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ROOMMATES

Roommate, 2brdm/2bth, fully furnished, free ethernet, w/d, \$400/mo., no deposit. Nikki 485-8254.
Non-smoker new 3brdm/2bth W/D., close to campus. Bills paid \$425 680-1325.
Roommate needed for spring. \$315/mo. Call 764-0889.
Roommate wanted for spring. 3brdm/2bth patio/backyard, on shuttle route. \$310 plus utilities. 680-8019 or 492-3293.
Sublease wanted for spring semester. 2bth duplex, on bus-route. \$307/mo. +1/3bills. Michelle at 823-2823.
Sublease 3brdm/3bth, own bedroom and bathroom. Call 695-9764.
Looking for roommate to share 2brdm/1bth townhouse garage. \$325/mo. +deposit, 1/2utilities. Pets ok. Call Dec 20 693-4013.
Needed Spring/ Summer 2brdm/1.5bth 4-plex. \$300/mo. +1/2util., bus route. 693-5424.
Roommate needed for spring. 4brdm/2bth, own room, \$180/mo. +1/4 bills. 268-8176.
Roommate needed for spring. 3-bedroom house, 1-1/2 baths from campus. Call 680-1234 or 873@unix.tamu.edu

Roommate needed spring '01 only. \$299/mo +1/3bills, w/d, 3brdm/2bth. Call Travis 695-1882.
Roommate needed spring semester 2brdm/2bth on bus only \$180/mo +1/3bills. Call 696-9536 or colonel_wavey@hotmail.com.
Roommate needed spring/summer. 3brdm/3bth apartment, master bedroom, personal bath. \$270/mo. utilities. Jacob 822-8280.
Roommate wanted spring semester 2brdm/2bth 4-plex behind Hilton \$289/mo +util. 268-3280.
Roommates needed for spring semester in 2bth house. \$400/mo. +1/3bills. Call 693-9253.
Roommate available in 3brdm/1.5bth house, walk to bus, W/D, hot tub. 979-691-8206.
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Roommate wanted. Duplex off 2618, \$280/mo. 823-8682. Pets okay!
Spring or longer. 4brdm/2ba house. \$300/mo. utilities. Call Christa 695-0375.
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Marines anticipate Osprey's approval

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Marine Corps' top officer said Thursday he expects the Defense Department to give the go-ahead soon for starting full-scale production of the MV-22 Osprey, a hybrid helicopter-airplane. The Marines are counting on the new aircraft to replace their Vietnam-era fleet of transport helicopters. "I'm confident it should be approved, and I've seen nothing to lead me to believe that it won't," Gen. James Jones, commandant of the Ma-

"I don't agree that the [Osprey] is a troubled program."

— Brig. Gen. James F. Amos, assistant deputy commandant for Marine Corps aviation

rine Corps, said in a brief interview with The Associated Press.

The Pentagon is expected to announce next week whether to approve full-scale production of the MV-22, which takes off and lands like a helicopter and flies like an airplane. The Osprey is being produced by Boeing Co. and Bell Helicopter Textron, and the Marines plan to buy 360 of them for \$36 billion. Jones said he would favor increasing the total number purchased, although he mentioned no specific figure. On Nov. 17, the Pentagon's top civilian overseer of weapons testing reported that although the Osprey is "operationally effective," it has not shown itself to be "operationally suitable," meaning it is capable of performing its assigned missions but at a potentially unacceptably high cost in terms of maintenance and repairs.

Tipper Gore tops Nat'l tree

WASHINGTON (AP)—Riding a cherry picker through gusty winds on Thursday, Tipper Gore topped the National Christmas Tree near the White House with an illuminated, three-dimensional star for perhaps her final time.

Vice President Al Gore's wife rode the hydraulic lift up to the top of the 40-foot Colorado blue spruce that serves as the permanent Christmas tree. Along with 10-year-old Marlon Young and 8-year-old Brenda Rodriguez of Raymond Elementary School in Washington and Peter Nostrand, president of the Pageant of Peace, Gore placed the snowflake-like star on top of the tree that sits in the Ellipse. "It was good, yes?" Gore shouted down at some other schoolchildren gathered to watch. She later pulled out her camera and snapped pictures of the tree and the National Park Service volunteers who had gathered to help.

Marlon grinned excitedly as the lift went up and could not stop smiling even after he got back down to the ground. "It was good," Marlon echoed behind Gore. Surrounding the tree are 56 trees, representing all 50 states, five territories and the District of Columbia. Each of the trees will be decorated with ornaments created or supplied by civic groups or artistic organizations in the states they represent. After placing the topmost ornament on the tree, Gore and her three companions planted the Tennessee tree. It was Gore's sixth time topping the National Christmas tree.

Clinton calls for tougher gun control

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Clinton marked the seventh anniversary of the signing of the Brady gun control law on Thursday with a call to give law enforcement officers even more information about gun buyers who fail background checks. "This country is still too dangerous for our children. The crime rate is still too high," Clinton said. Clinton, Attorney General Janet Reno and Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers were joined at the event in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building by former White House press secretary James Brady, who was seriously wounded when he was shot in 1981 in a failed assassination attempt against Reagan. He and his wife, Sarah, pushed for the passage of the Brady bill, which required background checks for gun buyers. To improve enforcement, Clinton said he called on Reno and Summers to start developing a new system to notify state and local law enforcement officials of people who have tried to buy guns illegally. Currently, these officials are notified when felons, fugitives and domestic abusers try to buy guns illegally. The new system would provide law enforcement agencies with information on more categories of individuals who fail background checks. The National Rifle Association reserved judgment on Clinton's proposal but worried that it may create an un-

necessary layer of bureaucracy, without addressing the real problem of lax federal prosecution of those who try to obtain guns illegally. "Since this is in the early stages, we just have to wait and see what happens," said NRA spokeswoman Kelly Whitely. "But once again, it doesn't do anyone any good to provide a new system, or more money for law enforcement, if the federal government is not willing to prosecute these criminals." "The Brady bill has now stopped more than 611,000 felons, fugitives and domestic abusers from buying guns," Clinton said. "Now the opponents of the Brady bill—who are still alive and well—said at the time that it would be an enormous burden on hunters and sports shooters and law-abiding citizens and that it wouldn't make much difference. "But after all these years, we now know that nobody's missed a day in the deer woods, nobody's missed a sports shooting contest and it sure made a difference. It made 611,000 differences. That means more children alive, more police officers alive, more citizens alive—fewer people wounded like Jim." He said more than a dozen new cities will join 38 cities to participate in the Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative to crack down on illegal gun trafficking by tracing all crime guns to their source.