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## Ancient artifacts



Paleoindian projectile points lie on felt as archaeology graduate student **Charlotte Donald** examines artifacts found south-west of College Station. **Donald** and other students catalogued thousands of artifacts dating from at least 10,000 years ago.

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## Bush, Saudi prince create positive bond

### Abdullah will not use oil as a weapon

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — Despite differences, President Bush said he and Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia forged a personal bond Thursday in five hours of talks at the president's Texas ranch and Abdullah promised not to "use oil as a weapon" to show Arab anger over U.S. support for Israel.

The president's upbeat assessment contrasted with Saudi complaints that his backing of Israel had damaged prospects for Mideast peace and threatened the United States' 70-year alliance with the desert kingdom.

"There is a lot of anger at the U.S. for what is perceived as a lack of restraining Sharon," the Israeli prime minister, said Adel Al-Jubeir, the foreign policy adviser to Abdullah.

"The crown prince wanted to make sure the president was aware of this," the adviser said. "Allowing this problem to spiral out of control will have grave consequences for the U.S. and its interests."

Bush told reporters afterward that U.S.-Saudi relations were strong.

"A strategy by some would be to split the United States and Saudi Arabia. It's a strong important friendship and he knows that,

I know that, and we're not going to let that happen," he said.

He took a personal view of that friendship after he and Abdullah, who spoke in Arabic

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President **George W. Bush**, left, welcomes Saudi Crown Prince **Abdullah** to his ranch in Crawford on Thursday.

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## Neglect played role in terrorist attacks

By **Amy Dosch**  
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American neglect and inaction is largely responsible for Afghanistan becoming a haven for Osama bin Laden's terrorist network, and the United States must not make that mistake again, former Sen. Hank Brown said Wednesday while speaking at Texas A&M.

"Our role in Afghanistan should be to help them develop a stable government and give them modest financial assistance," Brown said.

Brown, a Colonel Republican, discussed American policy toward Afghanistan at the George Bush Presidential Conference Center.

The United States, after helping Afghans fend off a Soviet invasion, failed to help rebuild the country devastated by war. When the Russians pulled out of Afghanistan, so did America, Brown said.

"The U.S. has been skeptical of Afghanistan and our involvement in assisting them, because we don't understand their culture," Brown said.

The United States did not open an embassy in Afghanistan, and when civil war broke out

between competing tribes, America made little effort to broker a truce.

"Even when the tribes came together in 1996, we were not willing to help negotiate peace," Brown said.

The Taliban, armed and funded by fanatical Muslim groups throughout the Arab world, took advantage of the chaos and filled the power vacuum, Brown said, installing a terrorist-friendly regime.

Brown also said the United States must take a proactive stance in international affairs and move against those who pose a serious threat to national security. He faulted the Clinton administration for failing to retaliate against bin Laden even though he was responsible for a number of terrorist acts against Americans during the 1990s.

"People have said that the missing element in predicting the 9-11 incident was intelligence. It wasn't intelligence, but our unwillingness, as a country, to go after him," Brown said. "As a country, we can prepare for future threats by being on the offensive and taking immediate action in the face of danger."

In the Senate, Brown served on the foreign relations committee and is now president of the University of Northern Colorado.

## Graham to speak at Brazos Valley Festival

By **Brittany Hooten**  
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Hard work by local residents will pay off when Rev. Franklin Graham, son of Rev. Billy Graham, will speak at the Brazos Valley Festival 2002 next week.

"I'm excited about it, looking forward to it," Graham said Thursday. "I've never been to College Station."

Brazos Valley Festival 2002 will be held at Reed Arena May 2-5. An extensive music lineup is scheduled,

including Michael W. Smith and Jars of Clay. Graham will speak every night.

A core group of people formed to ask Graham if he would host a festival at Reed Arena, festival Director Sherman Barnette said. A factor in choosing College Station was the number of college students in the area, Barnette said.

"We want to do everything we can to reach the young people with the gospel," he said.

Graham said the festival is for people who are down and out.

"I want people to come who don't know God," Graham said. "I want drug abusers, people facing a terminal illness, facing failures, girls who have unwanted pregnancies."

The festival is not a church meeting, he said, and everyone should feel welcome.

"When the week's finished, when the stage is packed up and the door is closed, I hope that there will be thousands of lives that will be changed forever," he said. "I am focused on how you can know God."

Graham said there has been a search for the meaning of life in the nation after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the government's war on terror.

Graham said he accepted the invitation to come to College Station after talking continuously with local churches and local student leadership.

Director of Breakaway Ministries Gregg Matte said that an executive committee has been working on the festival since last summer.

### FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

- May 2: 7pm, Michael W. Smith
- May 3: 7pm, The Charlie Daniels Band
- May 4: 11am, Bibleman
- 7pm, Jars of Clay
- May 5: 4pm, Mary Mary

Franklin Graham will speak each night

Source: [www.grahamfestival.com](http://www.grahamfestival.com)

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## New Beutel director looks to improve health center

By **Sarah Darr**  
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Dr. Linda Lekawski was once an Aggie mom who cheered her son on as he competed with the Texas A&M Cycling Team. Now, Lekawski is the newly appointed student health director for the A.P. Beutel Health Center.

Lekawski has been involved with college health for the past 12 years. She spent the last nine years as the student

health director at Texas Women's University in Denton, and she worked with student health at the University of North Texas before that.

She holds a DO (doctor of osteopathic) and is a board-certified physician in family practice. Women's health care is Lekawski's special interest area.



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Lekawski attended Oklahoma State University for a bachelor's degree in biological science, earning her master's at OSU in microbiology. She then went on to Fort Worth to attend medical school at the University of North Texas Health Science Center.

Lekawski is the mother of two sons who have made her a grandmother.

"I can't talk about myself without talking about my boys. One is expecting twins in the summer, so I get to be a grandmother again," Lekawski said.

She is currently commuting to see her husband, who lives in Dallas. One of her sons attended A&M, allowing her to visit the A&M campus many times.

"There are wonderful people here and I am so excited because I know it will be a wonderful experience," Lekawski said.

Lekawski's first goal as director is to

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## Remaining officers selected for Senate

By **C.E. Walters**  
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The 55th session of the Student Senate elected the chairs of the Academic Affairs, Student Service, and External Affairs committees unanimously and unopposed.

Natasha Eubanks, a sophomore biomedical sciences major and new Academic Affairs committee chair, said that among her many goals she hopes to improve the College of Liberal Arts and help student leaders attain class credit for their involvement. Eubanks lost the election of speaker pro temp at the last Senate meeting two weeks ago.

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Bloodlines, natural skill help A&M's Mary Zorn become world-class archer

### WEATHER

TODAY

30%

HIGH  
82° F

LOW  
64° F

SATURDAY

HIGH  
85° F

LOW  
70° F

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