

### Opinion

Columnist Joseph Elchanan says the space program is the great American monument.

### Local

The Cushing Library will undergo major renovations this spring.

### 'True' Action

Arnold Schwarzenegger and Jamie Lee Curtis star in the latest shoot 'em up, 'True Lies.'



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### NEWS BRIEFS

## A&M installs Ethernet in dorms

By Amanda Fowle  
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Merging onto the information superhighway will be easier for Texas A&M students living in certain residence halls this fall. All rooms in eight of the halls will be equipped with Ethernet connections.

Ethernet is a network that allows people to connect their computers to other computers.

Students will have access to the internet and will be able to send and receive e-mail through Ethernet connections.

Every dorm room in Moore, Keathly, Leggett, Lechner, McFaddin, Dunn Halls and Dorm 2 will be wired with Ethernet

lines.

Hart Hall was originally planned to be included in the program, but asbestos under the building prevented workers from installing the lines.

Larry Bowles, a computer systems manager working on the program, said that either Spence Hall or Underwood Hall will be wired with Ethernet instead of Hart.

"Underwood Hall will more likely be used since it is already equipped with fiberoptics," he said.

Tom Murray, associate director of student affairs, said these halls were chosen because they represent the student body.

"We chose halls that represent a variety of residence halls, as well as men and women," he said.

Murray said the connections will allow students to join Ethernet without having to use their modems, which would tie up their phone lines.

He said students will have to buy Ethernet cards, which will cost less than \$100, to insert into their computers for the connections to work.

"If I were living in one of these halls, I would get a group from the hall together and buy the cards in bulk from a local vendor," he said. "This way they may be able to get a lower price."

Murray said cards can be shared and can be sold once the student is finished with it.

Bowles said he expects to have the connections completed this fall.

"We plan to have everything ready," he said, "so that residents will have to buy the card and a pigtail cable for the connection, and they will be ready to go."

Butch Kemper, Computer Information Systems project director, said he is not certain when the University will add the connections to other halls not included on the original list.

"We need to see how much usage these get and the headaches they cause," he said, "and then we'll decide what the next phase will be."

### Former UT employee charged for stealing

A former University of Texas employee was indicted by a Travis County grand jury Monday on first-degree felony charges of embezzling more than \$300,000 from the school. Lynn Harvey Deer illegally deposited checks for as much as \$2,700 in two personal bank accounts while working as an accountant in the College of Fine Arts. Deer was charged in January with second-degree theft and was released on a personal recognizance bond after her arrest. The grand jury listed 100 offenses against Deer, beginning in January 1991. Deer was convicted, Deer could face a maximum penalty of life in prison.

### Another interest rate increase expected

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan put a warning on notice Wednesday that a central bank probably hasn't finished raising interest rates this year. Greenspan's tough talk rattled Wall Street, sending both stock and bond prices lower as investors worried that the rate hikes could be imminent. The Dow Jones industrial average was down more than 20 points in late afternoon trading. In delivering his twice-a-year report to Congress on monetary policy, Greenspan warned that the Fed was beginning to see increasing threats of inflation, which he said could not be allowed to get out of hand. "An increase in inflation would come at considerable cost," he told the Senate Banking Committee. "Harsher policy actions would eventually be necessary to reverse the upsurge in inflationary pressures. We are determined to prevent such an outcome."

### Jordan, Israel begin peace negotiations

SOUTH SHUNEH, Jordan (AP) — Ministers from Israel and Jordan met publicly for the first time Wednesday on the shores of the Dead Sea and vowed to make their dreams of peace come true. "The Dead Sea, silent and deep, has become a symbol of new life," said Prime Minister Shimon Peres of Israel at the session, attended by Secretary of State Warren Christopher. "These are indeed vital and critical moments which historians shall cherish and poets shall relish," Prime Minister Majali of Jordan said. "They will be recorded in the annals of history in block letters, for they separate the age between peace and war, construction and destruction, even life and death," he said.

### Rwandan refugees dying from Cholera

GOMA, Zaire (AP) — More than 100 bodies were dumped in an open area near a banana plantation Wednesday in a mass burial that overshadowed the disease and devastation facing this filthy, teeming camp of 1 million Rwandan refugees. Cholera has claimed its first victims, and doctors predicted one in every 100 refugees would be infected. Already, dozens of corpses wrapped in reed mats were on streets and sidewalks, rotting by thirst, hunger and sickness. "A lot of these people are going to die," said Dr. Jacques de Milliano, president of Doctors Without Borders.

### JUPITER Update

GREENBELT, Md. (AP) — Already marked by the bombardment of a dozen mountain-sized comet pieces, Jupiter is to be slammed by what one astronomer called "the greatest one-two-three punch" ever when three chunks hit near the same point within hours. Fragment P2 hit Jupiter Wednesday morning, becoming the largest piece of comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 to batter the giant planet. The next fragment in the comet will hit Q2. It will be followed by two other large boulders that will drill into Jupiter's cloud tops at about the same place.

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## A&M being sued

### Pesticide company accuses university of botching test results, seeks \$200 million

By Angela St. John Parker  
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A Texas chemical company is planning to sue Texas A&M for \$200 million for allegedly conspiring to hinder market entry of a new fire ant pesticide, company representatives said last week.

According to Bushwacker Associates, Inc., the company will file a lawsuit saying that Texas A&M disseminated false test results through the University's agricultural extension services, despite agreeing to delay the dissemination until the dispute had been settled, said George Bethurum, president and chairman of Bushwacker Associates, Inc.

The report in question was published using results from a field test conducted in July 1991 by Dr. Bastiaan Drees, associate professor of entomology and extension specialist; Dr. Charles Barr, extension associate and Dr. S. Bradleigh Vinson, professor of entomology. "When we heard about the test having been conducted, we told [the University] we wanted to be a part of the testing to be sure that they used the proper protocol," he said. "They said there would be no publication of it until we all agreed on a protocol."

He said Vinson wanted to make out the protocol and would then get Bushwacker's approval.

"He sent us the first copies of the protocol as he envisioned it, and we immediately went through it and sent back a letter saying we needed to make some changes," he said. "At that point we got word from an inside source that they had already published the report we were arguing about."

Bill Helwig, assistant general counsel for A&M, said an answer suited to the claims and allegations will be filed with the court.

"Texas A&M University, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Agricul-

tural Experiment Station unequivocally will deny all of the claims and allegations of Bushwacker Associates, Inc. and will stand ready to present their well-founded and scientifically supported defenses to such claims and allegations," he said.

Drees said all officials have been told by the general counsel not to comment on the lawsuit.

"All I'm going to say is that all charges are unfounded," he said.

Barr and Vinson could not be reached for comment.

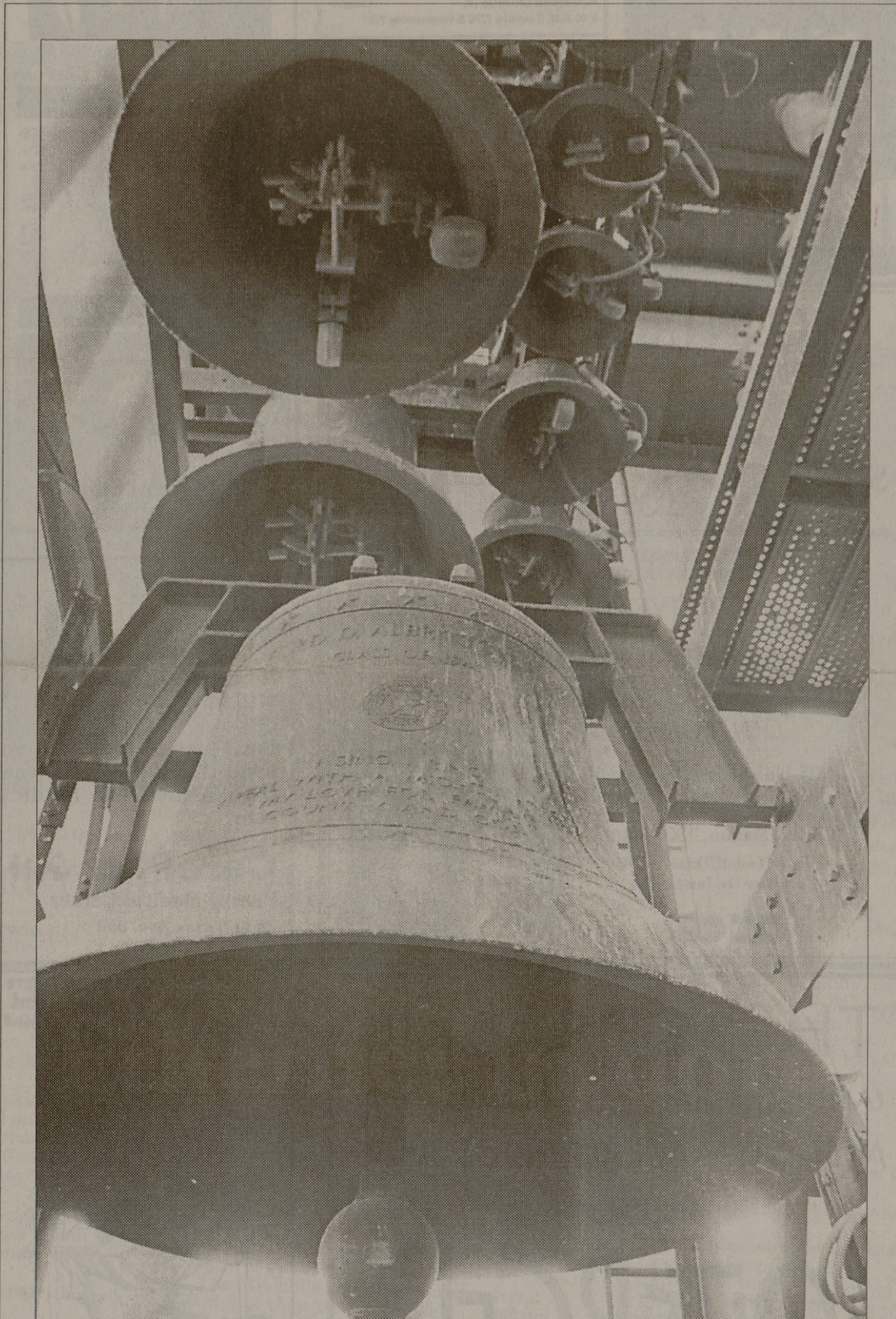
According to the report, three separate plots of land were used in the test. One plot was treated with Bushwacker; another was treated with Amdro, a different fire ant pesticide and the third plot was left untreated to serve as a control.

"Following treatment, no significant differences in the number of active red imported fire ant mounds were documented between the Bushwacker and untreated plots," the report said. "The broadcast Amdro treatment significantly reduced active mound numbers 88, 68 and 83 percent at five weeks, three months, and seven months respectively, following application relative to the untreated plot."

Bethurum said the researchers must not have used the correct protocol because his products have always proved 100 percent effective.

"Our products have always been, and still are to this day, 100 percent effective, as shown through our tests," he said. "It's unfortunate when government agencies are incompetent, but I think it's criminal when they deliberately mislead the public or withhold important information from the public."

In the report A&M published on the Bushwacker product, University researchers cited two other reports on tests conducted by Bushwacker Associates that supported the product before the A&M test. Both reports indicate no control plots were reported to have been established or monitored.



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The bells of Albritton Bell Tower were donated by various classes. The tower was built in 1984.

## Campus focuses on Richards, Bush

By James Bernsen  
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The outcome of the Texas gubernatorial race will depend on how Texans perceive Ann Richards' record versus George W. Bush's qualifications, local party officials said.

Dr. Richard Stadelmann, faculty adviser for the College Republicans, said the race could go either way at this point.

"It's a little too early to tell," he said. "But all of the polls indicate that this is likely to be a close race."

Dr. Gary Halter, faculty adviser for the Aggie Democrats, said voter turnout will be the key to the election.

"If we have a low turnout, I will expect George W. Bush as governor," he said. "If there is a high turnout, then Ann Richards will win."

Halter said Bush will have an advantage because of name recognition, but that alone will not determine the election.

"I think he's got a tough battle," he said. "Governor Richards has a good record."

Stadelmann said Bush sees Richards' record as indicative of poor leadership.

"He feels Governor Ann Richards has been incompetent in one area she has the most influence in — appointment of the boards," he said.

In one well-publicized case, Lena Guerrero was appointed to the Texas Railroad Commission.

It was later discovered that Guerrero had never graduated from the University of Texas as she claimed.

Jim James, chairman of the Democratic Party of Brazos County, said he doesn't see

Guerrero's case, or any other, as undermining the campaign.

"I'm sure you can take some appointments, and they'll probably hurt," he said. "But I don't see that as a major campaign issue."

Jody Withers, state chairman of the College Republicans of Texas, and a member of A&M's chapter, said the Republican party will stress Richards' record.

"We're going to make her accountable for her record and for the increasing state budget," he said.

Withers said Bush's strong point is business management and his understanding of how the economy works.

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## Bryan considers teen curfew

By Sara Israwi  
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Local teenagers could be calling it an early night if the Bryan City Council opts to pass a curfew to curb crime by teens.

After a Bryan citizen went to the city council requesting a possible teenage curfew, the police department and city council have been researching the idea.

Lee Freeman, chief of the Bryan Police Department, said there are many questions that need to be looked into before such a curfew could be implemented.

"There are logistics involved that people wouldn't understand," he said. "We are neither for or against it."

In the last six to eight months, the city has been looking at other major cities that have a teenage curfew.

One question being examined is whether similar curfews in

other cities have been effective and whether the police department has been enforcing them.

"We have been looking to see what problems or solutions it will create," he said. "I'm not in a situation to say, 'yes it would be good' or 'no it wouldn't.'"

Freeman said some people think the curfew takes away teens' rights of freedom and question whether teens' rights are worth being sacrificed to prevent crime.

He said that in some cities, the curfew hours are in the range of 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. on week nights and 12 a.m. to 6 a.m. on weekends.

The busiest time of the night for the police would be the first hours of the curfew time, Freeman said.

Police are often tied up with service calls during this time, he said, which could become a prob-

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