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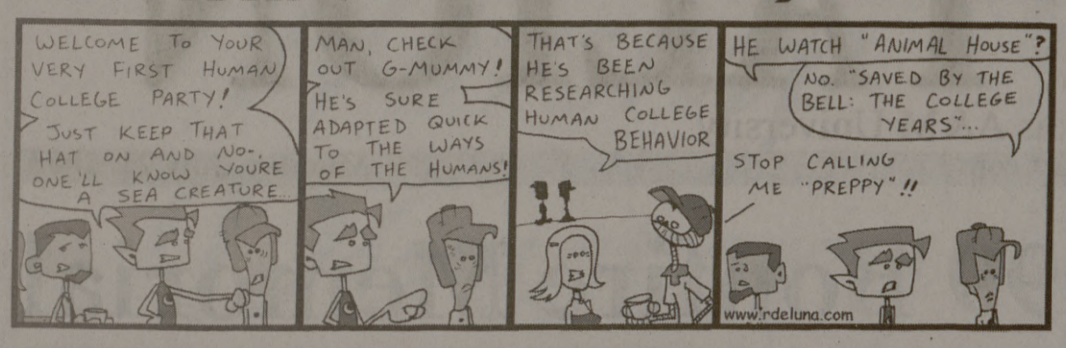


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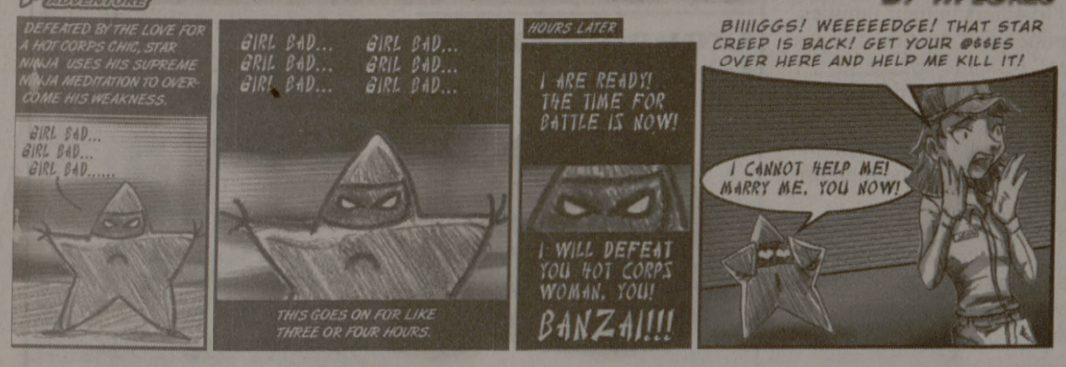


## Bonfire

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Kyle Maxwell, a senior political science major, said he went to the ceremony to support the Kerlee family, whose son Tim died in the collapse.

"(Bonfire) is one of those things that you just kind of have to experience, kind of like the Aggie family in general," he said. "But I'll try to tell people about it as much as I can and get them to understand. But I think it's one of those things that they know they won't truly understand."

Kyle Warner, a senior construction science major, said he and Bonfire victim Lucas Kimmel swam together in high school, and he was persuaded by Kimmel to come to A&M.

"I'm here and I'm wearing senior boots for the first time, which is something he never got to do," he said. "It makes me feel good knowing that he, in some way, got to do it, hopefully. As much as I hated it to happen, I'm just glad that nobody has forgotten anything. They embody what A&M is all about."

## Hutchison

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May said.

Dustin Williams, a senior biomedical sciences major, is receiving his certification as an Emergency Medical Technician this summer and is scheduled to participate in Rescue Day at the TEEX facilities Aug. 2.

"We are lucky to have such an amazing resource to help with our training," he said. "Having even limited access to a facility such as this allows students like us to gain extra skills that others might not, which in turn helps us to better serve people in need."

In addition to these two grants, Hutchison announced that the A&M Offshore Technology Research Center will receive $1.4 million from the Department of Interiors Appropriations Bill.

These funds will be used to help the program as it tries to uncover more efficient ways of locating and using underwater oil and gas reserves, Dugan said.

The University will receive these grants in addition to $8 million dollars it was awarded last month for terrorism research. That money, requested by Rep. John Carter, will go to fund joint projects with The University of Texas and Rice University.

## Lynch

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than 6,000 people, where everyone seems to know at least a Lynch cousin or aunt and where folks routinely rally for neighbors in need.

"This is almost like an Amish community in some ways," said Jim Bostic, 46, of Spencer. "We're 50 years behind the times, but in a good way."

Charlene Curfman's Palestine home burned down 27 years ago while she was pregnant, but within two days, neighbors in the unincorporated town of about 300 had given her and her husband everything they needed.

"It's not just one person, it's everyone," said Curfman, 53, a beauty salon owner. "People will help each other and never expect repayment."

Some locals say the efforts to help Lynch, including the rebuilding of her house to accommodate the wheelchair she still needs, have united the county as never before.

"We've all shared the lows of her disappearance to the highs of her rescue," said Greg Thorn, 44, who with his brother inherited Dick's Market from their father. "I think it's made a close-knit community even more so."

Lynch's convoy was ambushed near the Iraqi city of Nasiriyah after it made a wrong turn. Eleven soldiers from the convoy were killed; five others were captured and held apart from Lynch for three weeks before their release.

Lynch, a supply clerk in the 507th Maintenance Company, was injured after her Humvee utility vehicle was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade and crashed into another vehicle in the convoy. U.S. forces recovered Lynch at an Iraqi hospital in Nasiriyah April 1.

## Death

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their love and support.

Marilyn said even friends and teachers from elementary school came to pay their respects.

The Snells' neighbors and Leslie's boss from the Brazos Valley Christian Bookstore returned from vacations to attend the funeral.

Marilyn said Leslie's infectious smile and blazing red hair were her trademarks. She said everyone always loved her smile.

At A&M Consolidated, Leslie participated in many organizations such as Key club, played sports and enjoyed running. Jim said her favorite pastime was working with the Christian organization Young Life.

"She had just become a freshman leader and was greatly looking forward to that," he said.

Courtney said Leslie really enjoyed taking pictures and working on her high school yearbook.

"She had even applied to work for the A&M yearbook, the 'Aggieland,'" Courtney said.

Julie Pye, Leslie's pre-calculus teacher at A&M Consolidated, said Leslie was a great student.

"I adored her for her intelligence, spunk and cheeriness. She will not be forgotten," she said.

A scholarship fund has been set up in Leslie's memory and will be given to a student from the College Station area who will attend A&M. Leslie will be honored at Silver Taps on Sept. 9.

# Morrow releases new album

## *Premieres at College Station Hastings tonight*

By Dallas Shipp
THE BATTALION

After months of delays caused by folding distribution companies and various scheduled release dates, Texas Country recording artist Cory Morrow is finally premiering his new album tonight in College Station.

"It's about time," Morrow said. "I can't tell you how fired up I am. I want everyone to see this DVD and listen to these songs. We've had it finished for damn near a year and it's just about time."

Morrow will release the new album, "Full Exposure," at midnight tonight at the College Station Hastings store as he has with two of his previous albums. Morrow said he likes releasing his albums here, because he feels so close to the fans.

"The crowds that cheer and make a lot of noise between songs is most rewarding for us," he said. "The Aggies have always been like that and you just feel like you are at home with your friends. They're the craziest, rowdiest, most loyal fans around."

Hastings Store Manager Edward Whitfill said he enjoys hosting Morrow and that he expects a large crowd.

"I would easily expect 300 to 400 people," he said. "If this were Sept. 22 instead of July 22, I think it might be bigger. We've had as many as 600 people here for Pat (Green) and Cory combined."

The album was supposed to be released last November but was delayed when the original distributing company declared bankruptcy.

"Unfortunately, it is the music business instead of just the music, so you have to deal with all of this," Morrow said.

Despite the extra waiting period, sophomore journalism major Courtney Potter said she is excited to finally get the new CD.

"I was disappointed when it didn't come out on its original release date, because I had really been looking forward to the new live album," Potter said. "I can't wait to watch the DVD."

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**Cory Morrow's** album "Full Exposure" will be released at midnight tonight. This is the third album released in College Station.

Morrow's personal touch with his fans and his laid-back approach is what Potter said makes his music so much fun.

"Some performers aren't as energized as Cory," she said. "It doesn't matter where he is or how big the concert is, he always has the same energy, he's just like a big kid. I really like the way he hangs out with the crowd before and after the show like he's just one of us."

The new album includes three new tracks, including his new single "21 Days," and a live concert that was recorded last July 4 at "Willie's Day Off" in Austin.

The concert in Austin and behind-the-scenes footage are included on a two-hour DVD that is free with the album. Morrow said he wanted to make a DVD, but didn't want to make fans pay $25 for it, so he decided to make one and include it for free with the new CD.

"It's going to be a lot of fun for the fans because they are there," Morrow said. "A lot of people are going to say 'hey that's me!'"

One scene captured offstage includes a trip that Morrow and his band took to Cuba last year to entertain U.S. troops stationed in Guantanamo Bay, a trip Morrow said he'll never forget.

"It was absolutely amazing," he said. "We got to talk to these guys and they told us how lonely they had been. The captain of the Marines hadn't seen his wife in 12 months. I couldn't understand how they keep their life together, but they've made the choice to sacrifice for their country."

Morrow will play a short acoustic concert for fans tonight before the album officially goes on sale at midnight.

"It will just be me, my guitar and a few songs before we start selling and signing," Morrow said.

## Iraq

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declared major combat over.

Abizaid was joined at the lunch by Paul Wolfowitz, the deputy secretary of defense, who has made a point of insisting that the attackers not be called "resistance."

He says they should be called "forces of reaction" whose sole aim is to restore Saddam to power and thereby regain the positions of privilege and power they enjoyed in the old regime. At one point, Wolfowitz referred to Saddam's Baath Party loyalists as sadists.

Wolfowitz is touring Iraq to assess progress on the military, economic and political fronts, amid anxiety among some in Congress that the Bush administration is taking the wrong approach and should be doing more to get more coalition partners involved.

On his fourth day in Iraq, Wolfowitz also visited a Baghdad police academy where Bernard Kerik, the former New York City police commissioner who is overseeing the effort to create new Iraqi police forces, showed him a nearby prison where inmates were said to have been brutalized. Kerik said the FBI is beginning an investigation at the site, where dirt mounds and witness reports indicate many women prisoners may have been buried.

At the academy, U.S. troops are training police recruits, including some from the police force that served under Saddam.

Wolfowitz also met Ahmid K. Ibrahim, who Kerik said is a candidate to be named Baghdad police chief or its chief of operations. Ibrahim, 53, told Wolfowitz that under the Saddam regime he was jailed for a year and tortured for having denounced Saddam privately to a friend.

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> — Ahmid K. Ibrahim
> Baghdad police leader

In describing to Wolfowitz the sources of trouble in Baghdad, Kerik — like Abizaid — used the term "resistance." Wolfowitz immediately corrected him. "Not 'resistance.' Forces of reaction," he said.

Whatever they may be called, Abizaid said in the interview that he will quickly establish eight battalions of armed Iraqi militiamen, each with about 850 men. They will be trained by conventional U.S. forces — a job usually handled by American special operations forces — and he said he expects them to be ready to begin operating within 45 days.

"There is an awful lot of enthusiasm in Iraq to have people armed and serving with us because they want to defend their country," he said. Earlier this month, Abizaid replaced Gen. Tommy Franks as head of Central Command. Franks is retiring from the Army.

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