of the governor's office in closing a section of I-15, the main artery between Las Vegas and Los Angeles, to film a scene for "Starman."

On other occasions, she has cleared a mountain of legal and public relations problems to close down sections of the Las Vegas Strip and downtown's Glitter Gulch.

"You've got to get the approval of every casino owner who's affected," she says. "You've got to go to all the property owners, even the guy who runs the hot dog stand and the owner of the pawnshop. If just one

of them says no, it's my job to convince them it would be good for them."

O'Rourke handled the Nevada locations and casting of extras for "Rain Man."

But she found "Midnight Run" one of her toughest challenges, especially a scene filmed at McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas.

"These people were sticklers for realism," she recalls. "They wanted real cops, real FBI agents. They said, 'If you can't get us real cops and FBI men, we'll find someone who can.'"

O'Rourke found herself calling powerful Clark County Sheriff John Moran in the pre-dawn hours one day to enlist his aid in the search for

extras. She delivered, and the airport scene, involving 400 extras, was one of the more dramatic segments of the hit film.

Martin Sheen needed soldiers in his upcoming movie "Nightbreaker." The extras were to portray American servicemen used in atmospheric nuclear testing at the Nevada Test Site in the 1950s. Veterans have contended they were subjected to radioactive fallout from the testing, a charge denied by the government.

The sensitive nature of the film ruled out government agencies as a source for the extras. So O'Rourke recruited high school and college ROTC students to provide the

needed manpower.

The heady world of Hollywood was something of a natural progression for O'Rourke, 38, who began modeling in her hometown of San Jose, Calif. at the age of 15. She headed for New York City two years later, modeling for magazines such as "Seventeen."

That career came to a halt when she married at the age of 19. A divorce, then a move to Las Vegas two years ago found her searching for a new career while trying to support her children, Patrick, 13, and Tara, 12.

She started Spectrum Services her location and casting company on less than \$100.

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- Monday, April 17 Canoe Pretrip Meeting 6 PM 161 Read.
- Tuesday, April 18 Volleyball Triples Playoffs begin.
- Thursday, April 20 Pickleball Doubles Playoffs begin.
- Saturday, April 22 SOA Happy Hour 6 - 8 PM at the Double Daves on Jersey.

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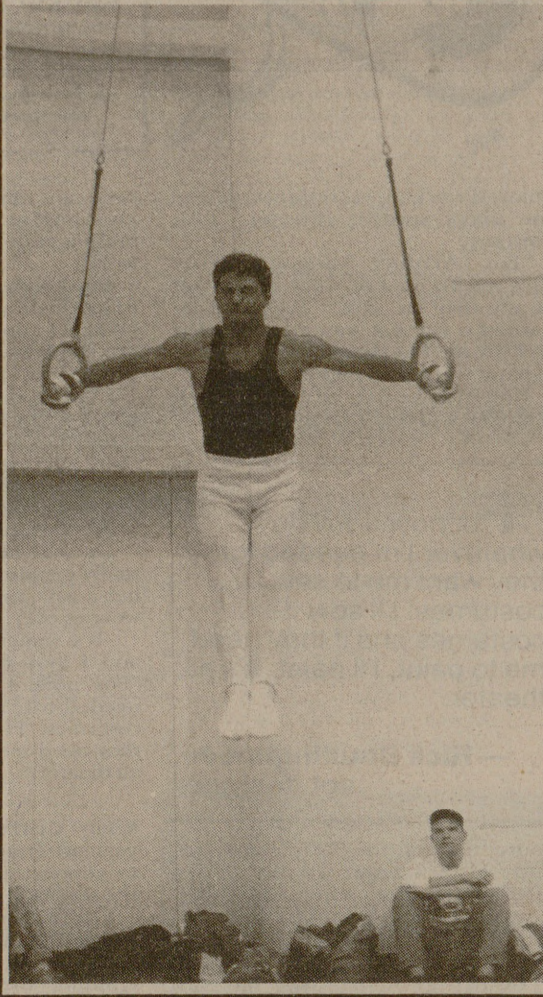
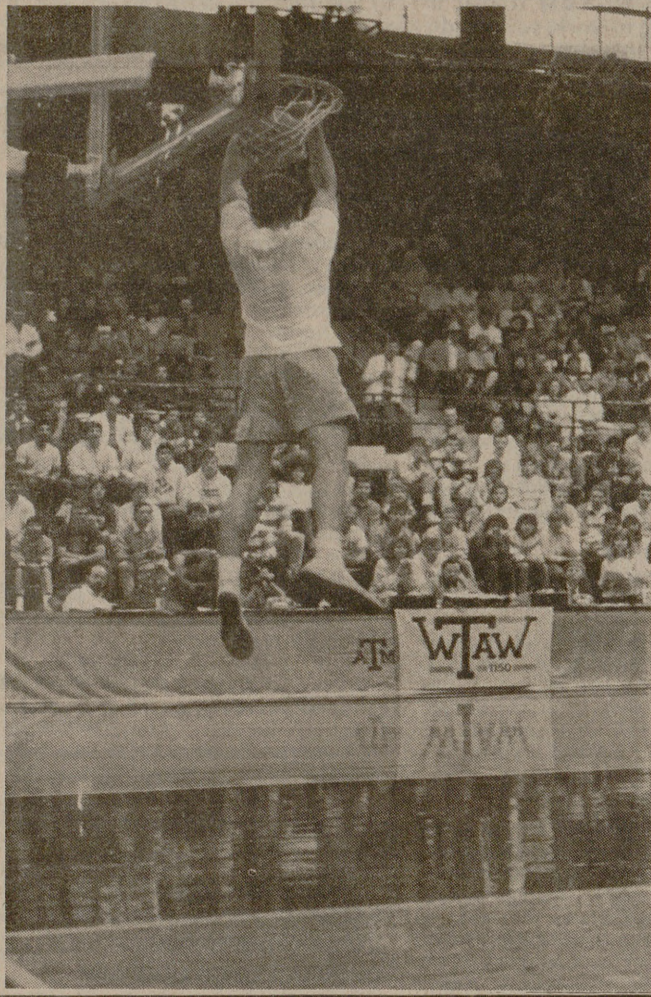
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Photographer to take pictures of intramural and sport club activities. Must have black and white darkroom experience. For more information call P.J. at 845-7826.

GOLF DRIVING RANGE HOURS

The Driving Range located at the Intramural Sports Center is now open for operation Mon-Thu, 3 PM - 6 PM; Fri, 12 PM - 6 PM; Sat, 10 AM - 6 PM; and Sun, 12 noon - 6 PM.

GET INVOLVED



The Slam Dunk Contest and the Gymnastics Club are two of the many diverse activities offered by the Department of Recreational Sports.

TAMU-OUTDOORS

Climb A Rock At Enchanted Rock State Natural Area

Intermediate Climbing Trip April 28 - 30

Registration: April 10 - 24

Join us at the Rock and experience the thrills of rock climbing and rappelling! This intermediate climbing trip is open to those who wish to learn more advanced climbing skills and techniques. More challenging climbs and rappels will be introduced. The \$30 (\$35 non A&M) fee for this adventure includes rental of group camping equipment, climbing equipment, camping permits, and experienced instruction. The trip is offered to intermediate climbers and is limited to 10 participants.

Canoe the Guadalupe River April 22 - 23

Registration: April 3 - April 17

The Guadalupe River is the most popular canoeing river in Texas and is famous for its exciting whitewater and scenic beauty. Spend the weekend camping on the banks of the river and testing your whitewater skills. The \$30 (\$35 for Non A&M) fee for this weekend adventure includes rental of canoes, shuttle costs, instruction before the trip and while on the river, and experienced guides. This trip is offered for beginning and intermediate canoeists and is limited to 14 participants.

Register for these trips in the Recreational Sports Office, 159 Read Bldg. For more information about these trips or TAMU Outdoors, contact Patsy Greiner, 845-7826.

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IM GAMEPLAN

ENTRIES OPEN: APRIL 17 ENTRIES CLOSE: APRIL 29

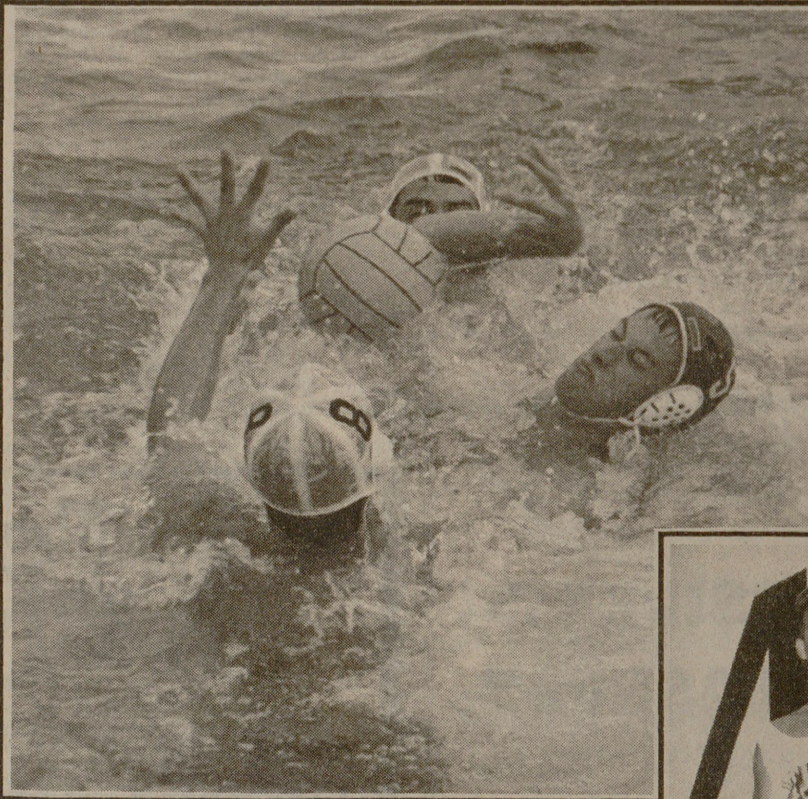
FUN RUN CONTEST DATE: Saturday, April 29, 10: am. **LOCATION:** Meet in front of G. Rollie White. **APPROXIMATE DISTANCE:** 3.1 miles (5K). **ENTRY FEE:** Free !!! **ELIGIBILITY:** All TAMU students, faculty, staff and spouses. Men's and Women's individual competition. No Team competition **AWARDS:** All University Champion T-Shirts will be given to the winners (male and female) in each of the following age groups: 18 and under, 19 20, 21, 22-25, 26-35, 36-45, 46+. Anyone under 18 competing in this run must



be a TAMU Student. Entrants must present a current student ID or recreation ID with intramural validation on race day.

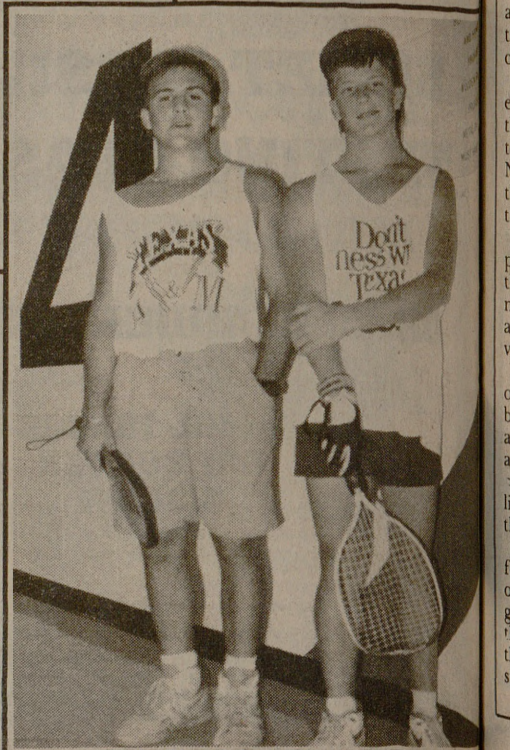
FRISBEE GOLF CONTEST DATE: Saturday, April 29 at 12 Noon. Meet at Mount Aggie. **ENTRY FEE:** FREE !!! **ELIGIBILITY:** The contest is open to all TAMU students, faculty, staff, and their respective spouses. Competitors must present a current student ID or Recreation ID with Intramural Validation. **EQUIPMENT:** BRING YOUR OWN DISC !!! **DIVISIONS:** Men and women will compete in singles competition only.

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Penberthy Softball Tournament Update

The Penberthy Tournament, which was rained out April 14-16, has been rescheduled to April 22-23. New brackets for the tournament will be posted Wednesday, April 19. The tournament will be held on Saturday, April 22 and Sunday, April 23. Opening ceremonies have been rescheduled to Saturday, April 22, 9:45 a.m. at the Penberthy Intramural Center.



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WASHINGTON House ethics committee and Republican majority charged Speaker Monday with 69 chamber's rules in panel's chairman of evade" limits on ou After a 10-month investigation, the Democrats and voted unanimously finding "reason Texas Democrat House rules require gifts, barring action from persons with legislation and earned income. "I know in my 10 years of any of the nation," Wright said before meeting short report was released. He said he had earned earnestly" for

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By Stephen Mas

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