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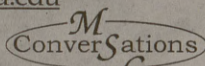
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All open records requests are sent to the associate vice president for finance, who then concurs with the Office of General Counsel on how to respond.

A computer program called PerlMX was purchased by the University, and has been incorporated to control spam in A&M e-mail accounts, Jones said.

Jones said most students are unaware that they can suppress the amount of spam that is sent to their A&M e-mail accounts.

The registrar's office has a form that students can fill out and submit to restrict access and that will make their personal information private.

Court

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ruling is nonetheless a defeat for First Amendment principles."

Virginia Attorney General Jerry W. Kilgore predicted the decision would prompt more states to outlaw cross burning.

"A burning cross is a symbol like no other. It doesn't just say we don't like you. The message is we are going to do you harm," Kilgore said.

States that have anti-cross burning laws include California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Montana, North Carolina, South Carolina, South Dakota, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and the District of Columbia.

The Virginia case evoked mostly bygone era in the South when "nightriders" set cross ablaze as a symbol of intimidation to blacks and civil rights sympathizers.

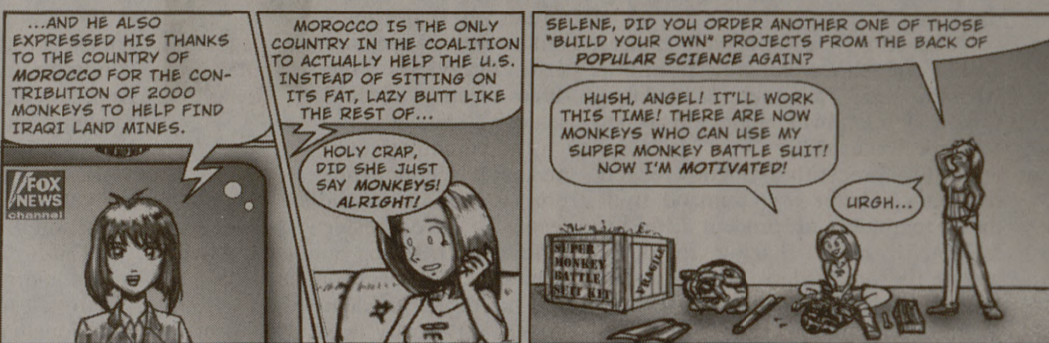
Thomas grew up in the segregated Georgia. During arguments in the case, he spoke of a century of violence and terror at the hands of the Klan and white supremacy groups.

"The cross was a symbol that reign of terror," Thomas said, breaking his customary silence during arguments.

In the ruling, the justice seemed to carve out just a small exception for protected burnings.

"While a burning cross does not inevitably convey a message of intimidation, often the cross burner intends that the recipient of the message fear for the lives," O'Connor wrote. "Although a cross burning is used to intimidate, few if any messages are more powerful."

CUBE OF XOE



By C.J.

Noise Pollution



by Josh Darwin

Baghdad

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another prominent symbol of Saddam's power, the Information Ministry, as well as the Al-Rashid hotel.

The attack on the leadership target — reminiscent of the opening volley of the war on March 19 aimed at Saddam — occurred in Baghdad's upscale Mansour neighborhood. U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said American intelligence learned Monday morning of a high-level meeting in Baghdad between senior Iraqi intelligence officials and, possibly, Saddam and his two sons, Qusai and Odai.

The bombardment left a huge hole where the building had been and reduced three adjoining houses to a heap of concrete, mangled iron rods and furniture.

A B-1B bomber dropped four 2,000-pound bunker-penetrating bombs on a residential building. "We are confirming that a leadership target was indeed hit very hard," said Marine Maj. Brad Bartelt, a spokesman for U.S. Central Command in Qatar. He had no information of the results of the attack.

It was the third straight day the Army penetrated Saddam's seat of power. This time, though, there were plans to stay. Rather than withdrawing at nightfall, as units did over the weekend, members of the 2nd Brigade of the 3rd Infantry Division hunkered down for the night at the sprawling, splendorous New Presidential Palace where Saddam once slept.

Several miles away, two soldiers and two journalists were killed in a rocket attack on the 3rd Infantry Division south of Baghdad, the U.S. Central Command reported. Another 15 soldiers

were injured in the attack on an infantry position south of the city.

On the other side of town, Marines encountered tough fighting as they entered Baghdad for the first time, coming under machine gun fire. Lt. Col. B.P. McCoy said two Marines were killed and two were injured after an artillery shell hit their armored personnel carrier.

Marines crossed into Baghdad from the east, their engineers deploying a temporary pontoon bridge over a canal at the southern edge of the city after Iraqis rendered the permanent structure unsafe for heavy, armored vehicles.

Hours later, the sound of occasional American artillery split the night air.

The regime, its brutal hold on a country of 24 million slipping away, denied all of it. "There is no presence of American infidels in the city of Baghdad, at all," insisted Iraqi Information Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf.

The Iraqi government maintained its hold over state-run television and radio — arguably its most important remaining levers of control over the country — and broadcast emotional appeals to resist U.S. forces. Also shown were images of Saddam meeting with key advisers.

The American military flexed its muscle in downtown Baghdad while British officials said one of the regime's most brutal leaders, Ali Hassan al-Majid, had apparently been killed in a weekend airstrike in the southern city of Basra.

Defense officials also said testing was under way on samples taken from a site where soldiers found metal drums possibly containing nerve gas or another type of chemical weapon. A local commander said it was possible the substance was a pesticide, since it was found at an agricultural site near Hindiyah, south of Baghdad.

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