

Student panel claims Islamic men and women have equal rights.

MICHAEL LANDAUER: People should discriminate when they unload their problems. If you plan to bitch and whine to someone, ask yourself if you would be willing to listen to their problems, too.

Lady Aggies prepare to play Texas in Austin tonight.

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NEWS BRIEFS

South Africa peace settlement reached

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — A peace settlement is struck in Angola, and a rebel leader says he will accept electoral defeat in Mozambique. These two events, separated by only days, could mark a turning point in Africa — putting the southern third of the continent solidly on the path to peace and democracy. The civil wars in Mozambique and Angola were two of the longest and bloodiest of the century. Between them, there were more than three decades of fighting and well over 1 million people killed. Granted independence from Portugal at the same time in 1975, Angola, on the west coast of Africa, and Mozambique, on the east, were plunged almost immediately into civil war. Foreign countries including Rhodesia, South Africa and the United States sponsored rightist rebels against Marxist regimes backed by Moscow. Arms poured in and the countries were devastated, but the balance of power was such that no one side could eliminate the other.

CNN sued for airing Noriega conversations

MIAMI (AP) — CNN was found guilty Tuesday of criminal contempt of federal court by broadcasting taped phone conversations of jailed Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega in 1990. The network was convicted by U.S. District Judge William Hoeweler, who said CNN willfully violated his order prohibiting the broadcast of recorded conversations between Noriega and his lawyers. "I am ever mindful of the importance of an essentially unfettered press and the mandates of the First Amendment, but I must also be mindful of the vital importance of compliance with orders of the court," Hoeweler said in his ruling.

Agents responsible for Waco raid fired

DALLAS (AP) — Phillip Chojnacki and Charles Sarabyn aren't household names. But most people know what they did last February. Chojnacki and Sarabyn were the federal agents who gave the go-ahead on the government's deadly raid of David Koresh and his Branch Davidian followers near Waco. Almost immediately, they were swarmed with criticism by other federal officers. They were singled out for "gross errors in judgment" in a September 1993 Treasury Department report. They were fired last week. Both have turned down all interview requests, leaving two letters totalling 35 pages as their only explanation of events while also dropping hints that they've become the government's scapegoats for the disaster, which ultimately claimed more than 80 lives.

Frequent-fliers insist on program benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — American Airlines, inventor of the hugely popular frequent-flier plan, urged the Supreme Court on Tuesday to bar people from suing airlines that restrict their programs' benefits. But an attorney for frequent-flier club members who sued American said barring such claims from state courts would leave customers with no way to seek damages for restrictions that reduce the value of travel miles they have saved. American, which has the world's largest frequent-flier club and gave out more than 2 million tickets last year, is trying to fend off a class-action lawsuit over restrictions it imposed in 1988. Seeking to hold down costs, American limited the number of seats used on each flight for free or discounted frequent-flier tickets and began keeping customers from using such tickets during heavy travel periods such as Christmas and Thanksgiving.

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County judge denies Shamburger bail

Baker's father pleased with court's decision, favors death penalty

By Lisa Messer
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A county judge denied bail Tuesday to Ron Shamburger, the former Texas A&M student accused of murdering Lori Ann Baker while burglarizing her home Sept. 30.

Shamburger faces capital murder charges and remains in the Brazos County Jail.

Assistant District Attorney Deena McConnell said prosecutors will seek the death penalty for Shamburger, a 22-year-old biomedical science major from Longview.

"There's no question," McConnell said. "His own testimony said that he entered through Lori's window with the intent to steal. In his own statement, he admits to murdering her during the burglary."

McConnell said Shamburger had committed at least four prior burglaries, including robbing Baker's house twice, stealing her credit card and an article of clothing.

Prosecutors played Shamburger's taped confession in which he told Detective Donnie Andreski, of the College Sta-

tion Police Department, that he did not think Baker and her roommate Victoria Kohler were at home when he entered their house.

He said Baker, who was in bed, woke up when he entered her room and recognized him.



Shamburger

Barry Wilkerson, a crime scene technician with the College Station Police Department, said Baker's hands were tied behind her back and a gun was placed directly to her forehead when it was fired.

McConnell said Shamburger did not commit the murder as a reaction or as an act of passion.

"It was a cold-blooded execution," McConnell said. "He didn't shoot her in the back of the head. She saw that gun coming."

Kohler testified at the hearing that when she came home around 2:30 that morning and heard Baker's bedroom door open, she went to the back of the house to

see Baker.

She said Shamburger was leaving Baker's room, smiling, with a gun in his hand.

"I screamed 'Who are you?,' Kohler said, "and he said 'I'm a friend.' He grabbed me by the hair, threw me to the ground, sat on me and put a gun to my back. He asked me if I'd seen him. I said yes but gave him an off description."

Kohler said Shamburger sat on her for at least half an hour, talking to her while he massaged her shoulders.

Kohler said Shamburger asked her if she had any money. Kohler said when he found the cash on her dresser, Shamburger said, "Six dollars, sweet, good bull."

She said Shamburger decided to throw a blanket over her head, lock her in the trunk of her car and drive her away from the house before he set the house on fire.

"He asked me if I could forgive him, if he should commit suicide and if I had any gasoline," Kohler said. "He asked me if there was anything in the house that I needed because he was going to destroy the evidence. I told him no, but the second time he asked I told him my scrapbooks and pictures."

Kyle Hawthorn, Shamburger's court appointed attorney, said Shamburger's concern about saving things from the fire for Kohler and his turning himself in to the police prove that he is not a threat to society and that a jury will not retreat a death penalty.

"There's no prior criminal record," Hawthorn said. "There was no harm done physically to Miss Kohler. He took steps to take responsibility. The state hasn't shown bad character. There's no evidence to indicate future dangerousness. I don't think the state would come back with the death penalty."

Derrel Baker, Lori Ann Baker's father, said he favors the death penalty for Shamburger.

"It was nothing but a cold-blooded execution," Baker said. "I think he went there to confront somebody. If he knew her habits at all, he would've known she would be there. There are indications it wasn't so random."

"He had the audacity to say Lori was a nice girl. He took Lori's life away. Even though it's been a month, we think about it every five to ten seconds. The hopelessness of the future is just so overwhelming."

TABC to concentrate on campus visitors at Bonfire

By Stephanie Dube
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Local officials are encouraging people to celebrate the spirit of Bonfire without alcohol.

Lt. Bert Kretzschmar, crime prevention officer for the University Police Department, said 92 minor in possession (MIP) citations were issued by the UPD on Bonfire site last year during Bonfire. In addition, 23 public intoxication citations were issued.

"Considering the amount of people there," Kretzschmar said, "this was a moderate amount. But we try to discourage drinking at Bonfire."

Sometimes, drinking at Bonfire leads to physical violence, he said. In 1993, 24 disorderly conduct citations were issued at Bonfire.

"Some people mellow out when they drink, others get very aggressive," Kretzschmar said. "In the past years there have been assaults. I've broken up some fights before."

Kretzschmar said the type of people who receive MIPs at Bonfire is mixed, but many are A&M students.

"But we have written a lot to people from out of town and high schoolers," he said.

Kretzschmar said there was talk a few years ago of canceling Bonfire due to alcohol-related problems during the event.

Dr. Dennis Reardon, coordinator of the Texas A&M Center for Drug Prevention and Education (CDPE), said one of the most likely ways Bonfire could get canceled would be if alcohol problems got out of hand.

"In the mid to late 1980s, the alcohol problems at Bonfire got really bad," Reardon said. "People did not want to bring their children anymore."

Because of the complaints about alcohol-related behavior, Dr. John Koldus, former vice president for student services, formed a committee of staff and students to review alcohol at Bonfire, Reardon said.

"This worked well to decrease the amount of alcohol consumed at Bonfire," Reardon said. "Now people are coming back with their families."

Reardon said the majority of the MIPs issued now are to visitors.

Tod Campbell, graduate assistant for the CDPE and supervisor for the Alcohol Awareness

Bonfire Subcommittee, said the committee's message is to encourage responsibility and to keep alcohol away from the Bonfire site.

"The subcommittee targets student groups on campus," Campbell said. "Our motto is to 'Keep Alcohol From Shattering the Tradition.'"

Campbell said alcohol is one of the primary threats to Bonfire, and the subcommittee was formed to curb unwanted alcohol-related behavior at Bonfire. However, he said, the group is not anti-alcohol.

"We are pro-Bonfire and pro-responsible behavior," Campbell said. "Bonfire is for everyone — families and kids. We do not want to deal with drunken behavior at Bonfire."

However, Campbell said behavior at Bonfire has improved a great deal in the past few years. "The general consensus is that the A&M student body is better at accepting responsibility," Campbell said. "Now we have to focus on people from out-of-town. It's not perfect yet, but it's getting better."

Sgt. Laban Toscano, of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC), said the TABC will be focusing its efforts on the areas around Bonfire rather than the Bonfire site itself this year.

"We want to be at the areas where there is a good probability of underage drinkers getting alcohol prior to going to Bonfire," Toscano said. "We may have greater success decreasing the number of injuries from alcohol consumption that way."

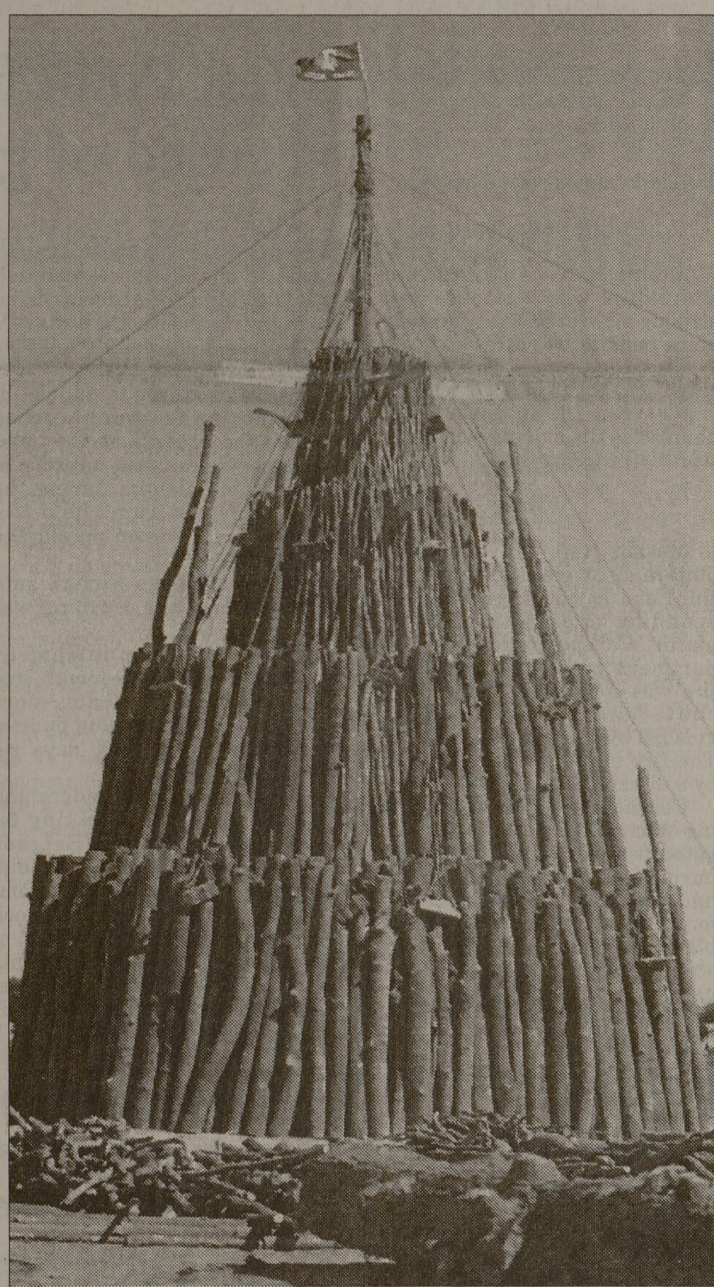
Toscano said officials from TABC will be monitoring store sites, parking lots and other areas around Bonfire to discover where the alcohol is coming from and who it is going to.

The fine for serving alcohol to a minor, even if the person providing the alcohol is also a minor, ranges from \$100 to \$500, Toscano said.

A first offense MIP can cost \$25 to \$200 and a second offense ranges anywhere from \$500 to \$1000, Toscano said. In addition, a minor can also be charged for attempting to purchase alcohol. A first offense fine in this category can be from \$25 to \$200, he said.

Kretzschmar said he encourages people not to bring alcohol to Bonfire.

"We want people to have a good time," Kretzschmar said. "We don't want alcohol to ruin it for them. We want Bonfire to be as enjoyable and safe as possible."



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Within less than a week, Fightin' Texas Aggie Bonfire has been totally rebuilt. Hard work from Aggies everywhere has proven just how deep Aggie spirit runs.

Investigation into Indiana plane crash continues

ROSELAWN, Ind. (AP) — Crews built a gravel road across a boggy soybean field Tuesday to help investigators reach bodies and clues in a commuter plane crash that killed all 68 people on board.

American Eagle Flight 4184 gave off a high-pitched whine of engines at full throttle as it streaked to the ground in a driving rain Monday en route to Chicago's O'Hare Airport.

National Transportation Safety Board spokesman Ted Lopatkiewicz refused to speculate on the cause of the crash. One witness said he saw the almost-new twin-engine propjet plunge toward the ground with a wing sheared off; Lopatkiewicz said he had no comment on that report.

Searchers found the plane's cockpit voice recorder and flight data recorder. Both were sent to Washington for analysis.

On Tuesday, crews brought in truckloads of gravel to put down a road. Investigators needed the 200-yard trail to

overcome mud too deep even for four-wheel drive vehicles.

The barren field where the plane went down "smelled like a butcher shop," said Les Smith, who lives nearby. Searchers who made it through the muck on foot soon after the crash described small chunks of smashed airplane and pieces of bodies. The largest piece of plane was a 6-to-8-foot section of the tail.

"What we did see, we didn't like," said firefighter John Knapp.

"There's not one body that's intact," said another firefighter, Jerry Cramer.

Gov. Evan Bayh

stammered as he described what he saw from a helicopter. "There is a small crater there and the wreckage is strewn in a fairly close radius around the impact site," he said. "The destruction is complete."

The gymnasium of the North Newton High School, 15 miles from the crash site, was designated a morgue and classes were canceled for at least a week. Officials hadn't begun removing bodies by mid-afternoon.

It could take a week to a month to recover all bodies and debris, state police Sgt. Jerry Parker said.

The flight from Indianapolis to Chicago had

been in a holding pattern about 60 miles southeast of O'Hare and was descending from 10,000 feet when it crashed.

The French- and Italian-built Super ATR plane was registered in March and had experienced no problems through September, except a broken floor light, according to Federal Aviation Administration records.

Bob Hilton, who was working under the hood of his truck at the time of the crash, said the plane sounded like the pilot "had it full throttle, like a stunt pilot, like he was going to try to bring it up."

Wind gusted to 49 mph in Gary, 30 miles north, at the time of the crash, but NTSB chairman Jim Hall said the weather alone wouldn't explain it.

"Airplanes operate every day in this type of weather," he told ABC. "We'll have to look to see whether there were any unusual weather occurrences that might cause the result."

