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## Immigrants

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Although many students feel that balancing cultures is a difficult part of having an immigrant family, Shrawan Gaitonde said it makes life interesting.

"When your parents grow up with different cultures and ideals, you don't have the same pressures or atmospheres when you go home," said Gaitonde, a first year medical student at Texas A&M. "You can take the good (aspects) from both the cultures and to make your own distinct culture."

Gaitonde said in most cultures, gender affects how children form their cultural identity.

"There is not as much pressure to conform to

both cultures if you are a guy," he said. Deepavarni, now a parent herself, said she will leave the choice of culture in her children's hands.

"I think my parents sometimes went on board to preserve their culture," she said. "I'm not going to place any specific cultural expectations on my children because I know that growing up is hard enough to do as it is, without people deliberately mispronouncing your name where it sounds like an expletive."

Lock said despite her daily struggles to balance cultures, she is thankful for them because they define who she is.

"Ultimately, I think it's good to have a different background, because it sets you apart," she said. "I think that's important, especially in places where there is not a lot of diversity."

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### New Zealand author reveals she has terminal cancer

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — Janet Frame, one of New Zealand's most celebrated authors, has revealed she is terminally ill with cancer.

In an interview with the Sunday Star Times newspaper, the reclusive Dunedin writer said she has acute myeloid leukemia, a cancer of the blood and bone marrow, and is being kept alive by blood transfusions.

Frame, whose account of her childhood and experiences in mental hospitals inspired Jane Campion's 1990 film "An Angel at My Table," said she was diagnosed with cancer on Aug. 28 — her 79th birthday.

She was reported to be on the short list for a Nobel Prize in literature at the time.

"I haven't gone into a sudden decline, which I might go into. I'm feeling just a bit tired," she told the newspaper.

She published 11 novels and autobiographical works and five collections of short stories.

Frame said she still had stories she wanted to write. She'd been working on a book, but has put it aside "for the moment," she said.

### Actor Redford criticizes the Bush administration

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Actor and longtime conservationist Robert Redford criticized the Bush administration's energy legislation, calling it one of the worst bills he's seen in his lifetime.

At a news conference before attending a fundraiser for Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., Redford said the bill was flawed from the start.

"It's one of the greatest disgraces in my time," Redford said Sunday. "It's a bad bill, it's a horri-

ble bill.

"I think the American people are being misled right now and I think nowhere is it more disgraceful than in how the environment is being treated," the 66-year-old added.

Redford said the legislation places too much dependence on fossil fuels and not enough stress on alternative energy sources and conservation measures.

Republican congressional leaders have vowed to return to the measure early next year after falling two Senate votes short of sending bill to Bush in November.

About 150 people attended Reid's \$500,000 person fund-raiser at the south Reno mansion owned by John Harrah, son of casino founder Bill Harrah. Reid, who's up for re-election next year, has raised about \$5.1 million.

### Alleged groping victim sues Schwarzenegger for libel

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A woman who alleged sexual harassment by Arnold Schwarzenegger filed a libel lawsuit Monday against the governor, saying his staff falsely suggested in an e-mail that she was a convicted felon.

Rhonda Miller, who alleges the actor groped her when she was working as a stunt woman, says she has never been arrested and that the false information about her was broadcast on national television reports.

An attorney for Schwarzenegger, elected despite several similar groping allegations, dismissed the lawsuit as an attempt to gain publicity, and said he expects it to be thrown out.

With attorney Gloria Allred by her side, Miller made the groping allegations in an Oct. 7 news conference, the day before the California gubernatorial recall election.



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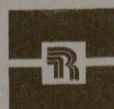
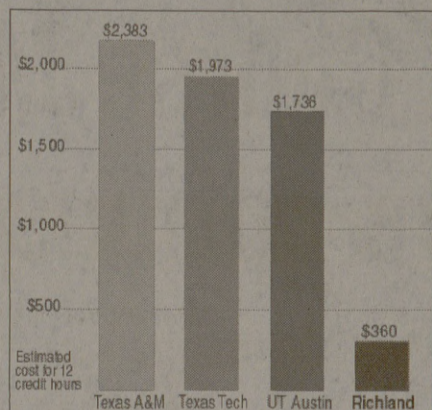
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