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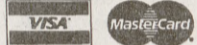
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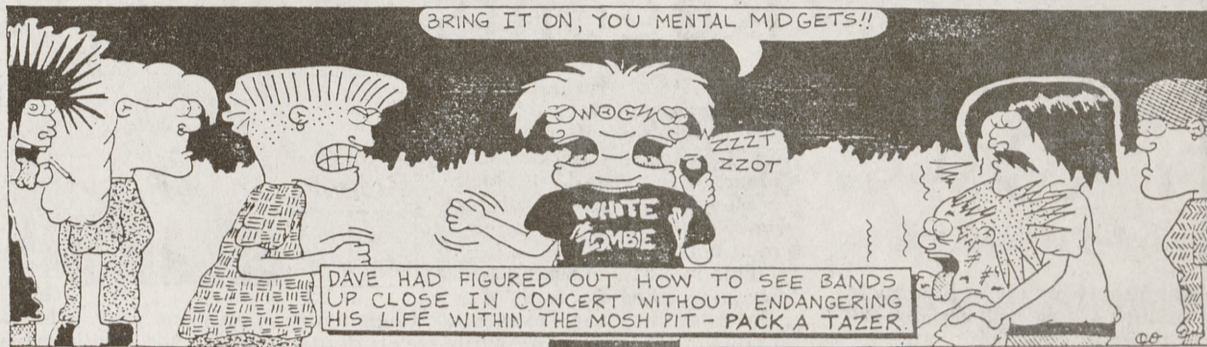
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Sketch



By Quatro Checking

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have direct deposit, if I'm a little overdrawn at the end of the month, they will still clear the checks," she said. "But sometimes it's a problem that I can write only 12 checks per month without an additional charge."

White is not the only student who primarily uses checks to handle business around town. Jim Kuboviak, Brazos County attorney, said his office prosecutes those who do not make payments on checks that have bounced.

A check written in Bryan-College Station can clear a student's bank within three days. If there are insufficient funds, the merchant gives the student 10 days to rectify the problem. After 10 days, Kuboviak issues a 48-hour arrest warning.

Kuboviak said that although most students never reach the point of arrest, careless spending should be monitored.

"We are not out to get the person that bounces one small check at the grocery store — everyone does that every once in a while," he said. "But we have to target those who ignore the courtesy notices we send and never make good on the checks."

"Some students in College Station work their way through school by writing bad checks. They're a small percentage, but they're out there."

Kuboviak said students should realize that purposely bouncing checks is a crime, not a prank.

"Every semester there is a new scam," he said, "and every semester people get caught. Students are risking their college careers and jeopardizing the welfare of area merchants."

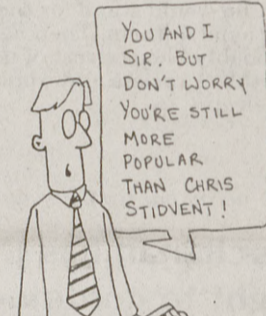
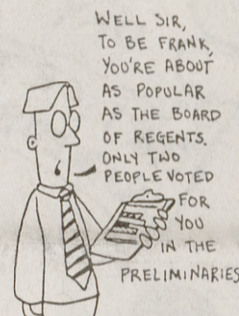
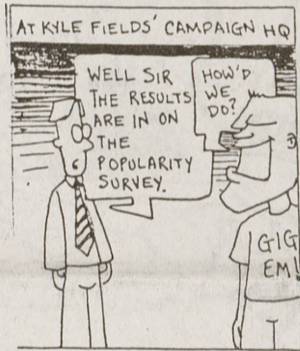
Kuboviak said that if students do not respond to the arrest warning notices issued, it becomes a matter of criminal theft, which differs little from shoplifting. He said writing hot checks between \$20 and \$500 is punishable by a fine of up to \$2,000, six months in jail, or both.

PEEPS



By MICHAEL

Ewe Hall



By JED

Colonias

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conferencing equipment. "We are using technology as a tool to educate and train people so their communities can prosper and clients can learn the skills they need," Mattot said.

Training will include mathematics, reading, English as a second language and, possibly, will lead to GED diplomas.

The 18-month demonstration projects will be set up in Progresso in the Rio Grande Valley, Somerville, Fort Bend County near Houston, Spring View Apartments in inner-city San Antonio and South Dallas County.

Before spring break, A&M faculty and staff went to the sites and assessed the equipment, training and programs that will be used at each one.

John Glaser, a cultural liaison for Progresso, said the communities are usually vocal, empowered groups.

"They don't take a back seat to anything and are very active in their decision making as far as stating their education needs and wanting computers for their children," Glaser said.

Rhoda Segur, outreach coordinator for Community Net, said the communities will have gained skills enabling them to continue using the Internet after the 18-month project has ended.

The University's other similar project involves four Texas colonias: Cameron Park near Brownsville, Progresso, El Centro near Laredo, and Monta Vista near El Paso.

Volunteers establish centers in these Texas border towns with programs to teach literacy, nutrition and basic survival skills.

The colonias project, which serves about 270,000 people, began in 1991 with funds from the Texas Legislature and the A&M College of Architecture Center for Housing and Urban Development. The program currently has eight colonias centers under construction.

David Ellis, associate director of Housing and Urban Development, said the community centers are designed to meet needs ranging from health care to English as a second language.

"We don't come in and force a program down their throats," Ellis said. "We find out what they need."

Ellis described the colonias as third-world country in Texas where basic services that seem common, such as running water, electricity and sewage, are rare.

"The colonias suffer from economic, social and physical isolation," he said, "so bringing in volunteers can bring in the outside world."

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.49	J	SI2	1,050 ⁰⁰
.57	K	SI1	1,150 ⁰⁰
.68	J	VS2	1,900 ⁰⁰
.69	K	VVS2	1,750 ⁰⁰
.71	H	VS2	3,100 ⁰⁰ LGA Cert.
.71	G	VS2	2,900 ⁰⁰
.83	H	SI1	3,150 ⁰⁰
.84	K/L	SI1	2,150 ⁰⁰
.94	K	SI1	2,650 ⁰⁰
1.01	I	SI1	4,500 ⁰⁰ EGL Cert.
1.21	K	SI3	3,750 ⁰⁰

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.43	L	VVS2	\$750 ⁰⁰
.71	H	SI2	1,675 ⁰⁰
.74	H	SI2	1,500 ⁰⁰
.83	H	SI3	1,575 ⁰⁰
.88	G	SI2	1,750 ⁰⁰
.93	G	SI3	1,950 ⁰⁰
1.28	I	VS2	4,650 ⁰⁰

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.23	H	VVS1	\$400 ⁰⁰
.27	H	VVS1	475 ⁰⁰
.31	H	VVS2	745 ⁰⁰ IGL Cert.
.33	H	VVS2	790 ⁰⁰
.34	G	VVS2	895 ⁰⁰
.37	G	I1	350 ⁰⁰
.52	F	I1	595 ⁰⁰ A&M/M&W Cert.
.52	H	VVS2	1,875 ⁰⁰ IGL Cert.
.64	H	VVS2	1,990 ⁰⁰
.70	I	SI1	2,100 ⁰⁰
.71	H	SI1	2,200 ⁰⁰
.71	H	VVS2	2,985 ⁰⁰ IGL Cert.

Round Diamond

Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
.77	G	SI1	\$1,800 ⁰⁰
.95	H	I1	2,275 ⁰⁰
.90	H	VS1	4,250 ⁰⁰ EGL Cert.
1.00	G	I1	2,600 ⁰⁰
1.04	G	VS1	6,000 ⁰⁰ GIA Cert.
1.16	J	SI1	3,950 ⁰⁰
1.19	I	SI2	4,750 ⁰⁰ GIA Cert.
1.33	I	SI1	3,500 ⁰⁰
2.00	I	SI1/SI2	6,975 ⁰⁰
9.51	L/M	I1/I2	29,000 ⁰⁰

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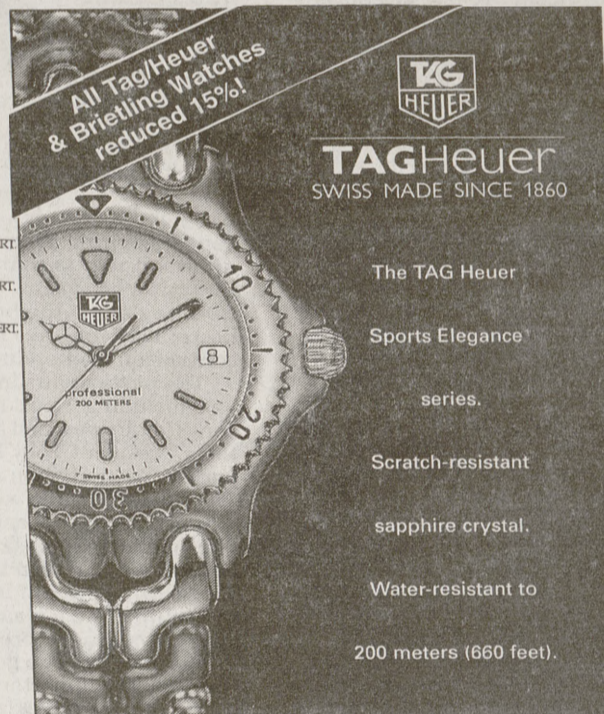
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.59	E	I1	995 ⁰⁰
.79	K	SI1	1,675 ⁰⁰
.92	K	VS2	2,300 ⁰⁰
1.02	J	SI1	3,250 ⁰⁰

Princess

Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
.49	K	SI1	\$ 875 ⁰⁰
.53	K	VS1	975 ⁰⁰
.80	J	I1	1,375 ⁰⁰
.92	H	VVS2	3,500 ⁰⁰
.93	H	VS2	3,200 ⁰⁰
1.42	H	SI3	3,900 ⁰⁰

Oval

Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
.32	H	SI1	\$ 550 ⁰⁰
.40	J	VS1	675 ⁰⁰
.56	K	V	1,075 ⁰⁰
.66	K	VVS2	1,252 ⁰⁰
.81	I	VS2	3,225 ⁰⁰ LGA Cert.
.93	I	SI2	2,860 ⁰⁰
1.00	G	I1	2,700 ⁰⁰
1.12	I	SI1	3,950 ⁰⁰
1.53	I/J	SI1	5,800 ⁰⁰



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