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SPD investigates sexual assault case

The College Station Police Department is investigating an attempted sexual assault that occurred Tuesday night.

The victim reported at 9:12 that man assaulted her about 20 minutes after she was involved in a minor car accident with him on the 700 block of Southwest Parkway.

The victim said she pulled into parking lot to speak to the man and he told her he was going to assault her.

The police said she said he remained angry, threatening to kill her and saying he was going to sexually assault her.

The police said the victim said she was able to spray mace in the man's face and escaped.

No medical attention was required.

ASCE places 2nd at competition

The Texas A&M chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers won second place in the Regional Steel Bridge Building competition of God, Oct. 4 in Arlington.

Seven universities from Texas and Mexico competed in the event which requires civil engineering students to design, fabricate and construct a steel bridge.

Texas A&M's bridge won first place in the "aesthetics" category and also earned the chance to compete at the national competition in May.

Evans Library to host Fun Run

The fifth annual Friends of the Sterling C. Evans Library Fun Run is Saturday, Oct. 11 at 8 a.m. at the Texas A&M Research Park near the Ocean Drilling Program Building.

The Texas A&M Roadrunners will assist with the 5K run and one mile fitness walk.

The run is open to different age groups. Participants will receive T-shirts, fanny packs and Koozies at the run.

Money raised from the event will

Convicted serial killer executed

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A convicted serial killer tied to four murders in Texas and suspected of at least eight more deaths was executed Wednesday for a sexual mutilation killing almost 11 years ago.

Ricky Lee Green, 36, was pronounced dead at 6:31 p.m.

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Aggie 'Jeopardy!' fans: Here's the answer

By JOEY JEANETTE SCHLUETER Staff writer

Game show offers students chance to become online champ

Texas A&M students who love to watch "Jeopardy!" and can answer in the form of a question can now play College Jeopardy! Online to win prizes including a 1998 Pontiac.

During the 1997-98 school year students can play and help Texas A&M win the title of College Jeopardy Online champion.

The tournament features hundreds of colleges across the country

competing for the title. The top 100 students, the top 100 colleges and the top 15 campus rivalries will be tracked online to keep record of the performance of each school.

Lynda Keeler, public relations officer for Columbia TriStar Interactive, said the online game is identical to the television show "Jeopardy!"

She said students representing more than 200 universities are

ready to begin competition.

"This game is about promoting Internet access and getting college students involved in competition for 'Jeopardy,'" Keeler said.

Any full-time student with access to the Internet can log on and play to win prizes each week. They must play three games a week, and each week's ten highest scores will qualify for semi-final competition.

The semi-final round will result

in 50 players left, and they will play until three players are left for finals. All semi-finalists will receive a Pontiac jacket and other prizes.

Keeler said finalists will play for the grand prize, a 1998 Pontiac Sunfire, Grand Am or Grand Prix.

Sony Corp. also is providing other prizes. Those include Sprint products, compact discs, Sony Walkmans, Sony Discmans and other Sony merchandise.

The contest takes place on The Station@sony.com (www.station.sony.com), which is sponsored by Sprint, Pontiac and Sony.

Richard Glosser, producer of Jeopardy Online, said he knew the online game would be a success. He said 3,000 students have signed up to play.

"We hope that students will recruit their friends to join in the game and win for their school," Glosser said.

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Class of '01 elects new president

By ERICA ROY City editor

The Class of '01 elected Ben Joseph Armenta, an elementary education major, as the freshman class president with 61 percent of the vote.

More than 1,200 students voted in the run-off elections yesterday.

David Kessler won Class of '99 vice president.

Armenta said winning the election was overwhelming.

"I feel confident and I feel that all the candidates that were elected will make the Class of '01 have a successful year," he said. "I'm proud to be in this position."

Armenta said his main goal this year as class president is to work on the relationship between the Northside, Southside and the Corps of Cadets and unite different groups at A&M.

- Other results:
- Class of '01 vice president is Brian J. Youngblood.
 - Class of '01 treasurer is Brandon Schlaffer.
 - Class of '01 secretary is LeaAnne Heath.
 - Class of '01 social secretary is Brian Schlaffer.
 - Class of '01 historian is Elizabeth Boyd.
- Freshman senators are Reagan O'Reilly, Cory Whitaker, Trey Herndon, James Benham, Leana Divine, Peter Underwood and Kevin Weeks.

From the outside looking in



Kevin Kastl of Mid Continental sprays off the windows of the Administration Building Wednesday morning. BRANDON BOLLOM/THE BATTALION

Former German POW reflects on personal challenges

By ERICA ROY City editor

In 1943, Haus was captured with thousands of other German soldiers in North

A former German prisoner of war said Wednesday night that difficulties and challenges help make life a worthwhile experience.

Fritz Haus, a Baptist minister, said his four years as a POW in Camp Hearn during World War II provided him with the opportunity to improve himself and preach to others.

"I believe the best things in life are given to us and that they fall into our lap — like this Texas thing," he said. "I didn't plan it. I didn't know about it."

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FRITZ HAUS
BAPTIST MINISTER

Africa and transferred to Texas where more than 4,500 POW's were kept in Hearn.

Haus said his belief and trust in God helped him survive the experience and keep a purpose in his life.

"To be satisfied behind barbed wire in Hearn, it takes more than a good disposition," he said. "It takes faith."

Haus said this attitude has helped him through his life.

"I see all along that if you are able to appreciate it and if you feel there is a reason you are on Earth and alive and you accept yourself, you'll have no problems," he said.

Although he was a POW, Haus said U.S. citizens treated him with kindness. Throughout the war, he met American mil-

itary personnel who did not abuse German POW's.

"American people have been so good and so wonderful to us that I and other German prisoners can never repay you," he said. "What you have done makes us humbly grateful and I'm so glad I spent four years as a prisoner of war in America."

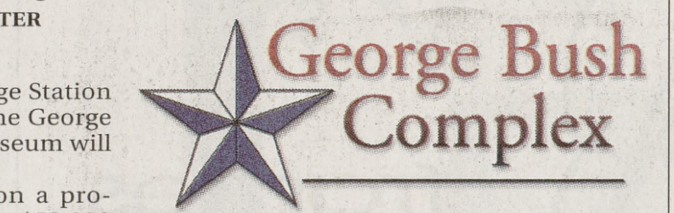
Haus said the four years he spent as a POW made him a better person.

"To have heartache and hardships and to work through them and pray through them, it's worth the battle," he said.

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Brazos Beautiful project awaits city council vote

By JOEY JEANETTE SCHLUETER Staff writer



With the approval by the College Station City Council tonight, visitors to the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum will enjoy a Brazos Beautiful project.

The city council will decide on a proposed budget that will provide a \$50,000 grant to Brazos Beautiful for the use of landscaping along Texas Highway 60 and FM 2818 to beautify the entryway to the city in conjunction with the George Bush Presidential Library.

Highway 60 (Raymond Stoltzer Parkway) and FM 2818 both are routes to the library and museum.

Peggy Calliham, public relations officer for College Station, said the money will go toward enhancing the pathways to the Bush Library.

Enhancements include planting crepe myrtles along the highways leading to the library's entrance. Brazos Beautiful may also plant 60 dogwood trees along the route. Grass and curbs along the route also will be considered.

John Delaney, project designer, said attractive signs stating directions to the library

are needed.

"The library itself is breathtaking," Delaney said.

"So the path leading to it should be as well. This project is just the beginning to improving the environment and making the Brazos Valley a beautiful place to be."

The crepe myrtles and dogwood trees will bear white blossoms along the stretch. Delaney said crepe myrtles were chosen because Bryan-College Station is the crepe myrtle capital of the state.

He said dogwood trees may be used to symbolize strength and beauty.

The City Council has studied the plans and will make a decision tonight at the meeting.

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Muslim leader: Growth of Islam does not pose threat

By ROBERT SMITH Senior staff writer

Siraj Wahaj, a Muslim imam (leader of prayers), said Wednesday night that Islam is not a threat to the United States and it can help the United States.

"If you knew who a Muslim was and the life he lived you would want to have a Muslim as your neighbor," he said.

"If the Muslims come and represent what they should be, they can only add safety to a neighborhood."

Wahaj spoke at Rudder Theater in honor of Islamic Awareness Week.

Wahaj said drugs are a problem in America that Muslims are fighting.

"Muslims do not want drugs in their neighborhood," he said. "Islam could help society and clean up the society."

The former Christian said he converted to Islam in 1969 after reading the works of Muhammad.

Wahaj said people who say Islam is a threat to the nation must prove it.

"If you say Islam is a threat, you must bring evidence," he said. "You are innocent until proven guilty."

Wahaj said Muslims should be aware of their enemies.

"An enemy can make your friend appear to be an enemy and your enemy appear to be a friend," he said.

"Every prophet had enemies. Even though a prophet does good, the enemy will put a negative on it."

The continuous growth of Islam could affect government policy through elections, which may threaten some people, he said.

Wahaj encouraged non-Muslims to learn the principles of Islam.

"I think you owe it to yourself to learn Islamic literature," he said. "If in fact we are a threat, learn about it."

Wahaj also urged Muslims in the audience to inform others about the religion.

"Please continue not only to study and to grow, but share it with your neighbors," he said.

"If you knew who a Muslim was and the life he lived you would want to have a Muslim as your neighbor."

SIRAJ WAHAJ
MUSLIM IMAM