

Opinion

Should Paula Jones be allowed to sue President Clinton?

Sneaky Pete

The College Station musician is heading north to Harvard for a semester long sabbatical.

Weather

Friday will be very hot, Lows in the 70s., highs from 100 to 108. — National Weather Service

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NEWS BRIEFS

Sports Illustrated runs Rockets issue

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Rockets fans flocked to bookstores and newsstands Wednesday, buying up copies of a special Sports Illustrated edition that almost didn't make it to print. Star center Hakeem Olajuwon graced the cover of the issue, which included a 32-page section on the Rockets' first-ever NBA Championship. The magazine had planned to publish a special edition only if the New York Knicks had won the championship last week, but it reversed the decision after outraged Houstonians swamped their switchboards with complaints. "We had one man cry," employee Chris English said. "It's almost criminal to distribute so little magazines in a city of 2 million-plus residents. I've never seen anything like this."

Woman accused of prostitution ring

HOUSTON (AP) — A 34-year-old businesswoman accused of operating a prostitution ring with high-profile clients was selling computer know-how, not sex, her attorneys said Wednesday. "Her business was, she had a computer consulting company. Her forte was computer databases," said Michael Peck, one of two attorneys representing Ann Marie Menke. Houston police arrested Ms. Menke June 10 at a hotel and seized a computer and software at her home. Investigators claim the items they seized included a list of big-name Houstonians, including professional athletes, who were prostitution clients.

Democrats attack religious right

WASHINGTON (AP) — For months President Clinton and his party have turned the other cheek in the face of scorching, sometimes outlandish onslaughts by religious and cultural conservatives. But within the past 10 days, the president, his surgeon general, a member of the House leadership and Democratic consultants have gone out front with criticism of "the radical right" and its "extreme agenda." Religious conservatives have been gaining influence in state Republican parties. Clinton, meanwhile, has been tarred as anti-family, immoral and worse in conservative mailings, publications and religious broadcasts almost since the day he took office.

Arafat announces plan to visit Palestine

JERUSALEM (AP) — PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat made a surprise decision Wednesday to make his historic return to Palestinian territory this weekend — his first visit since Palestinian autonomy began in May. A senior Israeli official said Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's government had approved a three-day visit beginning Saturday. "The prime minister decided tonight to allow this visit after considering all security considerations, and the visit will take place this Saturday," Environment Minister Yossi Sarid said. Aharon Domb, spokesman for the Settlers Council, said settlers planned demonstrations and were seeking a ruling from leading rabbis to permit protests on the Sabbath.

Drug charges taint World Cup soccer

What began as a glorious farewell tour that brought back memories of 1986 may end in disgrace and a drug scandal. Diego Maradona, the Argentine superstar who led his nation to the World Cup championship in '86, tested positive for using ephedrine, a common nasal decongestant that contains a strong stimulant. Julio Grondona, president of the Argentine Football Association, said Wednesday night "the player is Diego Maradona and the drug is ephedrine" when asked about FIFA's announcement that a player had tested positive after a game. "It may be a minor issue. We will discuss it and let you know tomorrow," Grondona said Wednesday.

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THE PLAGUE OF DOMESTIC ABUSE

Simpson case focuses attention on local violence

By Amanda Fowle
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Accusations that domestic violence may lead to the murder of O.J. Simpson's ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, have opened the public's eye to the horrors of domestic violence, but it is not a problem limited to celebrities. More than four million women are abused by their husbands or boyfriends every year in the United States and 1,500 of them die, according to The Women's Center and the U.S. Department of Justice. In the Bryan-College Station

Help for abuse victims in Brazos County

- Emergency situations: call 911
- For legal assistance: call county attorney's office, 361-HELP
- For shelter: call Phoebe's home, 775-5355
- Counseling: call Counseling & Assessment Clinic, 845-8021

community, the problem is not going unnoticed. Donna Shalala, U.S. Health and Human Services secretary, announced in March that the Center for Disease Control and Prevention would begin keeping track of domestic abuse cases. She called domestic violence

"terrorism in the home." Bob Bullock, Texas' lieutenant governor, named a Senate committee to look into changing Texas' criminal and civil laws concerning family violence. Brazos County is not immune to domestic violence, and Jack Phariss, Brazos County assis-

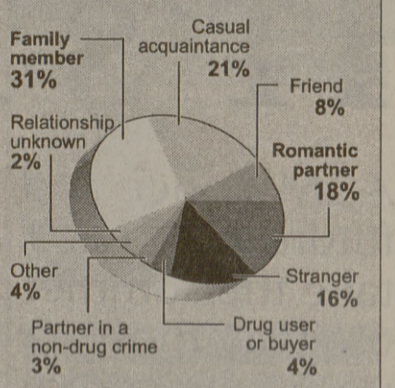
tant attorney, issues protective orders to help victims of domestic violence. Phariss said 196 protective orders were issued in Brazos County in 1993. Protective orders are served upon the request of the victim and are designed to keep the abuser away from the victim for one year, Phariss said. If the abuser violates the order, the first offense is a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by a \$3,000 fine or one year in jail, he said. Subsequent violations are considered felonies. He said protective orders are effective in Brazos County, although there have been deaths as a result of domestic violence. He said, however, that there have been no deaths when a protective order has been in place. Lt. A.W. Onstott, of the College Station Police Department, said although it is not the department's biggest problem, domestic assaults comprise a large number of emergency calls. Sgt. Choya Walling, public relations officer for the Bryan Police Department, said state law allows police officers to arrest abusers even if the victim does not want them to. "Often the victim does not want the abuser arrested for fear of further abuse," he said. When police respond to domestic violence cases, they refer the victims to places for help, such as Phoebe's Home, a shelter for abused women. Phoebe's Home is an outreach program of the Twin City Mission. At the shelter, victims of abuse are allowed to stay free of charge for up to 30 days and are supposed to use that time to find alternative housing or take care of legal procedures. Kim Mynar, volunteer coordinator for Phoebe's Home, said a woman needs to call the shelter herself in order to receive help. "In order for her to stay with us, she has to call," Mynar said. "We can't have a friend or family member call for her." The location of Phoebe's

Death by violence

Domestic abuse is most often a dark secret, uncovered when the crime is too gruesome or the abuser too famous to hide. The murder of Nicole Brown Simpson casts new light on the problem that hurts millions and kills some 1,500 each year.



Murders of women

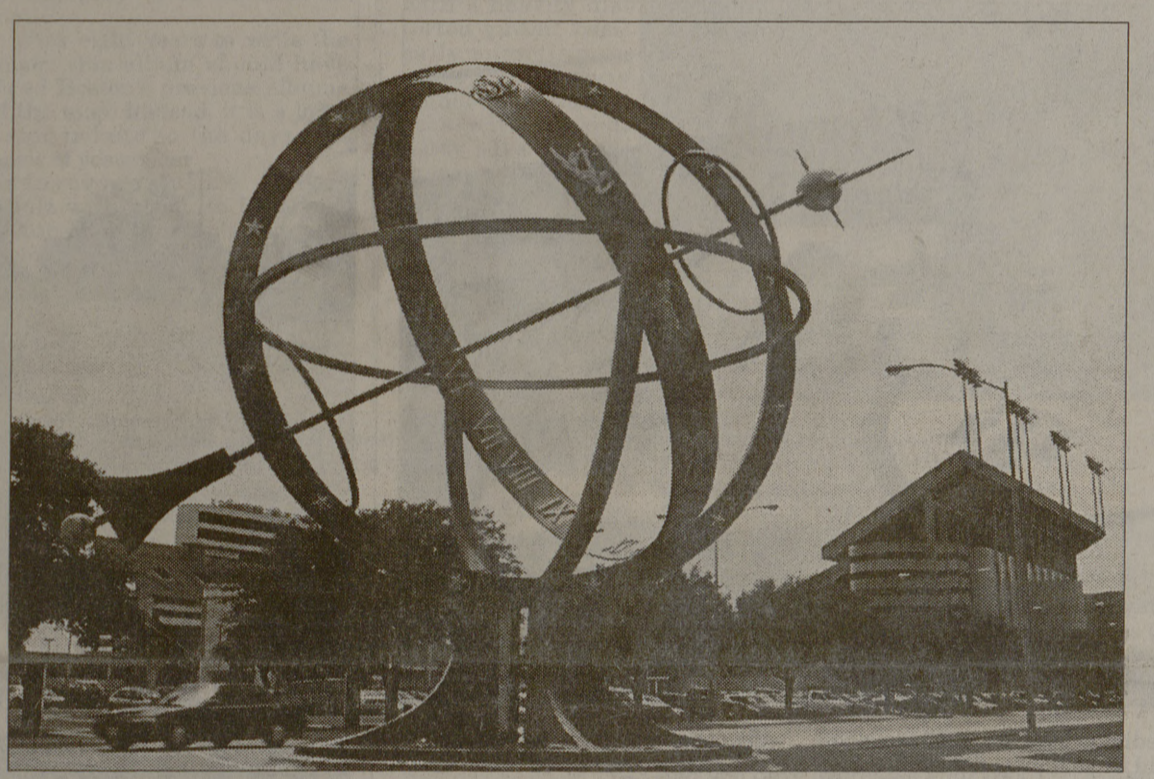


Every five seconds

Each year, 4 to 6 million women are battered, one every five seconds. Source: The Women's Center

Price of domestic violence

Every year, domestic violence results in:
...almost 40,000 visits to physicians
...almost 30,000 emergency room visits
...almost 100,000 days of hospitalization
Source: American Medical Association
AP/Wm. J. Castello, Carolyn Sanderson



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What time is it?

The Armillary Sphere, located behind the Clayton Williams Jr. Alumni Center, is a 60-inch sundial designed specifically for College Station. It tells time according to the position of the sun. The rod piercing the sphere casts a shadow on one of the rings to inform the viewer of the time.

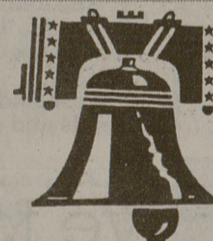
Project leaps latest hurdle Space station funding gets House approval

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House on Wednesday approved \$2.1 billion in funding for the space station next year, brushing aside criticism that it is too expensive and offers too little scientific bang for the buck. On a 278-155 vote, lawmakers rejected a measure that would have terminated the space station and shifted its funding to other NASA programs. The vote occurred during debate over a \$90.5 billion appropriations package that also finances veterans, housing, environmental and other space programs. The House gave final approval to the entire bill on a 344-

84 vote. The House's action Wednesday "signals the end of doubt about America's commitment to space exploration," Vice President Al Gore said in a written statement after the vote. Gore said it also "clears the way for a new era of space exploration and cooperation with our international partners, including Russia." The space station vote capped a two-and-a-half-hour debate during which opponents repeated their arguments that the \$30 billion orbiting laboratory is too costly and is squeezing funds. Please see **Space**, Page 6

B/CS to celebrate July 4th

By Christine Johnson
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Bryan and College Station will both celebrate Fourth of July with festivities and live music Monday. Bryan will hold its first official Fourth of July celebration in front of the Carnegie Library on Main Street. College Station will also honor Independence Day with fireworks and live music at Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater. The "Old Fashioned Fourth of July" in Bryan will run from noon until 6 p.m. Admission is free and it is being sponsored by the Bryan Main Street Project and the Bryan Downtown Business and Merchants Association. People will be able to participate in horse-shoes, dominoes, cards, three-legged sack races

and a watermelon spitting contest. There will also be musical entertainment featuring a jazz band and string ensembles throughout the day. Shannon Lee, Bryan Main Street Project assistant, said it will be an old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration. "There will be food, craft booths and vintage cars on display," Lee said. Lee said if the event is successful, it will continue in following years. The College Station festivities will begin at 6 p.m. with games. A patriotic ceremony at 8 p.m. will be followed by live entertainment by Rotel and the Hot. Please see **July 4th**, Page 6

Haiti refugees update



U.S. detours Haitian boat people to Cuban tent city

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The United States diverted hundreds of Haitian boat people Wednesday to a new tent city at the U.S. Navy base in Cuba, and hundreds more poured out of their troubled nation. In six long days Coast Guard cutters and Navy warships have intercepted more than 3,300 Haitians fleeing economic collapse and political repression in their army-run country. Some of those intercepted said they would try again soon. The exodus, including at least 521 Haitians intercepted aboard 28 vessels Wednesday, has swamped U.S. refugee processing centers. The Clinton Administration was forced to

open a tent city at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where three Coast Guard cutters docked Wednesday with hundreds of refugees, said Coast Guard spokesman Jeff Hall. President Clinton opened a refugee center aboard a ship off Jamaica on June 16 and promised hearings for all refugees to determine if they qualified for asylum. The surge in refugees since then has dealt a strong challenge to the Clinton administration's policy. It puts more pressure on Washington to take swift action to restore Haiti's elected civilian government, which was ousted by the military in 1991. In Washington, Defense Sec-

retary William Perry said that economic sanctions against Haiti aimed at forcing army leaders from power are working and should be given more time. "The conventional wisdom is that sanctions cannot be effective, that they cannot force governments to change their actions. This may be a counter-example," he told a news conference. Some of the 168 boat people repatriated Wednesday said they would take to the sea again soon. "Maybe next week," said Fritz Pierre, 24, as he sat aboard a Haitian Red Cross minibus. Pierre is from the ship-building island of La Gonave, a launching point for many of the voyages.

Two boats carrying 26 Haitian refugees landed at a Jamaican fishing village Wednesday and were housed under Red Cross care. Small groups of Haitians have fled toward Jamaica, about 100 miles west of Haiti, where a refugee camp was established near Montego Bay in late 1991. Jamaica has granted asylum to some Haitians. Some of the 168 boat people repatriated Wednesday said they would take to the sea again soon. "Maybe next week," said Fritz Pierre, 24, as he sat aboard a Haitian Red Cross minibus. Pierre is from the ship-building island of La Gonave, a launching point for many of the voyages.