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Library

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ble so years from now people can go into the museum and know what the people were like," he said. "The museum will be former President Bush's historical legacy.

"He looks upon it as something that will be here long after he is gone," Alsobrook said.

He also said Bush is enthusiastic about the library and museum and has contributed his ideas to the design of the library and museum.

"We have received a lot of evidence directly from President Bush that it will be a prime focus in his life."

Shirley Joiner, assistant executive director of the library and museum, said once the library is open and operating, Bush will spend a couple of days a week here.

Former President Bush and his wife Barbara have expressed interest in lecturing to classes and meeting with A&M students. Bush also plans to use the library's documents to write his memoirs. He is already using the resources to write a book on foreign policy.

Alsobrook said a lot of hard work is going into the library and museum.

"It is something we don't take for granted when you have a former president and first lady this enthusiastic and personally involved," he said.

Among all the artifacts, Birchfield said, there are pieces of recent history from several different countries.

An emir from Kuwait gave President Bush a door from his palace called the "Gate of Kuwait." It has gold plates along the sides, with the names of all the American soldiers killed in Operation Desert Storm.

The German government gave Bush a piece of the Berlin Wall after it was torn down during his administration. Bush gave the piece to A&M on May 3, 1991, when he announced Texas A&M would be the site for his presidential library.

When presidents of the United States meet with other country leaders, they usually exchange gifts that say something about their culture. Some of these cultural exchange gifts will be displayed as well.

Other gifts in the museum given to Bush from world leaders are a silver jewelry box from Thailand, a music box from the queen of England and a model of a fortress in existence in Saudi Arabia, made from gold.

Joiner said an opening date is not set for the library and museum as of now, but it is said to be sometime in 1997.

A public groundbreaking is scheduled for November 30, 1994.

The library will be the 10th public presidential library, not including the privately-run Richard Nixon Library. It will be 317,000-square-foot, located on 90 acres of land at the intersection of George Bush Drive and FM 2818.

Terrorist

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interrogated Shaaban before charging him in the Jan. 29 assassination of Jordanian diplomat Naeb Imran Maaytah, denied the suspect ever mentioned the Lockerbie bombing before.

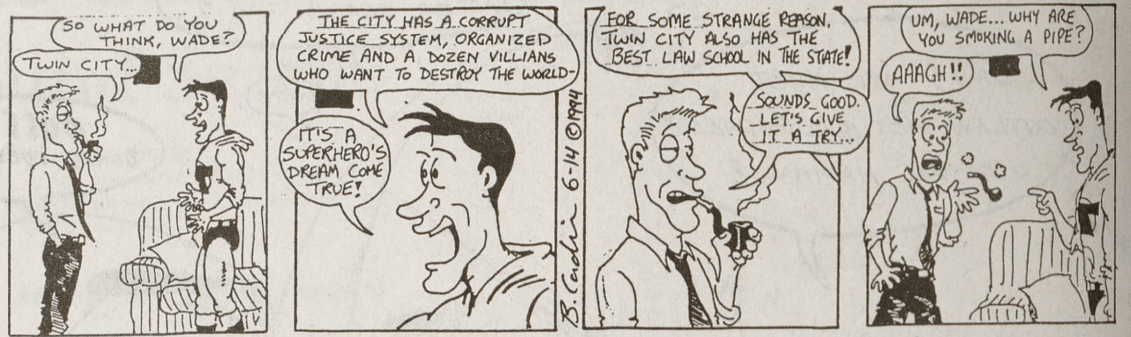
"It's a mere lie. Had Youssef Shaaban confessed to such a case that still preoccupies the world, I would have given it utmost priority and investigated promptly," Mirza told The Associated Press.

"I believe this confession is for the purpose of deception and aims at misleading the investigation, nothing more," he said.

He said he was ready to interrogate

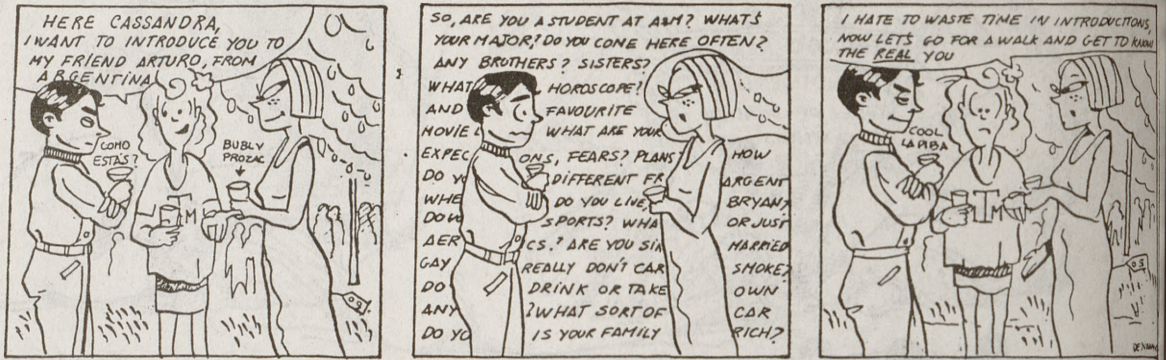
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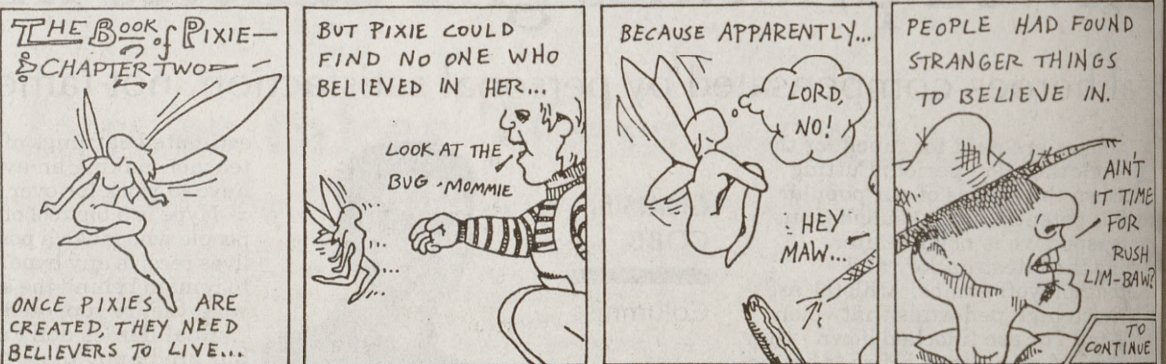
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Mobley

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Mobley said A&M's recent controversies are nothing unusual.

"People who know A&M know it is a strong institution," he said. "Like any organization, A&M has its problems."

Dr. David Schmidly, campus dean of Texas A&M at Galveston, said Mobley's leaving will be a loss for the higher education system.

"Bill Mobley was an outstanding president and chancellor," he said. "He was an excellent representative for higher education, and this will be a loss for all of higher education."

Dr. Robert R. Furgason, president of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, said the system schools will be working in an uncertain period for the next few months, but Mobley's resignation will not upset the process too much.

"It leaves a hole in the leadership of the A&M System," he

said. "The system office has been important to us."

TAMU-Corpus Christi is currently undergoing a change from a two year upper-level school into a four-year institution.

"This fall we're starting our first freshman class, and we're building and setting up testing centers," he said. "Bill Mobley knows the history of who we are and where we are going."

"He has been a very good supporter of this campus and the developments here," Furgason said. "The new chancellor will have to gain all that knowledge and it will take him time to get up to speed."

Schmidly said he also understands Mobley's reasoning in resigning.

"Most of us that got into administration after being in education and our first love is teaching," he said. "I can definitely understand him wanting to get back into the classroom."

Ryan Shopp, a student worker in the Office of the Chancellor, College of Engineering Student Senator and member of the Student Senate Executive Council said students will miss Mobley's leadership.

"He is a very charismatic and influential leader," he said. "I

have a deep admiration for him."

Shopp said Mobley will be a valuable faculty member over in the College of Business.

"I hate to say that we lost two administrators, because we just gained two very valuable faculty members (Mobley and E. Dear Gage)," he said.

West said the Board has not yet begun to look at new candidates for the position.

"It will be very soon indeed," she said, "because Mobley will be leaving at the end of August."

The Board of Regents will appoint an interim chancellor prior to Mobley's departure while a search is underway for a permanent replacement.

Bowen said a new chancellor is never easy to find, but the Board of Regents will find a qualified candidate.

"There's not a long list of people who are qualified," he said. "My guess is they will select someone with a good system background."

The chancellor oversees operation of all 15 institutions within the A&M system.

Bowen said he has enjoyed working with Mobley and will continue to seek his advice in the future.

"He's a good advisor and a good friend," he said.

Shaaban "and see what information he has on the Pan Am bombing."

A bomb ripped apart the Pan Am Boeing 747 over Scotland on Dec. 21, 1988, as it flew from London toward New York.

All 259 people aboard and 11 people on the ground died.

"It's a very convenient confession that so far seems to have absolutely no validity," said Peter Lowenstein of Morristown, N.J., whose 21-year-old son, Alexander, was killed on the plane.

Robert Hunt of Webster, N.Y., whose daughter, Karen, was another victim, said he was skeptical because Shaaban did not offer any corroboration.

"Maybe he is trying to divert attention from Libya," he said.

Jim Swire, a spokesman for British relatives of Lockerbie victims, said Shaaban's claim "should be regarded with grave sus-

picion."

Swire's daughter Flora died in the bombing.

Lebanese court sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, speculated Shaaban might have been instructed by Abu Nidal to make the claim to help Libya, chief backer of Nidal's terrorist group.

Abdel Basset Ali Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah, both suspected Libyan intelligence agents, have been charged in Britain and the United States in the bombing.

In Washington, U.S. Justice Department spokesman Carl Stern said, "We have no evidence to substantiate the assertion that Shaaban makes."

In London, a Foreign Office statement said that "as we have said many times in the past, we believe there is a case to be answered in a court in Scotland or the United States by the two Libyans."

'Pep' vitamin case taken to federal court to stop sales

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Health has decided to pursue action in federal court instead of administratively against Alliance USA, the maker of a popular pep pill called Formula One, the state's health commissioner said Monday.

The health department banned Nation's Nutrition Formula One in early May after reports of illness from people who said they experienced a "speed-like high" from the product. But administrative orders against the product have been blocked in Austin district courts.

Meanwhile, the Texas Attor-

ney General's Office filed a lawsuit May 12 against Alliance USA in federal district court in Dallas.

Dr. David Smith, the Texas commissioner of health, said health officials were disappointed that they couldn't stop the sale of the product using administrative orders.

But he said he will be issuing a public health warning Tuesday about Formula One and believes that working through the federal court will accomplish the same goal. "We're going to have a one-front pursuit here," he said.

Alliance USA officials

claimed victory Monday, saying the Richardson-based company now is free to ship Formula One to its nearly 100,000 distributors throughout the company.

Formula One is one of the most popular diet supplements containing ephedrine, a stimulant.

"We are pleased that the TDH has made this decision" to drop the administrative orders against the product, Larry Cantrell, Alliance USA vice president for corporate relations, said in a prepared statement.

"Formula One is a nutritional supplement that is perfectly

safe for people to use, when taken as directed. We feel vindicated by the state's decision ... to withdraw."

Alliance USA officials also are "confident in our position" in the pending lawsuit.

"We have felt that the emergency orders were improvidently issued by the TDH and we are pleased that the TDH has dismissed all its claims," said Doug Adkins, an attorney representing Alliance USA.

Smith said the civil lawsuit accuses Alliance USA of mislabeling its product so that the consumer does not know that it contains ephedrine and caffeine.

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