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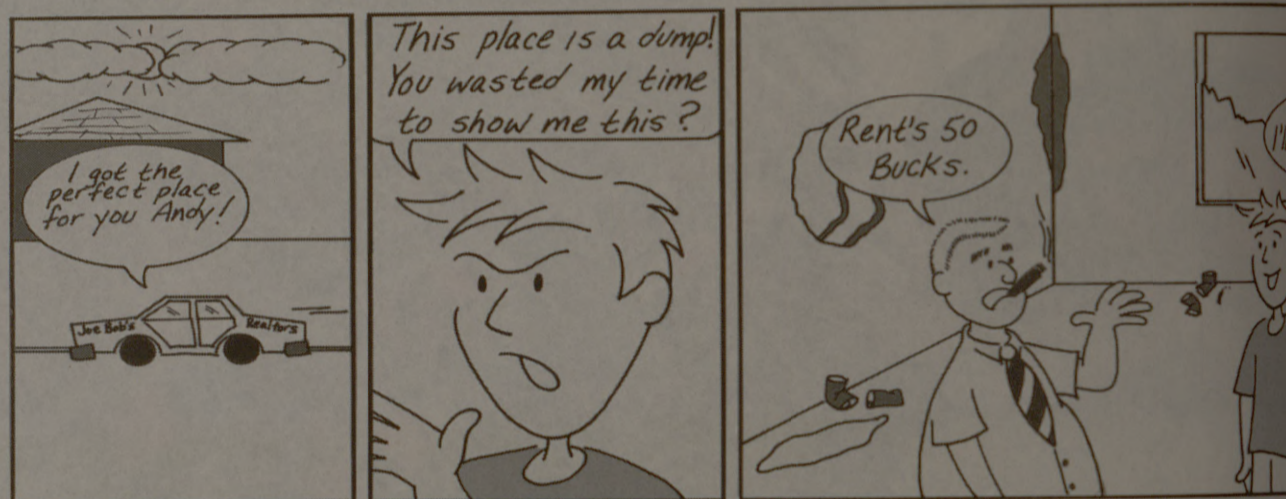
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NEWS BRIEFS

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Sport Management Program creator named president of NASSM

Frank Ashley, associate dean for undergraduate studies in the College of Education, was just named president of the North American Society for Sport Management.

The organization's members include 230 professionals and 124 students, emphasizing special interests in sports marketing, conflict resolution, leadership and so on.

Developed in 1988 by Ashley, the

Texas A&M Sport Management Program has broadened from eight undergraduate students to more than 250.

From a University Relations wire report, Ashley was quoted as saying, "I have always been a strong advocate for the students." "I have always felt that they are our future, and I will continue the efforts to get students more involved in our organization."

Police search for murder suspect

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Police are seeking a 15-year-old Brownsville middle school student after he allegedly bragged about gunning down three teens during a robbery.

Brownsville police say the suspect is being hidden with the help of a family in Matamoros, Mexico. Mexican police have been unable to find him.

Brownsville police say the suspect, whom they have been seeking for more than a week, is believed to have killed Jason Sexton, 14, Roberto Moreno, 18, and Ricardo Mata, 19, during an April 25 robbery.

The victims, shot multiple times, were found alongside a desolate road in Brownsville. Sexton and Moreno were pronounced dead at the scene, and Mata died at a nearby hospital.

Police obtained a capital murder warrant for the suspect on June 9.

"Not only did he commit this totally repulsive act, but he has also gone on to brag about it," Brownsville police Lt. Orlando Rodriguez told The Brownsville Herald. "If he can do this once, he can do it again."

Rodriguez said the victims met the suspect riding around in Moreno's Camaro. The suspect was a passenger in a Ford Mustang driven by another man, who is cooperating with investigators and has not been charged.

After drag-racing a few times, the victims asked the suspect and the other man if they knew where they could buy marijuana and beer, Rodriguez said. Mata, Moreno and Sexton followed the Mustang. Rodriguez said after they stopped, the suspect approached Moreno's car and pulled out his gun.

He said the victims were forced out of the car and the suspect shot Moreno. Investigators believe the juvenile was after cash and was not interested in stealing Moreno's car.

Welfare cap

Study focuses on time limitations for government financial aid recipients

BOSTON (AP) — A new study based on interviews with welfare recipients reveals many on public rolls may actually support time limits on how long they may receive benefits.

Led by researchers from Johns Hopkins and Penn State universities, the study gives voice to those directly affected by the dramatic changes in welfare policy that have swept the nation.

"We're quite familiar with the literature, but we wanted to hear from residents," James Quane, one of the authors of the study and associate director of the Joblessness and Urban Poverty Research Program at Harvard University, said. "We wanted to hear from the moms themselves and hear what they face."

Current and former welfare recipients, along with their family members, were interviewed in 15 focus groups in Baltimore, Boston and Chicago between November 1996 and November 1997. Each of the groups were composed of 12 participants.

The study was designed to see how low-income families were faring after the passage of federal welfare reform in 1996.

The report, much of which is told in the participants' own words, yielded some conclusions contrary to what is popularly believed of those on welfare.

— The majority of the participants favored time limits on receiving welfare.

— Participants supported work requirements, as long as exceptions were made for parents who could not find adequate child care or had children with special needs.

— The majority favored "family cap" provisions which deny increases in cash assistance to mothers who have additional children while on welfare.

— Many argued that non-cash benefits welfare provides, including Medicaid and child-care assistance, were more important than cash benefits.

"Two years is long enough for you to get moving and go to some kind of school," a Boston man who, like others included in the

study, was not identified by name. "That is plenty of time for you to go out and look for a job if you get up and about every day."

Massachusetts, one of the nation's first states to implement welfare reform, has a time limit of 24 months for receiving welfare in any one year period.

"Welfare is to help you ... they brought about to help us to stand, to stand a little more until we can do better," a Chicago woman said. "It wasn't meant for us to be on for years and years and years."

Many of those interviewed were confident in their chances of finding employment, Quane said.

"We want to follow them over the next few years and see if they're actually able to make it off the rolls," he said.

The report is part of a larger study on effects of welfare reform on children's families that will take place in Boston, Chicago and San Antonio next year.

Economical resources, potential of International Monetary Fund discussed

ABILENE (AP) — United States Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers stressed again Monday the importance of ensuring adequate resources for the International Monetary Fund.

Speaking to reporters before a luncheon speech to the Agricultural Council, Summers renewed calls to Congress to pass funding for the IMF, which faces historically low levels of finances at a time when Asia's

economies remain in turmoil.

The IMF, Summers said, has \$40 billion to \$45 billion in reserves, \$30 billion to \$35 billion on hand in available resources and another \$10 billion to \$15 billion to lend.

"It has become increasingly clear the IMF is a great investment," Summers said.

Because no country has defaulted on any IMF loans in the past decade, the IMF hasn't cost the U.S.

a single dime, he added.

Summers also characterized the world economy as doing well, but added that steps can be taken to further bolster economic growth worldwide — including funding the IMF, which helps countries with failing economies, and encouraging Japan to take the necessary steps to boost the yen.

"Japan faces important challenges. What's important is that they

take decisive steps to increase transparency, and shore up their credit — just as the U.S. did in the '80s," Summers said.

The Deputy Treasury Secretary declined, however, to answer questions on foreign exchange intervention to support the ailing yen on June 17, U.S. and Japanese monetary authorities jointly intervened in the currency market to support the yen through dollar sales.

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