

► **State**

Alleged hazing case ends in settlement

AUSTIN (AP) — The parents of a University of Texas student who died in an alleged 1995 hazing incident have settled their lawsuit against the now-defunct school spirit group their son had hoped to join.

Gabe Higgins, 19, died after a night of drinking at a Bastrop County property, south of Austin.

His parents say before Higgins' death, the University of Texas Cowboys group subjected him to a night of drinking games and demeaning exercises before an earlier morning swim in the Colorado River.

Members of the group searched for Higgins for about nine hours before calling police. They have denied any hazing.

No criminal charges were filed against members of the group, but Higgins' parents sued 18 students and the owner of the Bastrop County property.

They agreed to a \$1.09 million settlement, the Austin American-Statesman reported Monday.

Officers fired after giving kids alcohol

PLANO, (AP) — One policeman was fired and five others were disciplined after a monthslong internal investigation revealed several officers provided alcohol to minors in the Explorer program.

The program, under the direction of the Boy Scouts of America, provides young adults high-school age and older with exposure to law enforcement and other careers. Participants receive training on topics including drug and alcohol abuse, physical and emotional abuse, and leadership.

UT stadium receives support from Senate

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas' plan to expand its football stadium got a boost with a Senate vote to exempt the project from a law protecting views of the state Capitol.

The Senate voted 31-0 Monday for an exemption bill sponsored by Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria. The measure now goes to the

House for consideration. University of Texas regents last year approved the expansion plan for Royal-Memorial Stadium, which is north of the Capitol.

► **National**

Schindler's tops list for Sunday night

NEW YORK (AP) — Viewers overwhelmingly endorsed NBC's airing of *Schindler's List* Sunday, making it the night's overwhelming favorite.

With ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox claiming a combined 75 percent share of all viewers watching television, *Schindler's List* attracted 34 percent, according to NBC's analysis of preliminary Nielsen figures.

The film aired from 7:30 to 11 p.m. EST. Its closest head-to-head competition was CBS' *Touched By an Angel*, from 8 to 9 p.m. EST, which drew an 18 percent share.

An estimated 65 million people watched all or part of the film, NBC estimated — more than double the 25 million people in the United States who have seen it in theaters.

Directed by Steven Spielberg, it won seven Academy Awards.

'Stupid Human Trick' catches Late Show eye

CHICAGO (AP) — When Kimberly Goodman auditioned for David Letterman's "Stupid Human Tricks," witnesses screamed.

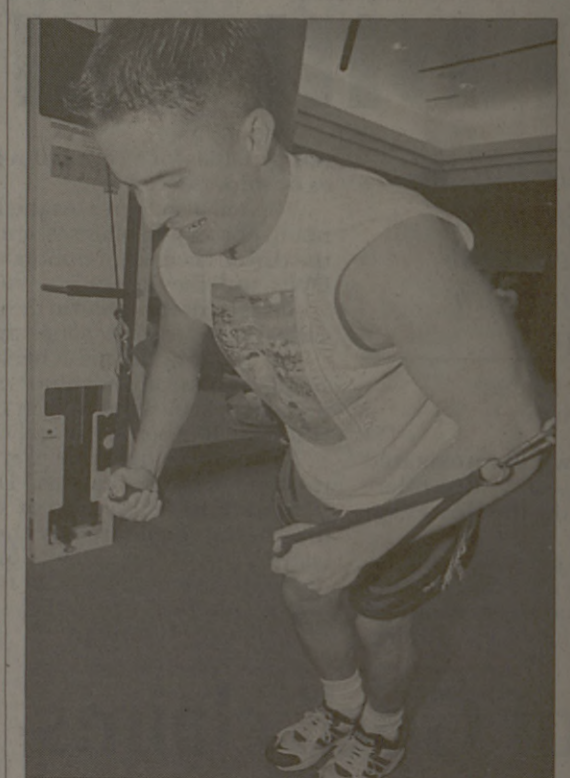
The young woman got the job the moment she literally popped one of her eyeballs out of its socket. She can do both orbs simultaneously, but understatement worked just as well.

"As soon as I saw it, I thought, 'That's it, stop the presses,'" said Tricks coordinator Susan Hall Sheehan. "How many people there were in the room, that's how many involuntary screams there were."

Letterman was so impressed he invited her back for a return engagement, Monday night's *Late Show with David Letterman Video Special III*.

Goodman, who is from Chicago's South Side, considers her quirky talent a gift. "At church, I always hear my pastor say everybody has a gift, and I used to ask, 'Lord, what's mine?'"

She found out about five years ago when one of her eyes came out of its socket when she hit it while taking off a Halloween mask.



Amy Dunlap, THE BATTALION

Stretch 'til it hurts

Jason Hicks, sophomore bioengineering major, works out at the Student Recreation Center Monday afternoon.

► **This day in history**

(AP) — Today is Tuesday, Feb. 25th, the 56th day of 1997. There are 309 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1570, Pope Pius V excommunicated England's Queen Elizabeth I.

In 1793, the department heads of the U.S. government met with President Washington at his home for the first Cabinet meeting on record.

In 1836, inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver.

In 1870, Hiram R. Revels, R-Miss., became the first black member of the U.S. Senate as he was sworn in to serve out the unexpired term of Jefferson Davis.

In 1901, U.S. Steel Corp. was incorporated by J.P.Morgan.

In 1983, playwright Tennessee Williams was found dead in his New York hotel suite; he was 71.

In 1986, President Ferdinand E. Marcos fled the Philippines after 20 years of rule in the wake of a tainted election; Corazon Aquino assumed the presidency.

In 1991, during the Persian Gulf War, 28 Americans were killed when an Iraqi Scud missile hit a U.S. barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

In 1994, Jewish settler Baruch Goldstein opened fire with an automatic rifle inside the Tomb of the Patriarchs in the West Bank, killing 29 Muslims before he was beaten to death by worshippers.

Ten years ago: The U.S. Supreme Court upheld an affirmative action program in Alabama that promoted equal numbers of black and white state troopers.

► **Today's birthdays**

Musician Tommy Newsom is 68. CBS newsman Bob Schieffer is 60. Rock singer-musician George Harrison is 54. Talk show host Sally Jessy Raphael is 54. Actress Karen Grassle (*Little House on the Prairie*) is 53. Actor Sean Astin is 26.

► **Weather**

Today	Tonight	Tomorrow	Highs & Lows
			Today's Expected: 57°F Tonight's Expected: 54°F Tomorrow's Expected High: 64°F Tomorrow's Expected Low: 49°F
80 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms with NE winds of 10-15 mph.	70 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms with NE winds of 10 mph.	60 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms with SE winds of 10 mph.	

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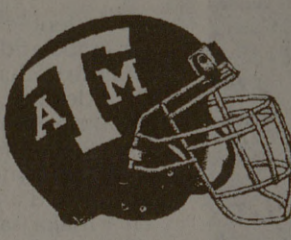
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or
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Course addresses the IMPACT and COSTS associated with creating an Ergonomic Program. Anyone that supervises or manages a Team, small or large, is encouraged to attend this course.

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Contact: Jennifer Greeley at 845-8111 for information and sign up

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Memo

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for Fall 1997-Spring 1998

March 3 & 4
7-10 p.m.
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*ALL on-campus residents must attend and bring ID.

Options for Fall 1997-Spring 1998:

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- Request a hall change
- Request a room change
- Transfer to Corps
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- Future Housing Reservation for Co-op, Student Teaching, Study Abroad, & Internships. (Approved by TAMU.)

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