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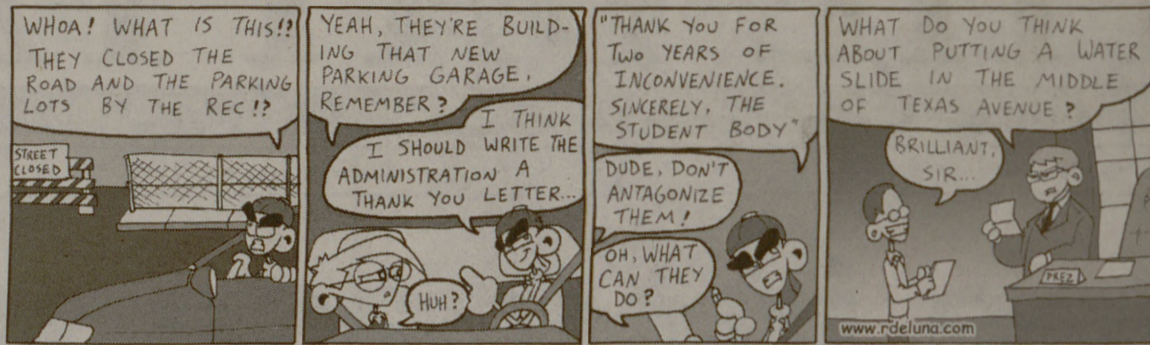
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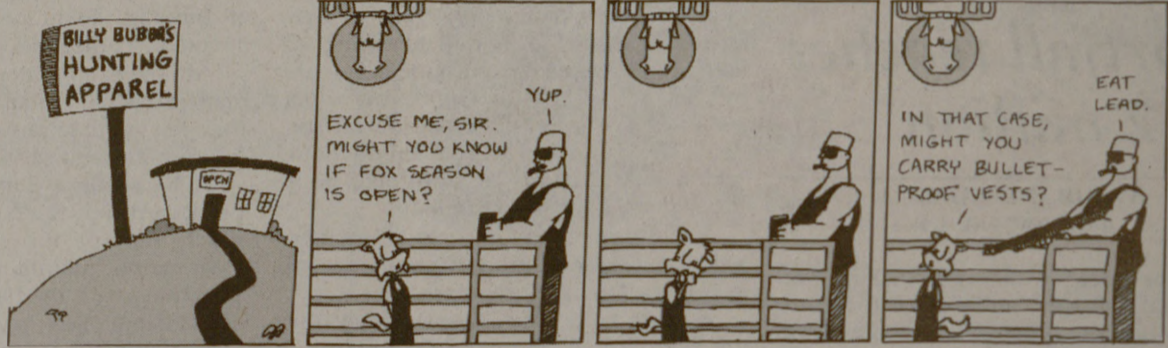
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Fish



by R. DeLuna

funny side up ↑



by Josh Darwin

Race bid expected to end for Akins

DALLAS (AP) — Democratic gubernatorial candidate Marty Akins, a former University of Texas quarterback, is reportedly planning to drop out of the race and pursue another statewide office.

People familiar with Akins plans told *The Dallas Morning News* in Tuesday's editions that the former All-American — now a Marble Falls attorney — will defer to multimillionaire Laredo banker and oilman Al "Tony" Sanchez Jr., who is considered the Democrats' frontrunner.

"Marty Akins, in the name of party unity, is considering giving some other race runner the nod for governor in what would be a very tough-fought primary," a person familiar with recent discussions around Akins' campaign aides and other political consultants told the newspaper.

"The desire to defeat Republican Gov. Rick Perry is so strong that Marty is willing to consider this in an effort to unify the party rather than do damage to one another in a primary," said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

A formal announcement was expected Tuesday, according to the report. Akins may instead run for comptroller, land commissioner or for a seat on the Texas Railroad Commission, said political consultants who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Correction

All-University Night was sponsored by Residence Hall Association, MSC Town Hall and the Residence Life Staff Council.

IDENTITY

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Furthermore, Kretzschmar said students should avoid leaving traces of credit card information.

"If you get a carbon receipt from a credit card purchase, make sure you tear up the carbon copy," Kretzschmar said. "Beware of telephone inquiries or questionnaire letters requesting personal information. Tear up or shred all of your 'pre-approved' credit card letters if you do not intend to apply. Do not simply place it in a trash can. Anyone can take that same letter, fill it out, send it in and have a brand new credit card sent to them at a post office box, in your name."

Large concentrations of students in one place make the A&M campus more vulnerable to these crimes, Kretzschmar said.

"Con artists or thieves prey on young people who are

inexperienced at protecting their personal belongings or questioning the motives of others," Kretzschmar said.

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— Bert Kretzschmar
head of UPD's Crime Prevention Unit

Lemay said accurately tracking the number of identi-

ty crimes happening on campus has been a challenge because they are often not reported.

"This kind of fraud can happen without one's knowing," Lemay said. "If students are aware, then they report it. If not, they do not report it."

Identity crimes also are being committed in the B-CS community, where criminals will ask individuals for money.

Kretzschmar said any appeals for money should be approached with skepticism.

"Ask questions about the organization they are supposed to be representing," Kretzschmar said. "Be skeptical, especially if they cannot answer simple questions about the organization. If you want to give money, give directly to the parent organization."

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