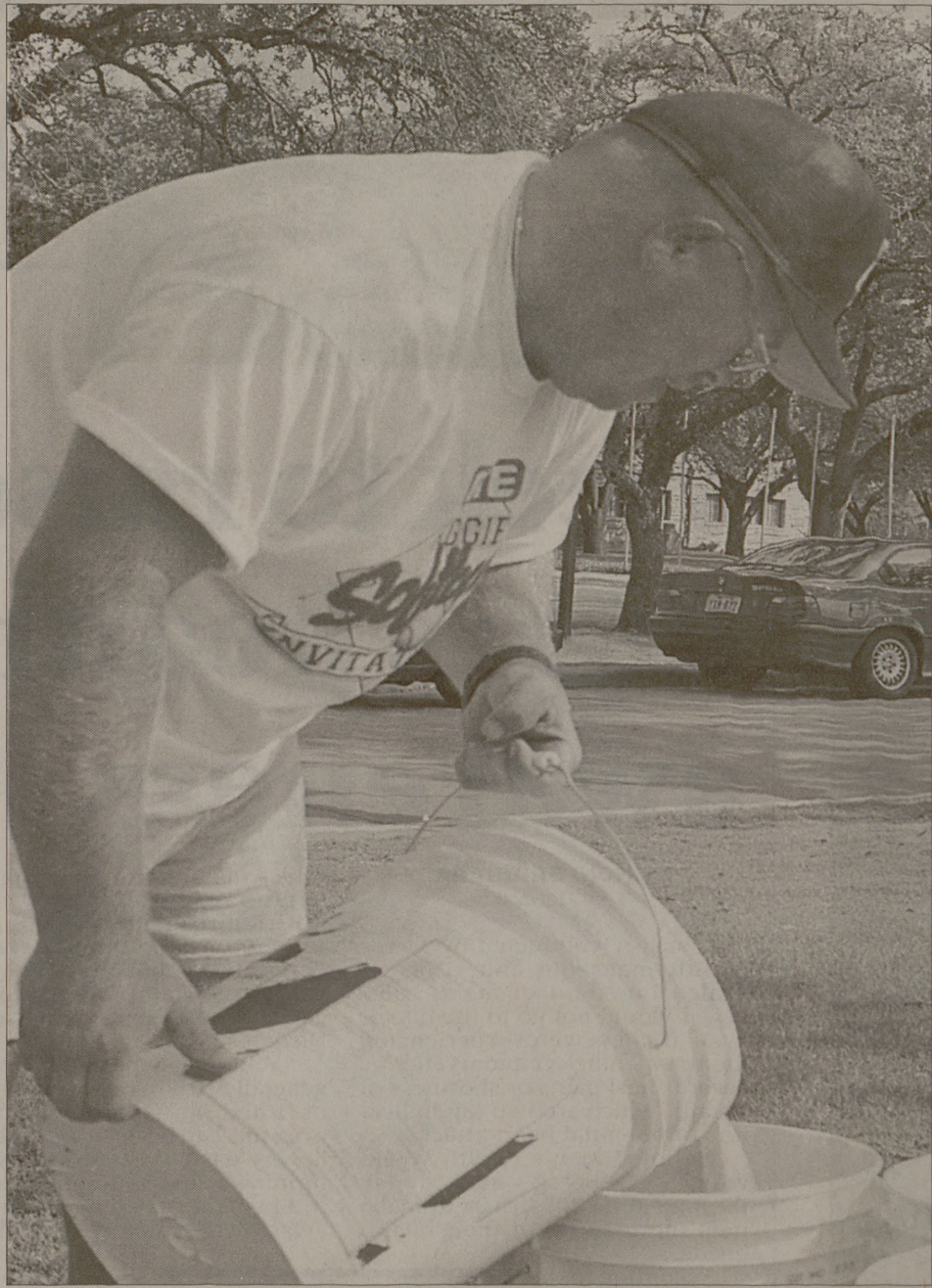


Mixing it up



Kyle Ogden of the Texas A&M athletic field staff mixes paint Saturday evening in preparation to paint sidelines for a soccer camp to be held at Olsen Field.

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Murder victim's car found in Del Rio

HOUSTON (AP) — The murderous path of a suspected railway-hopping serial killer has stopped cold at Mexico's border, where the car of one of six victims linked to the 39-year-old drifter was found abandoned in a Del Rio parking lot.

The car's recovery is the latest clue in a string of murders spanning two years and two states.

Authorities believe Rafael Resendez-Ramirez, originally of Puebla, Mexico, killed 26-year-old Noemi Dominguez of Houston, then headed west in her 1993 Honda Civic.

The white, four-door vehicle, located in the City Taxi parking lot near the International Bridge, was reported to police after it remained in the lot for more

than a week, Andy Jimenez Jr. told The Associated Press on Sunday.

About four days after the car was abandoned, at least one lot employee noticed a red pickup truck approach the car, Jimenez said. The truck's four occupants, two women and two men, got out, opened the Civic and removed the car's contents.

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BY R. DELUNA

Bush meets with family

Texas governor discusses presidential campaign

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine (AP) — With a promise to "stay out of his way," former President George Bush said Sunday that his son is prepared to follow his footsteps to the White House.

"My contribution will be letting him find his own way," the former president said in a picture-taking session promoting George W. Bush's 2000 presidential campaign.

The Bush men were joined by their wives: Barbara Bush and daughter-in-law Laura. Rounding a corner at her family's summer estate and spying 150 journalists, the former first lady quipped, "Where were you in '92?"

The reminder of her husband's failed 1992 reelection campaign broke the ice. It was all smiles and giggles and warm hellos after that.

"It seems like old times," the ex-president said as he walked up to a microphone set in front of a breathtaking view of the Atlantic Ocean. He nodded and waved to familiar faces in the press corps.

His son, the twice-elected Texas governor and front-running GOP presidential candidate, kidded the father for jumping out of an airplane last week to celebrate his 75th birthday. "Happy birthday, Sky King," he said. And his mother made her endorsement official. "I think we did right with this boy," she said.

The younger Bush visited his parents between campaigns stops in Iowa and New Hampshire.

The Family Bush is an American political dynasty. The former president's father, Prescott Bush, was a U.S. senator. Two of his sons — Jeb of Florida and George W. of Texas — are Republican governors.

A few feet from the Bushes, a Texas flag whipped in the wind beneath the Stars and Stripes. When Jeb visits, the Florida flag also waves.

"I don't like dynasty-type stuff," said the former president, wearing a blue jacket from the Camp David presidential retreat. "We never felt we were entitled to anything, and dynasty connotes a kind of expectation."



BUSH

NEWS IN BRIEF

Appropriations bill to give record funds

Barry B. Thompson, Texas A&M University System Chancellor, said the final state appropriations bill which awaits the governor's signature includes the single greatest funding increase in absolute dollars for higher education in the history of Texas.

"We in the A&M System are encouraged to see higher education funding take a front seat in the overall state funding arena," Thompson said.

Texas legislators have increased appropriations 11.3 percent from the 1998-99 fiscal year to \$7.7 billion in general revenue for Texas public colleges and universities for the 2000-01 budget cycle.

Of this amount, the A&M System received \$1.2 billion in general revenue appropriations for 2000-2001.

The Legislature has also appropriated a 3 percent pool of funds to be awarded on a merit basis for faculty in 2001, which is dependent upon the comptroller certifying that the funds are available.

Carlson named as anthropology head

David L. Carlson, an associate professor of anthropology, will become the department head effective Sep. 1.

Carlson will succeed Vaughn Bryant, who is returning to his faculty position. Bryant came to A&M in 1981 to direct the Cultural Resources Management Laboratory.

During his time as director, the Cultural Resources Management Laboratory grew from a budget of less than \$15,000 to over \$500,000 a year. Carlson also drafted a proposal which led to the creation of the Center for Ecological Archaeology.

He teaches undergraduate courses in general anthropology, North American pre-history and cultural ecology and graduate courses in archaeological methods and computer applications in archeology.

NAFTA sparks business cert

Beginning Fall 1999, the Mays College and Graduate Business will offer a Certificate in American Business to students for jobs in companies doing business in Mexico, South America.

Kelly Murphrey, associate of the college's Center for International Business Studies, said the American Free Trade Agreement lead companies to interact with these countries.

"The opportunities are there. I think the correspondence to place has expanded tremendously," Murphrey said in a press release.

"If anything, I think NAFTA has opened up more opportunities for our students."

UPD searching indecency sus

The Texas A&M University Police Department is still searching for an unidentified male who posed himself in Neely 20 teenage girls attending camp.

Bob Wiatt, director of the City Police Department, said he is reporting the incident on Monday morning.

"The male, who was 20 years old, entered through a locked door, sat on the edge of the bed, exposed himself and was caught."

He said the suspect did not identify either of the girls who were with him.

Wiatt said that if caught with a child, which is a felony, the suspect will be charged with indecency.

He said UPD has increased and vehicle patrol, even at the basketball camp has been included.

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