

NEWS IN BRIEF

Texas Avenue right lane closed Thursday

College Station's water division will begin repairing a leaking 12-inch water line on Texas Avenue Thursday. The right lane of Texas Avenue will be closed from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and residents of University Tower may experience an interruption in water service.

Services honoring Charles Page to be held Friday morning

Visitation was held Wednesday for Charles Page, the former head of the Texas Engineering Extension Service fire school program. Page died Tuesday at the age of 68 at St. Joseph's Regional Health Center. Page served as the division head from 1986 to 1996. Prior to that, he was a guest instructor for four years. He became a part-time instructor in 1971, and helped develop programs on terrorism, arson investigation and passenger train emergency response. Page's funeral will be held Friday morning at 10 a.m. at Christ United Methodist Church.

"The railroad is going to stay," he said. "We are working to make it as good a space as we can make it." Another change planners have discussed to mitigate the open space on West Campus is to make Wellborn Road a tree-lined boulevard, Dennis said. Presenters also said they wanted to make a single campus entrance that would be clear to visitors, and that they would like to limit the amount of traffic on the inner core of campus.

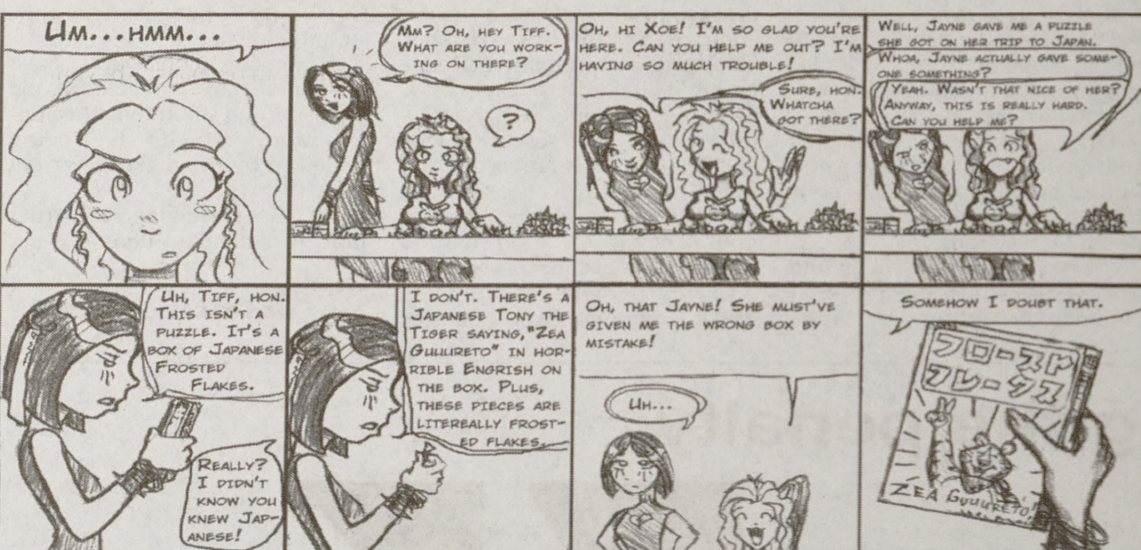
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regents' meeting...there are no changes due to budget problems," Wright said. Some of the regents' discussions about construction will take place behind closed doors. Wright said the closed discussions will pertain to the \$341-million in projects not yet in construction. George P. Mitchell, Class of

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Dennis also said surface parking lots will be a thing of the past in years to come, as the increased load will be shifted to parking garages. Dennis said planners are recommending two car-and-pedestrian underpasses be built under the train tracks next to Wellborn Road, reducing train interference with student schedules.

Penalty

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time a prisoner is executed, said Rich Woodward, chair of the local chapter of TCADP. Four main controversial issues surrounding the death penalty in Texas are fairness, innocence, cost and effectiveness, Woodward said. Income plays a large role regarding the fairness of the death penalty, Woodward said.

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"If you have the capital, you don't get the punishment," he said. When a case is sent through the appeal process, the case is more likely to get lost, postponing one's chance of escaping execution, Woodward said. "Since 1976, 220 death row inmates in the United States have been granted general clemency due to doubts about the defendant's guilt or conclusions of by the governor regarding the death penalty process, he said.

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Woodward said the cost of an execution is much higher than the cost of putting a person in prison for life. Currently, Texas is the only state in the country that carries out executions without offering jurors the option of life without parole as a punishment for prisoners. Other states offer 40 years without parole, life without parole, or execution as alternatives to the death penalty. But for Lookingbill, it's already too late.

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Host, Dobbs arrested at airport checkpoint

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — The wife of CNN "Moneyline" host Lou Dobbs was arrested Wednesday at an airport security checkpoint after a loaded gun was allegedly found in her handbag. Debi Dobbs, 49, was charged with criminal possession of a weapon and released on her own

Wall Street falls for fifth session in a row

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street gave up the last of its New Year's rally Wednesday, falling for a fifth straight session as investors unloaded shares following tepid earnings reports. The Dow Jones industrials, which had risen nearly 501 points in early January on hopes

of better prospects for 2003, fell 124 points and sacrificed the last of its advance. The Dow gains were wiped out over the last five days amid growing pessimism of a sluggish economy.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index, the benchmark followed by professional traders, also lost all of its gains for the year, while the Nasdaq composite index slung to about 24 points.

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