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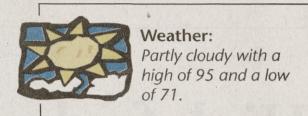
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CARPOOL services on summer hiatus e have arrested two Arabs

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Students staying in the Bryan-College Station a will be forced to rely on other means of reonsible travel this summer since CARPOOL Caring Aggies R Protecting Over Our Lives) ll be out of commission for the summer.

"Because CARPOOL is in its first-year ge, volunteer resources will not be availe to function this summer," said CAR-OOL adviser Angela Winkler.

Since its services began in September 1999, ne group has provided 6,343 rides in the B-

Winkler said CARPOOL's mission to proide students with a free, non-judgmental, noestions-asked alternative to drunken driving contributed to the organization's firstvear success

CARPOOL founder Jeff Schiefelbein, a senior management major, said the organization's summer hiatus will give CARPOOL time to analyze operating strategies and assess pros and cons of its first year.

"CARPOOL, like many new organizations, must take some time off in the beginning stages to tie up loose ends, regroup and train new volunteers, and that is just what we are doing this summer," Schiefelbein said.

"This will provide a benchmark for CAR-POOL to go by, and eventually move above and beyond when we start again this fall," he said.

Schiefelbein said no one thought the student-run organization would be so popular

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"CARPOOL's impact on the student body and the community alike is immeasurable. It can change one person's life," Schiefelbein said.

Schiefelbein started CARPOOL, after receiving a DWI, by committing eight months to studying and researching operating techniques before starting the organization last year. Recently traveling to the University of Georgia and the University of North Carolina-Wilmington, Schiefelbein is currently helping other universities establish services, much like CARPOOL

Operating on a \$70,000 budget, CAR-POOL obtains money directly from donations and fundraising.

Richard Benning, owner of of Duddley's Draw on University Drive, said B-CS businesses such as Duddley's, will continue to reel in the crowds this summer, with or with-

"The summer scene at Duddley's will continue as it always has, even if CARPOOL is not up and running," Benning said. "This is CARPOOL's first year, and it's still trying to get volunteer and financial support to make it a feasible year-round organization."

CARPOOL director Jody Vance, a junior management information systems major, said CARPOOL is working toward being able to provide services to the community for the summer of 2001.

"As far as safety concerns this summer, just be responsible. A taxi cab service number is on CARPOOL's answering machine," she said. "Paying for a taxi is a small price compared to paying for a life lost."

CARPOOL will recommence the first weekend after classes begin this fall.

Parents await weldged prisoners the night Lockwood trial Lockwood trial 22, fidgeted in his chair ask

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One month after the arrest of the man dering her son, Lucille Kujawa hopes for speedy end to legal proceedings which

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ady to go to his summer job."

een three hours from eaching senior status t the end of the spring mester, was found dead on a ranch 20 les outside of Austin on April 19, 12 days afer leaving to meet with girl named "Kelly" whom he had gotten to ow via an Internet hat room.

According to the Hays County Sheriff's Department, "Kelly" who was supposed to e a petite brunette at-

ending Texas A&M University's Pre-py," Mrs. Kujawa said. "We would just rood, a six-foot-two, 31-year-old San

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Lockwood's scheduled appearance before a grand jury.

ho confessed to kidnapping and murthink about that man," Mrs. Kujawa said. "I don't understand how he could do that to Kerry, especially after vill determine the fate of Kenny Wayne he had gotten to know him through

Bob Wiatt, director of the Texas A&M stoend quickly and for swift justice to University Police Department (UPD), e served," she said. "Right now, I just said that while Lockwood had attempteep waking up in the morning and ex- ed to contact other Aggies while in the guise of "Kelly," the University has turned all matters of the case over to the Kerry Kujawa, who would have Hays County Sheriff's Department.

> "My husband and I just want the trials to end quickly and for swift justice to be

> > served."

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"I just can't even really let myself

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"That is where the body was found, and,

> Wiatt said. Mrs. Kujawa said that although being an Aggie may have made Kerry Kujawa the target of a killer, she and her husband will never regret his atten-

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— Lucille Kujawa Kerry Kujawa's mother

dance at A&M. "My husband and I are grateful for those two years that A&M

made Kerry so hap-

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Mrs. Kujawa said her family has re-Lockwood was arrested April 27, ceived an influx of letters of support, as well as many donations to the memorial entally shooting Kujawa in the back scholarship fund which was set up at a lo-

"It is really amazing to realize how The Hays County Sheriff's Depart- many lives that Kerry touched, even at ent has yet to release the date of his young age," Mrs. Kujawa said.

Ride 'em cowboy



Rodeo bullrider Hector Torres rides his bull at the third annual Lane Jarrot Memorial Weekend Bull Riding Event held at the Tabor Road Arena in Bryan on Sunday. The event was presented by Cowboys With a Cause, an organization created to aid Brazos Valley families with their medical emergencies.

B-CS rated least expensive community

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The Battalion

Residents in the Bryan-College Station area have reason to brag, according to the American Chamber of Commerce Researchers Association , which recently ranked B-CS as the state's least expensive community.

Economic developer for the B-CS Economic Development Corporation Robert Worley said the recent ranking says favorable things about the

"This is definitely positive news. It is great news because it means B-CS has been maintaining a healthy economy, especially for the past four or five years," Worley said. "This puts us in a good position with businesses."

The cost of living index is conducted by surveying costs in different consumer areas such as grocery items, housing, transportation, utilities and other goods and services like pizzas, movies and haircuts. Using 100 percent as the average cost of living for the 311 surveyed cities, B-CS rated 86.0 percent. Economic developer for the B-CS Economic Development Corporation Frank Murphy says they try to keep the survey as honest as possible.

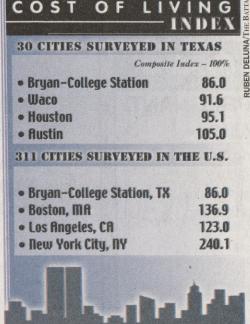
"In this study, they measure specific things. They may ask for the price of a can of Folgers coffee or a five-pound bag of potatoes," Murphy said. "Every year B-CS has ranked very well."

Dr. Richard Anderson, Texas A&M economics

to compare with other cities. For example, he said B-CS has many restaurant and clothing store chains that have the same prices regardless of location.

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"I have daughters who are very 'high mainte-



professor, said the cost of living in B-CS is difficult nance,' and it is just as easy for them to find something reasonable at the Galleria in Houston as it is to shop at Post Oak Mall," Anderson said.

> Ronnie Higgs, a junior economics major, said he thought the cities analyzed in the survey may not have been accurately compared.

> "I really don't believe B-CS could be the least expensive place to live," Higgs said. "I come from Waco, and even gas is cheaper there.'

> This survey is used by the B-CS Economic Development Corporation as part of its industry recruiting. This ranking is one reason why businesses are seeking to expand to communities like B-CS.

"The cost of living is just one asset of this community," Murphy said. "I don't think there is anyone that wants to come to B-CS just because of the cost of living, but rather because they want a good job. It is just a good place to live."

Dr. Dan Robertson, Texas A&M marketing professor, said this new ranking will also be a marketing tool for the Texas A&M University community.

"The cost of living is a very important factor to some graduate students. It is my belief that by having a low cost of living, it will attract more students," Robertson said. "A&M is blessed with a low graduate tuition, but that is only part of the cost the grad students look at. Graduate students look at the total cost, not just tuition. They look at the cost of food, utility, and taxes. This gives us a strong, healthy and competitive edge."

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