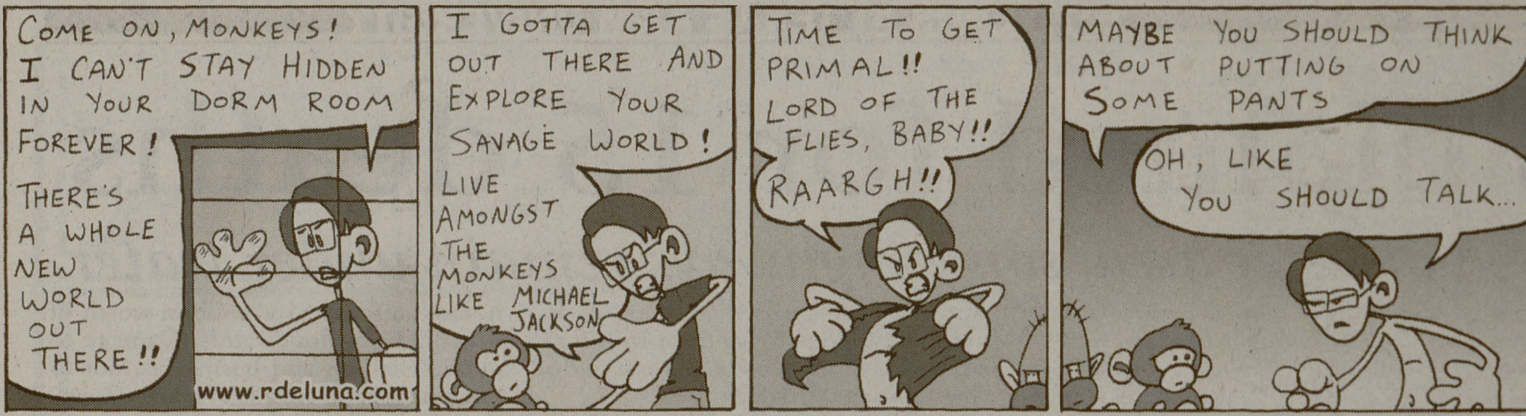


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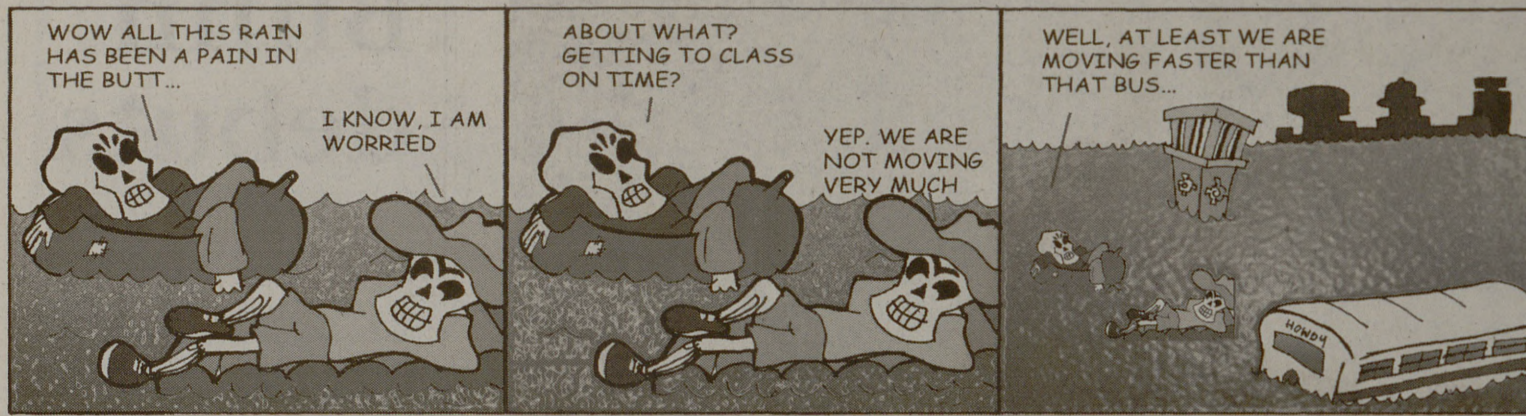
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Garza supporters ask Bush for pardon

WASHINGTON (AP) — Those pleading with President Bush to spare Juan Raul Garza's life say the Texas drug kingpin was condemned under a racist system. They say prosecutors violated international law to win a death sentence by accusing him of murders in Mexico for which he'd never been tried. And they say jurors were not told they could sentence Garza to life in prison instead of death. He is scheduled to die June 19, after Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh.

Bush has heard similar arguments of unfairness in state death penalty cases. Few swayed him. During his six years as Texas governor, Bush commuted only one death sentence to life in prison. One hundred and fifty-two people were executed. But his clemency decisions now will be made on the federal stage. Those who want Garza's life spared hope other pressures will bear on Bush's decision in the Garza case. Some death penalty experts say Bush's Texas record on executions signal that clemency is not likely.

Garza, 44, was convicted of running a marijuana smuggling operation, killing a man and ordering the slayings of two others he thought were informants. "We hope to show President Bush not every person on death row is a carbon copy of Timothy McVeigh. Juan Raul Garza's case raises more difficult and systematic problems with the death penalty than McVeigh's case," said Gregory Wiercioch, Garza's attorney. Garza's December execution was delayed by President Clinton after a Department of Jus-

tice survey suggested that the federal death penalty is racially and geographically biased. That study said of 682 defendants charged with capital offenses between 1995 and 2000, 80 percent were minorities. Ultimately during those years, 20 defendants were sentenced to death, 80 percent of them minorities. Nine of the 94 federal districts, including northern Texas, accounted for 43 percent of all the cases in which prosecutors sought the death penalty. But last Wednesday, Attorney

General John Ashcroft said his office's review of 900 federal death penalty cases turned up no evidence of racial and ethnic bias in the death penalty system. His study found that even though the number of minorities on death row is greater than the number of whites, the percentage of minorities sentenced to death out of total cases involving minorities was lower than for whites. Garza's attorneys want Bush to allow them to respond to Ashcroft's study before he decides on Garza's clemency pe-

tion. They say Garza capitalizes the problems in the prosecutors decide when to pursue federal death penalty. He is Hispanic and his case came from Texas. Ashcroft said he asked the National Institute of Justice to further examine whether racial bias exists in the death penalty. He said before releasing the report that he sees no reason to halt Garza's execution. Garza's attorneys say Garza should not be executed until all studies are complete.

FLOODS

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their own problems or to help friends or neighbors," Brown said. At the Harris County Jail, which is adjacent to Buffalo Bayou in downtown Houston, 3,000 inmates had to be moved to other lockups when floods knocked out water and electric service. "The inmates have been cooperative," spokesman Bob Van Pelt said. Brown said 15 deaths were confirmed. An investigator at the Harris County medical examiner's office said Sunday most of the victims were presumed drowned but two or three were believed to have been electrocuted. Police were investigating scattered reports of vandalism and looting.

BLINN

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sororities and live on campus. Jefferson said the students enrolled in TEAM Blinn will have access to everything on the Blinn campus and will be able to park at Blinn for free with purchase of a Texas A&M parking pass. Douglas said TEAM students will automatically be accepted as full-time A&M students if they have a 3.0 grade-point ratio after completing four semesters, and have completed 15 hours at A&M and 45 hours at Blinn. However, if after only one year in the program students want to apply to A&M as a transfer student, they may do so but will not be guaranteed admission. Like other new A&M students, the TEAM participants will attend a day-long New Student Conference held specifically for them on July 24.

"There are people who take advantage of other people's distress, unfortunately," police spokesman John Leggio said. "We're handling every one of those incidents seriously." "It's unacceptable and will not be tolerated," Brown said. Harris County estimated that 15,000 area residents needed emergency refuge in more than 30 shelters. Twenty-seven remained open Sunday night. Parts of downtown Houston remained without power as telephone service Sunday, Brown said. Coast Guard helicopters returned to the skies Sunday to continue rescuing stranded people from rooftops and patches of high ground. One television image showed a man atop a water surrounded building, seated in a lounge chair under a beach umbrella, his dog lying on the roof.

HEROIN

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The federal agency seized 1,177 pounds in fiscal 2000 compared with 873 pounds in 1999 and 815 pounds in 1998 — an increase of 44 percent in two years. The four deaths from August 22-28 ranked as the highest number of deaths in any week in Travis County in the past five years. In fiscal 2000, Austin police seized 367 grams of heroin — about 13 ounces — and filed 14 heroin-related cases. From Jan. 1 through May of this year, police filed 95 cases. During the first two months of 2001, the latest period for which data were available, investigators seized 95.5 grams of heroin — one-third more than during the average two months of fiscal 2000.

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