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Wind beneath my wings



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Nick Wilson, a senior aerospace major, tightens a bolt on the aileron of the Black Horse model airplane at the wind tunnel. The model is a group project for the AERO 429 class.

'General Hospital' romance be with date rape scene 20 years

NEW YORK (AP) — Nearly 20 years ago, Luke and Laura of "General Hospital" became daytime television's most popular couple after what the show romanticized as Luke's "seduction" of Laura

The writers glossed over how it really happened: Luke

raped Laura on the floor of a closed disco late one night. Now "General Hospital" is revisiting that episode from its past, in part to illustrate how attitudes toward date rape have changed since 1979 and to make clear that the story would not be handled the same way today.

My first reaction was that it was a big can of worms that could eat us alive. I was terrified, basically," said

Anthony Geary, the actor who plays Luke Spencer. In the original story line, Luke was tormented by his lust for Laura. Feeling he had nothing to lose upon learning the mob had a contract out on his life, he

forced himself upon her. Much to the show's surprise, the two characters were a big hit with viewers. So the writers had them run off together, fall in love and get married. "General Hospital" subsequently referred to the disco incident as a seduction, angering many women.

Luke and Laura are still together and have a 16-yearold son, Lucky.

In Friday's episode, Lucky is told that his father once

Complicating matters even furtherthis is a soap opera — Lucky learns about arch-enemy, the illicit offspring of his? man with whom she had an affair.

For us, it was a great opportun Riche, executive producer. "We didn't a

But Riche acknowledged that the sam a woman falling in love with her rapis

pass muster with viewers today. "It would be different," she said. "The ferent. What the audience perceives and They are more conscious date rape is a

In future episodes, Lucky will cor who tries to explain it. 'We are going to say, certainly, that

ing with rape in a much better way, an propriate way, and a much healthier ther did," said Robert Guza, head write

"General Hospital" has aired since! popular daytime drama during the 1980s to No. 3 in the ratings but last week was vorite show by readers of "Soap OperaDel

Allen sues after traffic accident

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — "Home Improvement" star Tim Allen is suing a California man for \$12 million over a tabloid account of a traffic accident.

Henry Armstrong, a 72-year-old retired film librarian, told the National Enquirer that he was hit by Allen's Ferrari in Studio City, Calif. He filed a suit there against Allen, who was not ticketed.

"He stood over me as I lay on the ground in agony," Armstrong was quoted as saying.

"He was bleary-eyed and unsteady on his feet, and he never uttered a word, never mind said

Allen, who has a home in suburban Detroit, sued on Tuesday, claiming Arrmstrong falsely portrayed him as heartless and under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

In June, Allen was fined for driving while impaired in Michigan.

Secret of Fox's 'Simpsons' told

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - The former animator and director of "The Simpsons" says the secret to the show's success is not in the stars but in the moon.

"Fox would prefer we have more naked butts, please," David Silverman said before a recent appearance at the University of Nebraska.

He said whenever a character's exposed rear was shown, Fox used it to promote that week's episode.

"If it was on any other network, 'The Simpsons' would not be what it is today," he said.

Silverman directed "The Simpsons" when it began nine years ago. He left in 1996 to work for Dream-Works SKG.

Questions from the crowd of mostly college students ranged from whether the character Smithers is gay — Silverman said yes — to how long the series will run (another year and possibly longer, he said).

Thursday

Graduate Fellowship of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF): Bible study for graduate and on-traditional students, followed by fellowship will be held at 7:30 p.m. See our website for location and map at http://stat.tamu.edu~inlow/ivcf.ht ml. Call Mark or Jennifer at 764-1552.

ATM Womens Rugby: Come join! No experience needed. Practices are from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the pitch versity. We will host a tournament on March 7 at 9 a.m. Be there to support your women's athletic club sports, and catch the men's game against UT at 2 p.m.Call Nikki at 694-0084 for information.

WHAT'S UP-410 College Main. Call Bobby at 846-

Alpha Phi Omega: Meet to go to the Boy's Club at 3:30 p.m. in 133 Koldus.

Catholic Students Association: There will be a daily mass at 12:05 p.m. in the All Faith's Chapel.

Aggie Speleological Society: A meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. in Koldus 146. Call Travis at 693-4088.

Study Abroad Programs Office: An informational meeting to promote the Italy Spring '99 program will be held from 3 to 3:30 p.m. in Room 154, 161 Bizzell Hall West.

ATM Roadrunners: Will run three to Association on Baptist Students: A four miles starting in front of G. Rol-

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Korean American Student Associa-

tion: There will be a general meeting at 7 p.m. in Room 231 of the MSC. Call Jesse Ko at 847-1579 for details.

Resurrection Week: There will be a general meeting at 7 p.m. in MSC 228.

Aggie Guide Dogs & Service Dogs (AGS): Maribel Schumann will be speaking to us about life with her ser-

Campus Crusade for Christ: A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in Read 274. Call the CRU office at 696-

meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at lieWhite at 5:30 p.m. All students and Biomedical Science Association-

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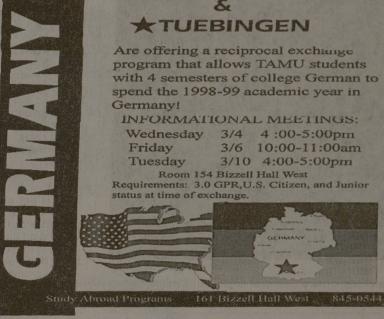
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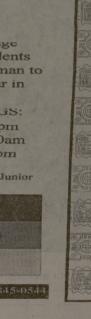
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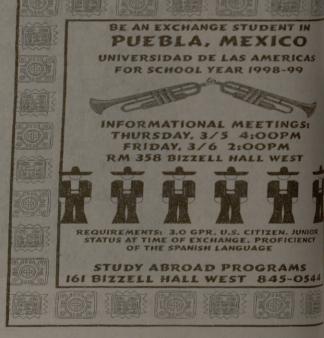
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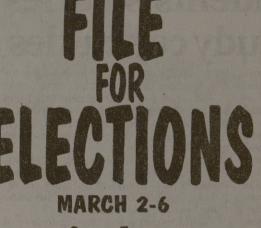
... come support your favorite fraternities and corps outfits at the pool.

...it is just one night ...it is just a dress ...but the memory is forever Trunk Show thru March 8 All dresses registered 505 University Dr. E 70% off all of the end of season merchandise







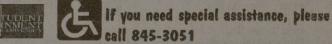


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