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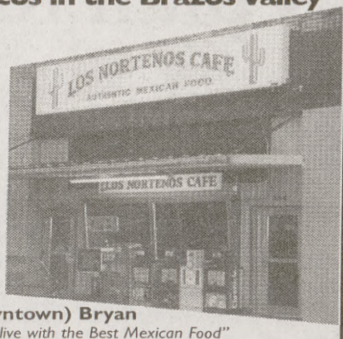
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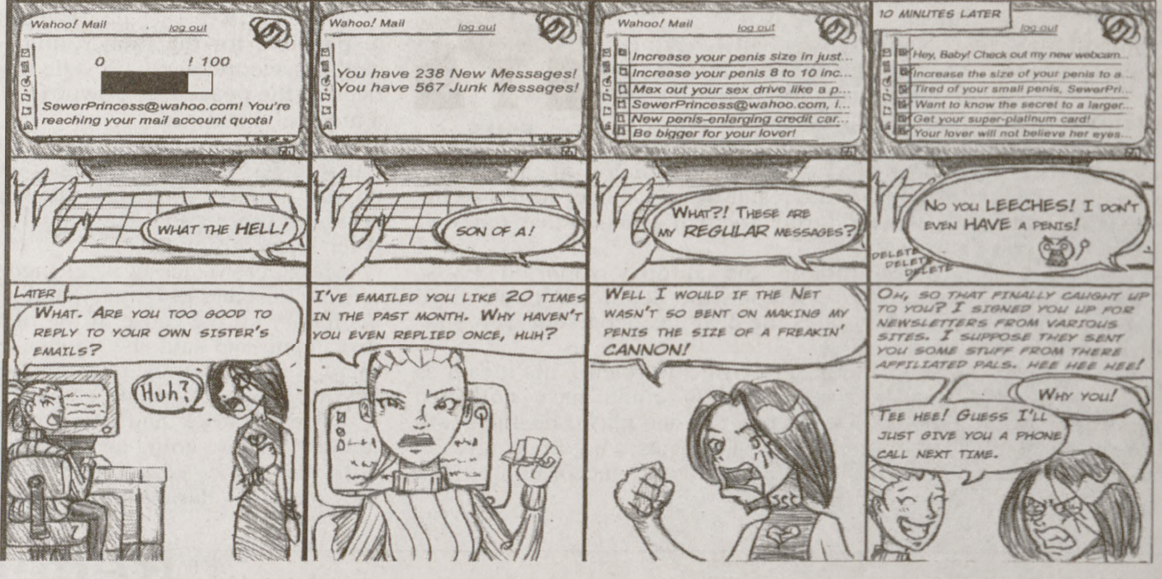
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**Fish** by R. DeLuna



**CUBE OF XOE** By C.J.



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identified as Lt. Col. Robert J. Theilmann, 47, of Suffolk, N.Y., Maj. John M. Walsh, 36, of Oakland, Mich., Maj. Steven G. Palombo, 36, of Sterling Heights, Mich., and Capt. David C. Cross, 34, of Centre, Pa.

The Marines were members of Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 775 based at Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Two Marines were in each helicopter, said Armando Carrasco, a spokesman for Joint Task Force Six, a Department of Defense unit that helps the Border Patrol in counter-drug efforts.

The Marine Corps is investigating, Marine Corps spokesman Capt. Joe Kloppel said he had no immediate information on what might have caused the crash.

Park residents said it was a collision. "They definitely collided," said 63-year-old Norman Ross of Forest Lake, Minn. "You heard the explosion."

Two other helicopters were involved in the operation but landed safely, said spokesman Al Foucha of the Marine Forces Reserve in New Orleans. Foucha did not know how close they were to the two that crashed.

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Director of Hispanic Studies at A&M, Dr. Manuel Martin-Rodriguez, said the interdisciplinary nature of a Hispanic Studies Ph.D. through the Department of Philosophy and Humanities is unique to A&M and will give the degree national status.

The degree, though granted through A&M College Station, will be available at A&M-Corpus Christi, A&M International in Laredo, and A&M-Kingsville via Real Time video lectures broadcast at those campuses. Gates said the distance education ability is important because it moves the A&M System toward more inter-campus collaboration.

Three regents whose six-year terms are expiring this year were all granted honorary titles.

Anne Armstrong was granted Regent Emerita, Dionel Aviles was granted Vice-Chairman Emeritus, and Erle Nye was granted Chairman Emeritus. The difference in Emerita and Emeritus is the gender of the recipient.

Gov. Rick Perry has the responsibility of appointing replacements for Armstrong, Aviles and Nye. He could re-elect any of them for another term.

"We don't know what he (Perry) may do," said Bob Wright, director of Communications for the Texas A&M University System.

The next Regents meeting will be held March 27 and 28 and include an open forum to mark the kick-off for the One-Spirit One-Vision University wide campaign drive.

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**Actress, singer Nell Carter dies at 54**

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Nell Carter, who played the stout, sassy housekeeper on the 1980s sitcom "Gimme a Break!" and won a Tony Award in 1978 for her sultry turn in the Broadway musical "Ain't Misbehavin'," died Thursday at 54.

The singer-actress collapsed in her Beverly Hills home and was found by her 13-year-old son Joshua, spokesman Roger Lane said. The cause of death was not immediately known.

Carter had suffered from diabetes for years, Lane said, and she underwent two brain operations in 1992 to fix aneurysms. She recovered and continued to perform, mostly on stage.

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Meece said the Travis County Medical Examiner's Office did not conduct an autopsy on Falls right leg.

According to the Texas Department of Health Handbook on Cause of Death Certification "deaths not due to external causes should be identified as natural." By this instruction Meece said she feels confident in her ruling as she said blood clots are internal and not an external cause of death.

Travis County Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Robert Bayard said it is extremely rare for a justice of the peace to dispute a cause of death as reported by an autopsy and medical examiner.

Meece's decision is final although she can amend her decision at any time.

"If I had additional information I would be happy to consider it," Meece said.

The Falls family hired a lawyer and enlisted the help of state Sen. Royce West to speed up the death certificate signing process. Meece said she spoke with West and he offered her a new information that would change her ruling.

Until then, the Falls family members say they can only wait and will do anything they can to further preserve their son's memory.

"Me and my husband will do whatever it takes to make sure our son has justice," Falls said.

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in development, it may be some what premature to adopt the writing requirement," said Joseph A. Estrada, assistant provost for enrollment.

Estrada will take part in analyzing the data during a May meeting scheduled in New York City as a member of the SAT committee.

"We want to ensure the writing section will add value to the examination before we make a requirement," Estrada said.

While A&M remains undecided on the issue, the writing requirement is definite in Austin.

"We believe in the importance of writing as an essential skill," Walker said. "By making writing a requirement when students take college entrance exams, we hope this will encourage students to spend more time writing in preparation for this important milestone in their lives."

Among other changes the College Board is making to the SAT are additions of content from algebra II to the mathematics section and a renaming of the verbal section to the "critical reading" section.



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