

Texas needs Bush for leadership, Perry says

By Eloise Flint

THE BATTALION

Texas is not heading in the right direction because of a lack of leadership, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said at a meeting of the Texas A&M College Republicans Tuesday.

Perry, Class of '72, took office in 1991. He said Texas and the Republican Party need bright, young and articulate faces who know what is ahead of them.

"When you're right, have the right people behind you and the right issues, you can win,"

Perry said.

Perry said people should make a difference in their life today so that their children will have a Texas that is worthwhile and beautiful in the future.

"It's time to lay down the law and demand that the governor of Texas stop entertaining and start leading," Perry said. "That's what George W. Bush will do."

Perry said Bush is an incredibly bright young man that wants to lead the state.

Perry said they can't address the issues alone. "All too often we send people off to Washing-

ton or Austin to work for us," Perry said. "I work for you and I can't do this without you."

Perry said he didn't get into the business because he's a politician, but because he loves the state of Texas.

"The Republican Party is going to grow in the rural, agricultural and conservative democratic country," Perry said.

Perry said he has proven that the Republicans can make a difference.

"For three years they have seen that a Republican Agriculture Commissioner makes them proud," Perry said.

UT Arlington prof arrested for luring student into Irving prostitution ring

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON — A history professor at the University of Texas at Arlington has been charged with luring a student to join a prostitution ring.

The 19-year-old student told police that Howard Lackman, 67, said he could find her a job and then introduced her to an Irving woman suspected of being a madam.

The woman, Joy Love, 40, was arrested last Friday on a charge of aggravated promotion of prostitution, a third-degree felony.

"The girl turned down the job, obviously."

— Tom Wren, Irving detective

She was released Saturday from the Irving City Jail on \$2,500 bond.

Lackman, who has taught at UTA since 1955, was charged Monday with compelling prostitution, a second-degree felony punishable by a maximum of 20 years in prison or a fine up to \$10,000. He was released from the city jail Monday on \$2,500 bail.

Police said Lackman had told the student, who is poor, to go to love to earn money. Love, a registered nurse and licensed masseuse, told the student she would be expected to engage in sex as part of the job and read her a list of prices, police said.

"The girl turned down the job, obviously," Irving Detective Tom Wren said.

Wren said the "relationship between the professor and Love is that he apparently has been a longtime client."

Lackman denies the allegations. "I can't go into specifics, except that the police's version of it is quite different from what really happened," said his attorney Mark Werbner.

Lackman has been assigned to administrative duties until the trial's outcome, according to the university.

Lackman received his undergraduate degree from Yale University in 1949 and his master's and doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin.

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Tub's secret identity. Ross is a senior at Texas A&M. Both enjoy beer and lots of it.



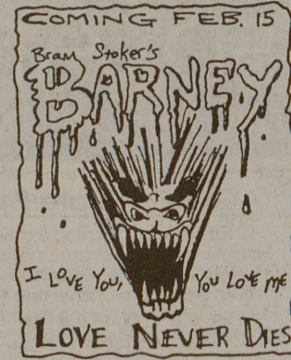
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Tub's arch-enemy. The evil doctor enjoys making homemade brew in his spare time.



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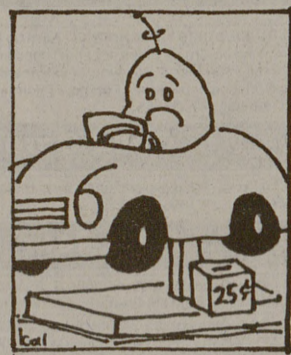
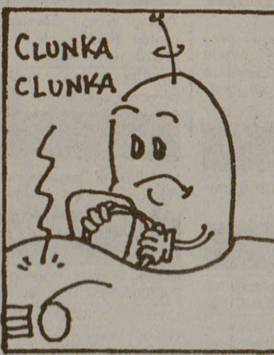
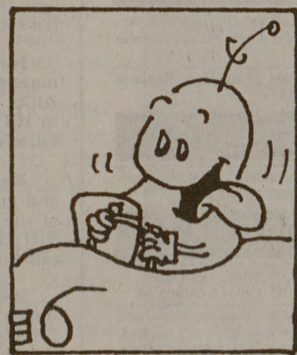
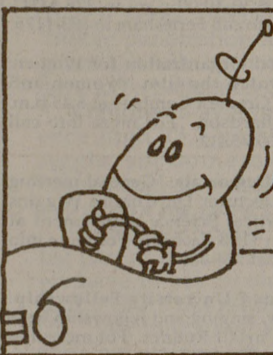


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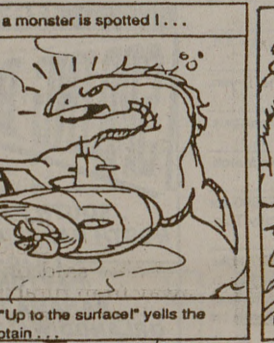
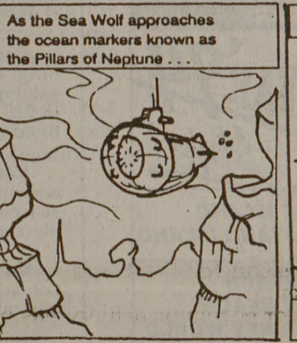
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First Cat pays respects to congressional kitty

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's first feline is mourning the passing of a beloved congressional cat.

Tuesday's mail brought a missive — on White House letterhead — to Texas Congressman Charlie Wilson from Socks, lamenting the death of Khyber last November.

"I know how difficult losing such a good friend must be for you," Socks wrote in the letter, which like an accompanying photo was autographed with a paw print.

"As a former homeless cat, I also know that by adopting Khyber from an animal shelter, you gave him many wonderful years that he otherwise might not have had."

The part-Himalayan Khyber took up residence in Wilson's Capitol Hill office in 1986 and was joined a year later by Eteawon, a Birman.

The cats were famous fixtures on Capitol Hill, lazily lounging on the furniture in Wilson's office.

Eteawon is now top dog, so to speak, in Wilson's office and is teaching the ropes to newcomer Winston Churchill Wilson, a Himalayan who goes by the less ponderous "Bubba."

The White House letter marked the first contact between Socks and Wilson's office.

Socks had coolly ignored an earlier attempt at communication by Khyber and Eteawon.

As the 2nd District's feline representative, Khyber had sent Socks a congratulatory letter when President Clinton was sworn in, offering to give the Clinton cat an orientation to the dog-eat-dog town. Nary a reply was received.

But, apparently prompted by news reports of Khyber's passing, Socks ended the silence this week. Perhaps a busy schedule accounts for the faux paw.

"As First Cat, I am working hard to promote goodwill and to provide a safe and friendly environment for cats across America," Socks wrote Wilson.

Churches

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With choir practices, Bible studies, and church services almost every day of the week as well as balancing school and extracurricular activities, finding time can sometimes be a problem.

Alan said juggling Dance Arts Society, Fade to Black, Voices of

Praise and the church, can sometimes be a challenge.

But when a sacrifice is to be made, she says she has her priorities.

"For me, the religion I hold is the most important thing in my life," Allen said. "Everything else is secondary. I balance my schedule around my church and Voices of Praise."

Green, who attends church almost daily and leads a weekly denominational Bible study, said his

relationship with God is the most important thing in his life.

"He is numero uno," Green said. "Eventually school will pass away as will many other things, but my relationship with God will always be true."

Adams, who juggles school with a part-time job, Voices of Praise and church, said the task isn't difficult when you make God essential.

"I always hear people say they never have time, yet they have

time to do the 'essential things' like eating and sleeping," he said. "To me God is an essential. It is essential for me to make time for God."

Green even attributes a series of 4.0 semesters to God.

"Before I became fully focused on the Lord, I was an average student," he said.

"But when He turned around, my drive increased, my distractions left and my self-esteem rose."

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