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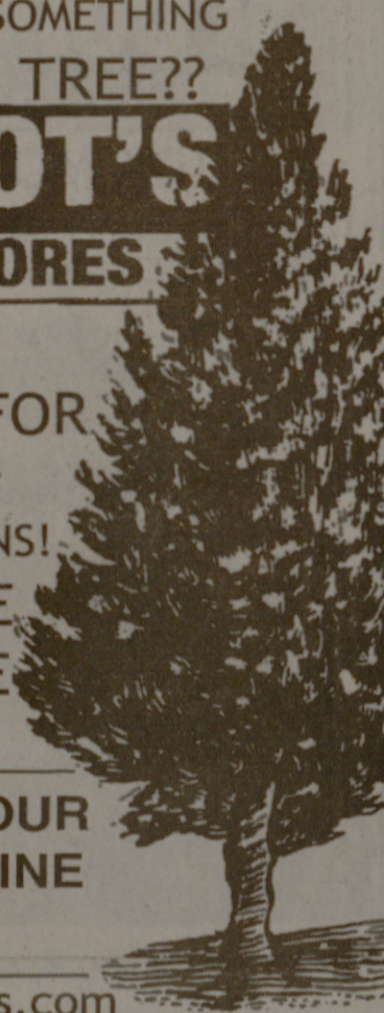
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Abduction

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a college student, and no one would know the difference."

Gelner said whenever she is on campus late at night, she does everything possible to not become an easy target.

"I always remain aware of my surroundings because you never know what could happen," Gelner said.

Kretzschmar said being aware is the best thing a student can do to protect himself.

"We constantly tell students to be aware of what's going on around them at all times," Kretzschmar said. "That's the best advice I can give. If you are aware at all times, you can possibly prevent something from happening."

Kretzschmar said attacks could happen anywhere or anytime.

"One of the best defenses is to run," Kretzschmar said. "Break free, run, scream and go to somewhere where there are people."

Kretzschmar said 10 percent solution pepper spray is also a good method of defense.

Stacianne Wilson, a senior agriculture economics major, is taking a karate class to learn how to defend herself.

"Karate is a sport that focuses on the defensive rather than the offensive," Wilson said. "As a female, I now feel more confident about my safety and being able to defend myself with the skills I learned in karate."

Burglary

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they could face a felony charge, said Rob Stewart, marketing coordinator for the stadium revenue fund.

The Athletic Department caught the five individuals on tape from four different angles of the surveillance cameras posted at the exit by the Coliseum's loading dock. Jeff Schmahl, a senior associate athletic director, said he hopes students familiar with the individuals shown in the images will help authorities identify the culprits.

"They did something pretty stupid, and now there's video proof," Schmahl said. "I'm fairly confident that people who watch this will be able to recognize the individuals on the tape."

Schmahl said the department would like to handle the matter internally.

"The first thing we want to do is sit down and talk to them," Schmahl said. "There was definitely premeditation involved."

One of the males was wearing a No. 44 Reggie Jackson Yankees jersey that is relatively rare, Stewart said.

Stewart said thefts of this type are rare, in part because of the tight security and surveillance cameras in all Athletic Department facilities.

Schmahl said the perpetrators were obviously unaware of the video cameras.

"As technology has improved, it's gotten tougher and tougher for thieves to get away with (their crime)," he said.

There is a \$500 reward for information related to the robbery. Information and links to the surveillance videos that captured the theft on tape are accessible at www.aggieathletics.com/stolenbanners.

Kretzschmar said the University has done a lot to ensure safety on campus.

"I have been here 19 years, and I know that the University has always been very proactive when it has come to the safety of students, faculty and staff," Kretzschmar said.

A&M has 24-hour police security, emergency phones across campus and card access to all exterior doors in residence halls. Also, Kretzschmar said the Corps of Cadets escort service is a tremendous plus to University safety.

Justin Homeyer, a sophomore computer engineering major and a member of the Corps, said the escort service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. He said the Corps receives approximately 200 calls on a weekend and 100 during the week.

"The good thing about the Corps escorts is that a person doesn't have to walk alone, and it's been proven that safety comes in numbers," Homeyer said.

Homeyer said although most of the people who call are females, males also call the escort service.

Jillian Jaccar, a sophomore Spanish major, said she uses Corps escorts frequently.

"I call the Corps escorts because I feel really safe knowing that I have someone to walk with me," Jaccar said. "It makes me feel less vulnerable to attacks, even though that I feel A&M is a safe campus. I think it's smart for girls to call the escorts, because it's an easy thing to do, and it can save you from a potentially dangerous situation."

Graduation

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The Board of Regents will permit Gates to hand out the diploma, and the speaker will be...

Dr. Don W. Brown, commissioner of higher education, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, will be the keynote speaker Friday at 2 p.m.

At 2 p.m. on Friday, Her Highness Sheikhha Mozah Nasser Al Mised, chairwoman of the Qatar Foundation, will give the graduation ceremony. Her Highness will also receive an honorary degree during the commencement.

Dr. Norman Borlaug, distinguished professor of international agriculture, will be the speaker Saturday at 9 a.m., and Rep. Carter, R-Round Rock, will speak at 2 p.m.

Representatives from the Career Center will be at the graduation ceremonies to hand out surveys to the graduates. The purpose of the survey is to see how many graduates have jobs, how many are still looking for jobs and how many are attending graduate school. Career Center hopes to have...

NEWS IN BRIEF

Malvo's credibility questioned at trial

CHESAPEAKE, Va. (AP) — Did Lee Boyd Malvo lie to police when he said he was the triggerman in last year's sniper killings, or did he lie to psychiatrists when he claimed he served only as John Allen Muhammad's spotter?

Testimony at Malvo's trial Thursday centered on those conflicting claims, a key part of the question of whether Malvo had been brainwashed by Muhammad and was therefore insane at the time of the killings.

Defense psychiatrists say Malvo was lying when he said he was the shooter because he wanted to take the rap for the man he considered his father. The defense claims Malvo was the triggerman in only two killings.

Prosecutors suggest Malvo was lying to psychiatrists when he recanted his confession, noting he cannot be executed for either of the two killings he now...

admits committing.

Defense psychiatrist Blumberg testified that Malvo's statements claiming responsibility occurred while he was still under Muhammad's influence. He said that if Malvo was lying later to make sense for him to still admit he was the triggerman in two killings.

"Someone who's lying or denying — why not deny everything?" Blumberg said.

Fairfax County prosecutor Paul F. Horan Jr. asked Blumberg if Malvo told prison guards just after his arrest that Muhammad was the shooter in a September 2002 killing in Alabama.

Blumberg responded that he thought the guards would not be credible witnesses, so he let Malvo speak with them.

Blumberg also said on cross-examination Thursday that Malvo's social behavior began years before he met Muhammad. He said he killed stray cats with a slingshot at age 8, and such conduct continued for nearly five years.

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