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Present

# RALLY ON THE Plaza!

The Zone at Kyle Field

A blood donation or \$5 contribution to Red Cross New York Relief Fund enters you into a drawing for 2 seats in The Zone Club for the Notre Dame game!

Texas Music Accoustical Jam  
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

- ★ Bleu Edmondson
- ★ Jody Booth
- ★ Peter Dawson
- ★ James Hyland

This Friday,  
3-7 p.m.

- ★ Red Cross Blood Drive
- ★ Dollar Dogs & Cokes
- ★ Inflatables Games
- ★ Aggie Dance Team
- ★ Reveille VII
- ★ Yell Leaders
- ★ Live Music On Stage

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets.  
Get ready for the game and enjoy music throughout the afternoon

## THE 125TH BIRTHDAY BASH! SIMPSON DRILL FIELD OCTOBER 3, 2001 6 PM - 3 AM

4:30 - 7:30 PM PICNIC BY FOOD SERVICES  
(BRING A BLANKET! MEAL PLANS & AGGIE BUCKS ACCEPTED)

6 PM - 12 AM BANDS & STUDENT GROUPS

12 AM 'OL ARMY YELL AT YMCA STEPS

1 AM FREE DONUTS, COFFEE & MUSIC!!

Get your official 125th t-shirt for only \$5 in the MSC  
9/27 & 9/28 from 10-2pm, Sat 9/29 from 10-3pm,  
or 10/1-10/3 from 10-2pm! Proceeds pay for the  
FREE 125th events for students all year long!

Sponsored by The Division of Student Affairs, The 125th, BMC Software, Andersen, Kinko's, Memorial Student Center, The Association of Former Students, Aggie Moms & Action Wear Plus

# NEW!!! FOOTBALL GAME PARKING!

Need a place to park one block from the A&M Campus?

## The College Main Parking Garage

50¢/hour 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.

\$1.50/hour 7 p.m. - 2 a.m.

\$10 daily max

or

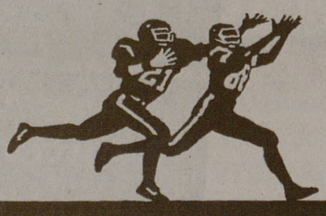
## The Promenade Parking Lot

(Church Street)

\$10 ALL DAY PARKING!

# Go to the game, then hang out at Northgate!

Walk to Kyle Field or take the free campus shuttle! Catch it directly in front of the garage!



For more information call 764-3565.

# News

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THE BATTALION

Friday, September 28, 2001

## Fire destroys house near murder scene

TYLER, Texas (AP) — A ramshackle house linked to the slaying and dismemberment of an East Texas man has burned to the ground and law officers are trying to determine if the blaze was connected to the murder investigation.

The shack destroyed in Tuesday's fire was the last place Charles Ray Prince was seen alive, authorities said. In 1999, fire was also used in a futile attempt to conceal the identity of the Smith County man who was killed over a bad drug debt, records show.

Sheriff's officers are seeking for questioning two men who were seen at the house. Both left the location shortly after the fire broke out around 11 p.m. Neither man has been located.

"We have not been able to talk to anyone," Oren Hale, assistant fire marshal, told the Tyler Morning Telegraph in Thursday's editions. "What we will say is that the fire is under investigation with suspicious circumstances."

Law officers summoned to the house fire saw two men brawling over a video camera in the yard.

"A neighbor was filming the

fire," said Hale. "He got the camera kicked out of his hand."

Sheriff's deputies had responded to the fire to maintain order in the area, which has been the scene of frequent clashes between neighbors.

The homeowner, who is physically disabled, escaped the fire but has not been located. He

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Smith County fire marshal

was treated for a broken arm and a gash to the head during a separate brawl inside the house minutes before the fire broke out.

The cause of the blaze remains under investigation. The home on Farm-to-Market Road 16 was declared a total loss.

"At this point, there's not a lot we can say about what caused it," said Jim Seaton, Smith County fire marshal.

Law officers said Prince

was lured to a remote location off Farm-to-Market Road near Winona in May 1999 on the promise of receiving cocaine, but was ambushed and shot.

Relatives reported the missing. Investigators launched an intensive search for the victim after receiving evidence of possible foul play.

Prince's body was found burned and hacked into several pieces. His charred torso and other body parts were found inside a 50-gallon drum in a heavily wooded area about three miles from the site, reports show.

"He was decapitated and hands were cut off," Sheriff Smith said shortly after the discovery.

Divers recovered Prince's head and other body parts from a private pond a short distance away. His head had been mutilated with a saw in an apparent attempt to conceal his identity, the sheriff said, but the attempt was not successful.

Three 19-year-old men were later arrested and charged with Prince's murder. All were found guilty and received sentences ranging from 30 to 40 years.

## ISLAM

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college campuses prompted Memorial Student Center (MSC) organizations, in conjunction with the Muslim Student's Association, to host the forum.

James Copp, an A&M sociology professor specializing in race and ethnic relations, explained what being a Muslim means. He said there are six reasons Islam and the western world are at odds.

- old colonial powers of the western world
- arrogance of the western world over Islamic society
- the U.S. and Israel's diplomatic alliance
- Islam's poor ability to properly govern their countries and religion
- the rapid growth of population coupled with a declining economy
- the biases of the western media

Through his studies around the world, Copp he has attained a view as an outside observer that has helped put a different perspective on Islam, he said.

"Islam is a very monotheistic religion," Copp

said. "They believe in one god named Allah. Islam is more monotheistic than Christianity appears to be."

Islam is based on five pillars of faith, Copp said: public profession of faith, daily prayer, alms given to the poor, the fast of Ramadan, and a pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca.

John Janney, a Muslim convert and media activist in the Dallas area, discussed the role of the media and how it has inaccurately portrayed the Muslim society as a terrorist society for the past ten years.

"The media is a portal for which many people obtain their views," Janney said. "The frequency of words like 'Islamic terrorist' has had a big impact on the western world's idea of Islam."

Janney said that the best way to help bring an end to unfair bias in the media is to educate the media and its readers about the true religion of Islam.

"Words shape thoughts and are like the paintbrush of the mind," Janney said. "The media balances people's thoughts and shapes their viewpoints."

## Federal judge grants request in gaming case

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A federal judge on Thursday granted the state's request for a permanent injunction banning illegal casino gambling at the Tigua tribe's Speaking Rock Casino.

The summary judgment by U.S. District Judge G. Thomas Eisele, who conducted an Aug. 22 hearing, says the casino must bring itself into compliance with the law by Nov. 30.

"The law is simple," Attorney General John Cornyn said. "My responsibility as attorney general is to enforce the

laws of the state. I am pleased that the court agreed with our position that casino gambling is illegal in Texas."

Tribe spokesman Marc Schwartz said the Tiguas plan to appeal the decision. He said the judge did not address the core issue of the debate, that the tribe has the right to manage its affairs on a federally recognized reservation.

"The state is attempting to narrow the focus on the penal code," Schwartz said. "The judge is limited to addressing the issue brought by the state."

He said the tribe's casino would remain open.

A lawyer for the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, which operates the casino, argued last month that gambling is big business in Texas and the tribe has a right to cash in.

However, lawyers for the state attorney general's office argued that casino-style gambling, with slot machines and poker tables, isn't legal in Texas. They said the Tiguas agreed not to gamble if the federal government would recognize them as a tribe.



2002 Position Openings

- Senior Class Secretary
- Team Members

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Due Friday, October 5th