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brothers suffered for these "white chick" costumes, reportedly losing 30 lbs for the outfits and having to sit through tedious five-hour makeup sessions each day. And the result: Have you seen the posters?

Keenan-Ivory Wayans (writer, director) does a sloppy job with the script and many of the jokes don't work because of poor phrasing. He doesn't seem to care if things make sense or if scenes flow together, and instead frequently resorts to the mentioned bathroom humor or annoying cliches.

As director, Wayans never did figure out what the movie was supposed to become. The first half is gags and the second is sprinkled with attempts for greater meaning. Men can learn to become better partners if they dress up as women, and pretentious, spoiled brats can loosen up if they hang out with the right people.

We've seen everything this movie has to offer before, over and over. "White Chicks" is surprisingly devoid of any new ideas or comedy. It isn't as good as "In Living Color" and it isn't as creative as "Scary Movie," but it does hit almost as much as it misses.

Go see it if you have nothing else to do. Otherwise, spend your money on another movie.

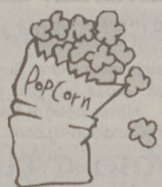
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yell leader," Holmes said.

Holmes said he has been with Aggies ever since he graduated with his marketing degree in 1987. Since 1991, Holmes has been involved in managing and leading an agricultural association in and out of Texas. He now works at the Association of Former Students as an assistant executive director responsible for marketing and program areas.

"I have gone from a managing association involving agriculture to those involving Aggie-culture," Holmes said.

Holmes credits being a yell leader with making him feel comfortable in front of large groups of people and teaching him to work with leaders of other organizations.

"Being a yell leader and in the Corps of Cadets prepares you for surprises," Holmes said.

Holmes said that being a yell leader is a humbling experience. "Knowing others would have loved to be in my shoes added extra responsibility," Holmes said.

Holmes said he encourages current and future yell leaders to enjoy every minute of it because once you are out, you'll want to do it again.

Jeff Bailey, Class of 2000 head yell leader, said his time as a yell leader helped him gain leadership, learn to work well with his clients and be able to deal with tough situations. After graduating in agricultural systems management in 2001, Bailey got married. Bailey now works as a credit analyst for JP Morgan & Chase Bank in San Antonio.

Bailey said that after graduating and starting his career, he was surprised how much he took for granted while in college.

"I miss the freedoms of college and having all your friends there," Bailey said.

Bailey was head yell leader at the time of the Bonfire tragedy. He said he'll never forget the Bonfire yell practice.

"We focused on what we could do to bring people together and improve moral after such a devastating event," Bailey said.

Bailey urges yell leaders to serve at all times and be unselfish. "It has paid off and taught me more than I could ask for," Bailey said.

Cox said yell leaders are a lot more visible now and are viewed as celebrities. He encourages yell leaders not to draw too much attention to themselves, but to draw attention to the Aggie Spirit.

"It is not about you," Cox said. "It's about the time honored traditions of Texas A&M."

Israel's high court orders changes in West Bank separation barrier

By Steven Gutkin
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BIDOU, West Bank — Israel's Supreme Court sided with the Palestinians in a precedent-setting decision Wednesday, ordering the government to reroute part of its West Bank separation barrier near Jerusalem because it causes too much suffering.

The ruling — the first major legal decision on the barrier — cracked a cornerstone of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to disengage from the Palestinians by 2005.

Palestinians rejoiced at the move. A family in this West Bank village expressed relief at no longer being blocked from its olive trees, and a little boy rode his bicycle up and down the barrier route waving a Palestinian flag.

"The wall was choking all of our lives. That's why the decision is important," said Mohammed Abu Eid, a 54-year-old father of 10 whose crops were uprooted to make room for the barrier.

Israel's deputy defense minister, Zeev Boim, said the ruling would delay completion of the barrier, which Israel says it crucial for keeping out suicide bombers. "Now there will be a court appeal on every meter (yard) of the fence," Boim told Israel TV's Channel One.

The court said the barrier must be rerouted, even at the cost of Israeli security. Several officials decried the ruling as a security menace, but the Defense Ministry — which oversees the barrier's construction — said it would comply.

The court forced the government to return land that has been seized and compensate the Palestinians for their financial losses.

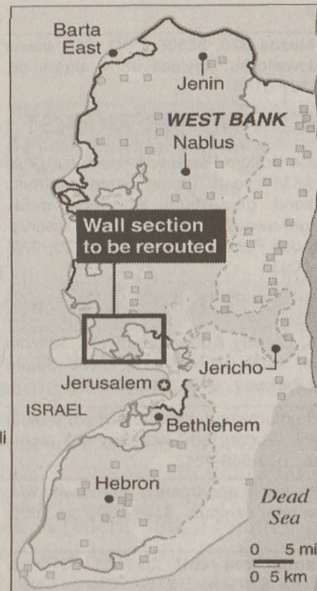
The court also forced the government to return land that has been seized and compensate the Palestinians for their financial losses, making it less likely the government can finish the project by next year as planned.

The ruling focused on a stretch of barrier near Jerusalem that would have separated some 35,000 Palestinians from their crops. Foundations had been laid along parts of the 25-mile section, and earthmovers had leveled ground and uprooted trees elsewhere in

Court orders route change for barrier

Israel's Supreme Court ordered changes Wednesday in the route of the West Bank separation barrier near Jerusalem, saying the current plan is hurting the local Palestinian population.

- Green Line (1967 pre-occupation border)
- Israeli Wall (completed/under construction as of May 2004)
- Israeli Wall approved by Israeli government
- Projected Israeli Wall by Israeli Army recommendations
- Palestinian territory
- Israeli settlement
- Palestinian territory de facto annexed into Israel



SOURCES: PLO Negotiations Affairs Department; Israel Ministry of Defense AP

preparation for construction.

With Wednesday's decision, similar lawsuits are likely for other parts of the 425-mile complex of fences, concrete walls, trenches and razor wire.

"We won't stop here," said Mohammed Dahla, a lawyer for the petitioners. "We will continue our legal struggle against this wall."

The court did not shoot down the barrier itself but rather the chosen route, which it said "injures the local inhabitants in a severe and acute way."

The decision comes a week before the world court at The Hague, Netherlands, was to issue its own advisory ruling on the barrier Palestinians decry as an attempt to expand Israel's borders.

Rates rise by one-quarter of a percentage point

By Martin Crutsinger
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve on Wednesday raised interest rates for the first time in four years, reversing course as the economy strengthened. Policy-makers signaled only slow increases ahead in the rock-bottom rates Americans have enjoyed.

Wall Street rallied modestly on the Fed's continued promise of a "measured" pace for future rate increases, with the Dow Jones industrial average climbing 22.05 points to 10,435.48. Bond prices also rose on the news, pushing the yield on 10-year Treasury notes down to 4.59 percent, compared with 4.69 percent the previous day.

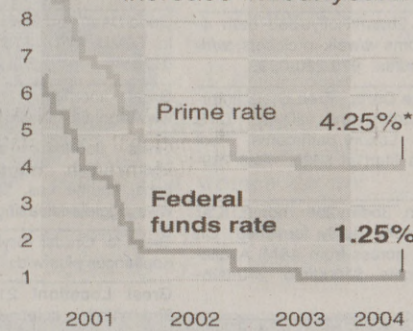
In what was the most telegraphed rate increase in Fed history, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues announced they were boosting the target for the federal funds rate by one-quarter of a percentage point, to 1.25 percent. This rate, which represents the interest that banks charge each other on overnight loans, is the Fed's primary tool for influencing economic activity.

The Fed's decision triggered a one-quarter percentage point increase in commercial banks' prime lending rate, which also had not risen in four years.

This benchmark borrowing rate for millions of consumer and business loans

Fed hikes key rate

The Federal Reserve Board raised the federal funds rate by one-quarter percent Wednesday, the first increase in four years.



* Commercial banks are expected to increase prime lending rates

SOURCE: The Federal Reserve Board AP

rose from 4 percent, the lowest since 1959, to 4.25 percent.

The Fed's quarter-point increase was the first change since the funds rate was cut to a 46-year low of 1 percent in June 2003. That had marked the 13th Fed rate cut in a series that began back in January 2001 as the central bank battled to jump-start an economy staggered by a series of blows, from a plunging stock market and the 2001

recession to terrorist attacks and two wars.

With Wednesday's rate increase, borrowers have seen the lows for mortgage rates and other loans. But economists said that rates for homes and autos should continue to be attractive, given the Fed's comments that it did not expect inflation to pose a problem soon.

The Fed reaffirmed a pledge, first made at its May meeting, that future rate increases would come "at a pace that is likely to be measured."

"The bottom line is that the Fed is going to continue to be cautious about hiking interest rates," said economist David Jones, author of several books on the Fed under Greenspan. "While we are seeing solid growth, we are not seeing an overheated economy."

Jones and other analysts said they read the pledge as indicating a series of one-quarter percentage point increases spread into next year.

Many economists are looking for the Fed to keep increasing the funds rate until it hits around 4 percent. At that level, analysts said, the Fed would view the rate as neither stimulating extra growth nor acting as a drag on growth.

The rate increases are expected to have little impact in slowing the economy before the November election. That would be good news for President Bush and other incumbents.

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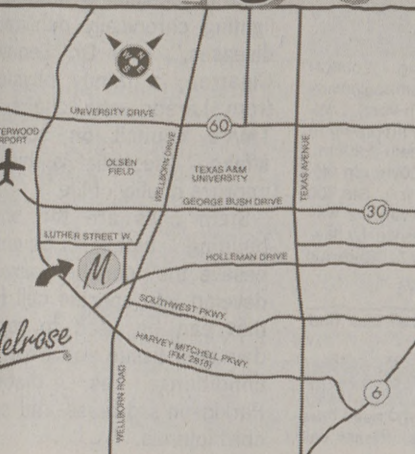
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