

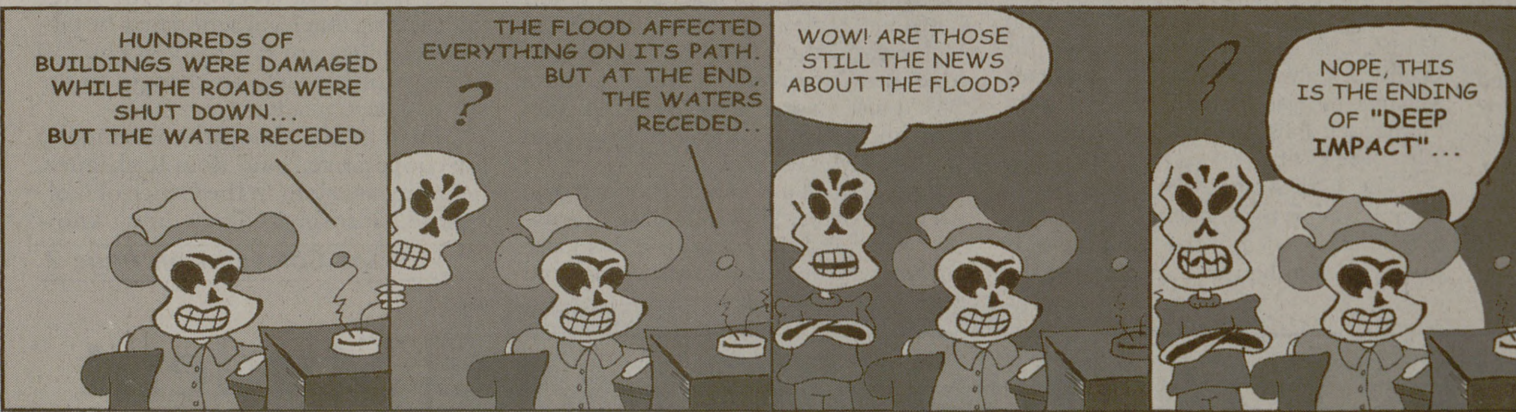
DIRTY APES

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they were infringing." "We have a very strong trademark," said Miles Marks, executive director of the 12th Man Foundation. "Our collegiate licensing department does a great job enforcing all of our trademarks." Another organization that may be in violation of Texas

A&M's Twelfth Man trademark is the NFL's Buffalo Bills, who refer to their fans as "The 12th Man." Along with having a station on the Bills' Webpage, [The 12th Man] is recognized by our Wall of Fame," said Mark Dalton, the Bills director of Media Relations. Dalton said the Bills do not use the phrase for commercial purposes, adding that "if we had [infringed], I'm not aware of it."

ACCIDENT

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together the story in *The Eagle* and the address where Heidi lived and we called the police." The Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine called

"[Heidi Hobbs] was one of our top students in every way and she was so tremendously popular with all of her classmates." "The college is stunned by the tragic loss of Heidi Hobbs in a hit and run accident," said Dr. H. Richards Adams, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine. "Heidi was a classmate, a student and a friend that will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and our prayers go with her family."

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Heidi's 125 classmates gathered at around 2:30 Tuesday to tell them what had happened. Dr. E. Dean Gauge, associate dean for the professional pro-

grams at the college, said the vet class was very small and very much like a family.

"It came as a blow to all of us," Gauge said. "She was one of our top students in every way and was so tremendously popular with all of her classmates."

Gauge said the vet school has counselors on hand to deal with Heidi's death. "The college is stunned by the tragic loss of Heidi Hobbs in a hit and run accident," said Dr. H. Richards Adams, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine. "Heidi was a classmate, a student and a friend that will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and our prayers go with her family."

Gauge said no memorial service is planned as of yet for Heidi. He said that her husband, James, is a law student in Houston and his school has been closed due to flooding.

STUDENT

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Regina Greenwood, a staff assistant and supervisor at the Harrington Media Center where Piskura worked, said his presence at the office will be missed.

"He was just awesome, and dependable, and funny and you just couldn't miss seeing his long, blonde hair and long, bushy beard coming down the hall," she said. "He was fun-loving in every way."

Greenwood said the Harrington Media Center workers also be either donating toward the Outward Bound scholarship or a separate student scholarship.

"He was just the kind of guy that had an effect on you that you don't want to forget," she said. "We are all just trying to find replacement workers Friday so that we can attend memorial service — none of us want to miss it."

The memorial service will be June 15 at 3 p.m. at the McFarland Funeral Home in Conroe.

FLOOD

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with stuff so the owner had closed the doors. I had to show him money and shout that I wanted to actually buy some-

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— Shane Allison, senior journalism major

thing before he let me in by myself. After that he let one person in at a time."

Stocked with bottled water and sandwiches, the three tried to sleep for the night. When they awoke, the waters had receded enough for them to try to find a way out.

"We just kept waiting for the

water to rise back up because everyone said that more rain was coming," Mays said. "We knew we would be in trouble if it did."

After two hours of searching, they finally found a way to the roads after being directed by Associated Press reporter who drove through the less-flooded jogging path in Memorial Park.

"It felt like we were escaping out of Vietnam — out of a jungle," Allison said. "There was debris everywhere and there was no sense of direction, cars were going in all directions and 18-wheelers were just lined-up and stuck."

Five of the six made it to safety, but their thoughts stay with sixth, as do those of his family.

Travis said he takes comfort in knowing that his brother died at a point in his life when he was happy.

"He had just told me that he didn't have any regrets in his life," Travis said. "He was graduating in December and it was his dream to work for Enron, which he was an intern for down in Houston. He was on top of the world."

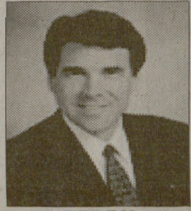
Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. J. Malon Southern said Enron was currently discussing naming a scholarship honor of Chad.

Gov. Bush signs a bill that bans execution of retarded

Rick Perry remains undecided on whether to sign bill in Texas

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Gov. Jeb Bush signed into law Tuesday a bill banning the execution of mentally retarded killers.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, meanwhile, said he hasn't decided whether to sign a similar bill, veto it or let it become law without his signature as a Sunday deadline approaches.



PERRY

Perry said Tuesday he was worried the measure passed by his legislature would fundamentally change the system of jury trials.

The Florida law does not specify how low an inmate's IQ level must be for the inmate to be considered retarded, but does define inmates as retarded if they have below-normal intellectual functions and behavior. An analysis by legislative employees found that the bill would likely spare any inmate with an IQ of 70 or less.

"This legislation will provide much-needed protection for the mentally retarded in the judicial process," Bush said in a statement.

The law allows inmates to be examined by two court-appointed independent experts to determine whether they are retarded. Defense attorneys and prosecutors can also present evidence from their own experts.

"It's a very good development in that it's a recognition that people who are mentally limited are not as morally culpable," said Martin McClain, an attorney who has represented many death row inmates.

The law does not apply to any of the 371 people now on Florida's death row.

Under Florida's old law, convicted killers could use evidence of mental retardation as a "mitigating" circumstance that a jury and judge could consider in sentencing.

The U.S. Supreme Court is scheduled to consider this fall whether the execution of a mentally retarded North Carolina inmate would be "cruel and unusual punishment" barred under the federal constitution.

At least one mentally retarded inmate has been executed in Florida since 1972, according to Michael Radelet, a sociologist at the University of Florida. Arthur F. Goode III was executed in 1984 for killing a 9-year-old boy.

According to the Death Penalty Information Center in Washington, D.C., 14 states have laws banning the execution of mentally retarded people. The center says, since 1990, Texas has executed six convicted killers who were mentally retarded.

Perry argues that a murderer can be mentally retarded and still know right from wrong. He cited the case of John Paul Perry, who was convicted for the 1979 rape and murder of Pamela Moseley Carpenter at Carpenter's home in Livingston.

"Mr. Perry knew right from wrong," Perry said.

On June 5, the U.S. Supreme Court threw out Perry's death sentence stating that jurors didn't receive clear instructions on the mental retardation issue.

Perry said he will leave the definition of mental retardation up to the U.S. Supreme Court, which is expected to rule on the issue based on a North Carolina case.

In that case, Ernest McCarver, described by his lawyer as having the mind of a 10-year-old, was sentenced to death for the 1987 murder of a 71-year-old cafeteria worker who had befriended him.

Teen pregnancy rate drops

WASHINGTON (AP) — The teen pregnancy rate hit a record low in 1997, with births falling fast and abortions falling even faster.

Experts credit long-lasting birth control programs that encourage teens to postpone sex and a strong economy that gives them better opportunities.

In 1997, about 9.4 percent of all girls ages 15 to 19 became pregnant — a total of 872,000 pregnancies, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Tuesday. Fifty-five percent gave birth, 29 percent had abortions and the rest miscarried.

The teen pregnancy rate fell by 4.4 percent between 1996 and 1997, the most recent year for which data is available, continuing a trend that has marched through the 1990s.

Pregnancy rates are significantly higher in low-income communities, and black and Hispanic girls are more than twice as likely

to get pregnant as white girls are. Still, the rates are falling among all races.

Most of the teen pregnancies are among 18- and 19-year-olds, though some 6.4 percent of girls ages 15 to 17 were pregnant in 1997. That's down 21 percent since the peak in 1990.

Overall, the teen pregnancy rate fell 19 percent in 1997 from its peak in 1991, and was the lowest since 1976, when the government began keeping records.

The abortion rate fell by nearly a third since 1990, also reaching a record low.

The teen pregnancy rate is derived by combining the number of teens who give birth with estimates for abortion and miscarriage rates. Because data on abortion are difficult to collect, the statistics are several years old by the time they are released.

Teen-agers — particularly those who are young and unmarried — are rarely equipped

emotionally or financially for parenthood, and there's a near universal agreement that reducing their pregnancy rates is among the most positive social trends of the 1990s.

"We must continue to build on this success, for there is more we can do," said Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson.

Federal surveys show that during the 1990s, teens were more likely to use birth control and less likely to have sex. In 1995, 51 percent of teen girls said they'd had sex, down from 55 percent in 1990; among boys, it dropped from 60 to 55 percent between 1988 and 1995.

And the sharp drop in the abortion rate suggests that most of the pregnancies being avoided were unwanted.

But it's much harder to figure out why teens decide against having sex or for using birth control in the first place.

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