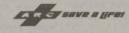
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Rail

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Wentrcek said.

Wentrcek said a faculty member who lives in Dallas or San Antonio and teaches two to three times a week could quickly and easily travel to College Station by rail as

opposed to driving. "When you envision highspeed rail, don't think of it as you do today," Wentreek said. These trains could be set 20 feet above the ground and run between 300 and 400 mph.'

Wentreek said a possible hub in Houston for the high speed rail could be the George Bush Intercontinental Airport. From there, passengers could travel to destinations such as downtown Houston and Reliant Stadium, Wentrcek said.

John Happ, vice chairman of the THSRTC and College

Station city councilman, said Brazos County missed an opportunity in the 1950s to be part of the Interstate Highway system. The Interstate Highway system was originally intended to aid in the movement of troops and supplies for deployment to

war, Happ said. "This (high-speed rail) will allow for better movement of troops from Fort Hood to the coast," Happ said. "That is the premise for starting this project."

Fort Hood, located in central Texas along I-35, is the largest military base in the world.

Kenny Mallard, THSRTC board member and Brazos County commissioner, said it is possible that the technology to produce the proposed highspeed rail system has not yet been developed.

"A lot of what we're talking about today could take 20 to 30 years to reach fruition,"

Mallard said.

Mallard said it is possible increased population gro

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the Bryan-College Stationa "You might have people work in the big city that want to live in a smaller munity like this and com

Mallard said. Wentrcek said another a tage of the proposed high

rail would be increased in and attendance at sporting "One day Kyle Field seat over 100,000 people demand and access increase

Wentrcek said. Wentrcek said the high rail project could take one decades before it is started

The \$284 billion House portation bill, along with Senate's recently approve billion transportation legi is awaiting a joint Hour Senate conference com decision before being President Bush for final am

RHA

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most items to take to the Driscoll Children's Hospital in Corpus Christi, Texas, Dunbar said. A&M's RHA also dedicated its time to serving others and achieved goals it made at

the beginning of the year, Mahaffey said. "We established our goals at the beginning of the year, and we worked to complete them

throughout the year," Dunbar said. Most of the improvement steps on Mahaffey's Vision Plan were accomplished

this year, Dunbar said. "Chris Mahaffey's Vision Plan pulled us

together and made sure each of us was doing what we were supposed to be doing for oncampus residence," Allen said. Diversity was another main focus, Dunbar

said. The RHA received the Champion of Diversity Award from the Student Government Association.

"We also focused on developing leaders on campus," Mahaffey said.

Five of the A&M delegates to the Texas

Residence Hall Association Confe received TRHA outstanding service pi being dedicated to RHA, Dunbar said. recipients include Mahaffey, Dunbar, L Chrismer, Robert Garza and Gracie Aren

"Everyone that is part of RHA this dedicated to their job and cares about the being of RHA," Dunbar said. A&M's RHA won five of the 10 awards

were given for best residence hall pro-Dunbar said.

"We've been holding a lot of program to help people get involved," Allen said. Some of the key programs RHA hoste

year were Rock Varsity's Horns Off, Be All and Adopt a Family, Dunbar said. Dunbar said next year's goals will in getting people more interested in RHA

increasing its publicity. "The challenge for next year's RHA alt istration will be to keep growing," Mah

"This includes continuing to build lead

focusing on individual halls, getting to involved and building the Aggie Spirit."

Wiatt

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convicts in the incident, and a bullet-proof vest saved his life.

times; it was a bloody thing," Wiatt said. "I have lived a violent life.'

Wiatt also played the hero role by trading places with a hostage to plead with the suspect to surrender.

Wiatt said UPD used to be known under the alias "kampus kops," and said he is glad to

have changed that image in people's minds.

Wiatt said that after retirement he will still be around to be "I got shot in the chest two involved in the Rape Crisis Center, which he founded. Wiatt is also a founding member of Scotty's House, a child advocacy center for victimized children to be interviewed in a relaxed environment.

A&M President Robert M. Gates said he appreciates Wiatt for his selfless service to A&M.

"His vast experience in law enforcement and his leadership in his department have been instru-

mental in creating a top law enforcement team an environment for all of us campus," Gates said.

Wiatt said his retiren effective June 1, and 8 Schneider, associate direct UPD, will take over as the until a new one is found Wiatt said law enforce

has been his life, and he to know what he will do his time as he has few hold

crossing guard," he said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Shiite militias withdraw from police stations in three cities BAGHDAD, Iraq — As a tenuous cease-fire held Monday in the restive Sunni city of Fallujah, a radical State of Fallujah, a radical St

ic pulled his militiamen out of police stations in three southern cities in an attempt to ease a standful With quiet on both fronts, the scale of Iraq's worst fighting since the fall of Saddam Hussein became difference of the scale of Iraq's worst fighting since the fall of Saddam Hussein became difference of the scale of Iraq's worst fighting since the fall of Saddam Hussein became difference of the scale of Iraq's worst fighting since the fall of Saddam Hussein became difference of the scale of Iraq's worst fighting since the fall of Saddam Hussein became difference of the scale of Iraq's worst fighting since the fall of Saddam Hussein became difference of the scale of Iraq's worst fighting since the fall of Saddam Hussein became difference of the scale of Iraq's worst fighting since the fall of Saddam Hussein became difference of the scale of Iraq's worst fighting since the fall of Saddam Hussein became difference of the scale of Iraq's worst fighting since the scale of Iraq's worst fig

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The withdrawal of radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's al-Mahdi Army militia from police stations and guill buildings in Najaf, Karbala and Kufa was a key U.S. demand. But al-Sadr followers rebuffed an American to disband the militia, which launched a bloody uprising in Baghdad and the south this month.



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