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Rift Valley Fever is a problem among livestock and breeders in Africa. It is spread through mosquito bites and contact with bodily fluids from an infected animal. The HSD is now accepting applications for a fourth center, focusing on behavioral and social aspects of terrorism and counterterrorism. Ridge said centers like these are vital to the national defense effort. "In every area of human endeavor, research and development is the engine that drives our nation to a better and brighter future," Ridge said.

"But the government can't do it alone. In each of these cases, partnerships between the government and academics, business and scientists produce together what would be impossible individually."

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of the approval for a life sciences building. Casone is part of the six-person committee for the building to house interdisciplinary faculty and to fulfill the needs of the biology department. The idea for the building has been around since 1997, Casone said. "It has created a lot of interest, concern and controversy," Casone said. "But the University has fallen behind in paying for infrastructures. If you compare (other universities), we have much less financial support." So far, the project has \$100 million to start out, which Casone described as "coming out of the sky." The building would likely be located in the current Microscopy and Imaging Center. The Life Sciences Committee is asking for themes for the building to present to A&M President Robert M. Gates. Currently, they are considering neurosciences, genomics and micromolecular structures as possible themes. "This is a positive development that the University has decided to build this facility. We haven't identified how it will be supported. We need to figure it out and bite the bullet," Casone said. "Without it, it will be hard to attract faculty. It's a catch-22."

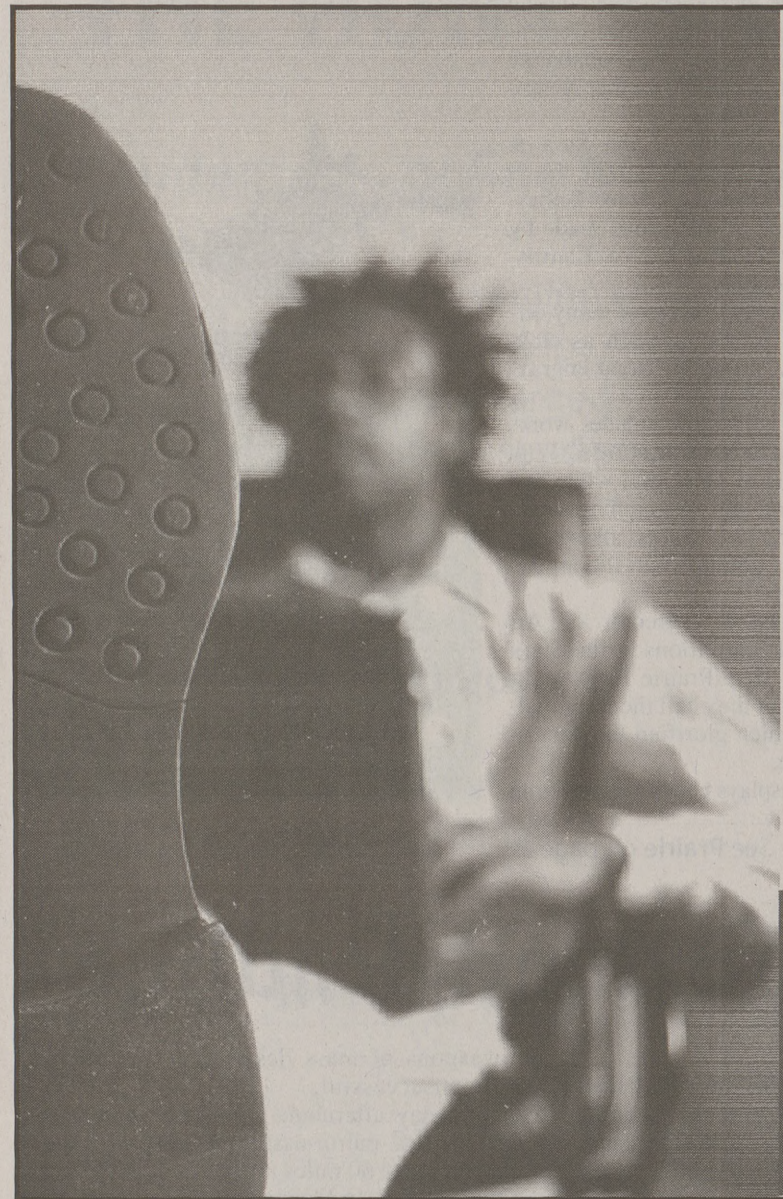
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American life, such as adobe houses in the Southwest, icy rivers with snow banks, plains landscapes and the flora and fauna within them. The collection is not limited to just American scenes of life. One of the latest works in the collection features a style that includes the artist stamp in red, which is commonly seen in Japanese works. The artists started with the gift print because during that time people did not have money

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shot back and killed the driver, the military said. A soldier and a civilian traveling behind the patrol were killed. A second soldier was injured and evacuated. Thick black smoke enveloped the area from an oil tanker set ablaze in the attack. The deaths came a day after four U.S. Marines were killed in a vehicle accident near Camp Falujah in western Iraq. At least 875 service members have died since the military operations in Iraq began last year, according to the U.S. Defense Department. Of those, at least 651 died as a result of hostile action. Also Sunday, insurgents fired mortar rounds at the Abu Ghraib prison, the center of a scandal involving alleged abuse of Iraqi detainees by U.S. guards. One person was injured. The attack was the third by insurgents on the facility since a mortar attack on in April killed 22 Iraqi detainees and wounded over 100, the military said. Coalition forces are now holding over 2,300 Iraqis for taking part in activities threatening the coalition forces and their Iraqi allies. Militants from a group calling itself The Iraqi Islamic Army-Khaled bin Al-Waleed Corps extended their deadline for the Philippine government to agree to withdraw its 51 peacekeepers. Initially, the group gave Manila until Sunday night to agree to a July 20 pullout or it would kill Filipino truck driver Angelo dela Cruz. That July 20 pullout would be a month earlier than scheduled. The Philippine government said Saturday it was sticking to the scheduled Aug. 20 date because of "our commitment to the free people of Iraq." The government also said de la Cruz had been freed, but the militants denied that in a message broadcast by Al-Jazeera television. On Sunday, the group said the government

to spend on art, Hastedt said. To stay within the financial constraints of the Depression, The Prairie Print Makers traveled across the United States selling its new works, he said. "Because they were based in Kansas, The Prairie Print Makers proved to the rest of the country that there was a hunger for that kind of art in the Midwest," Hastedt said. Upon viewing "The Prairie Print Makers" display, art enthusiast Ann Harper said "I think it's an excellent exhibit." Harper's friend and artist Linda Guinasso said she thinks that the different styles by

which the prints were made also noteworthy. "The process in itself is interesting as the subject matter is shown here." Aggies are encouraged to view the works within Stark Galleries. The exhibit will be open for viewing Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday-Saturday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. until Aug. 15.

had until Tuesday to change its mind. "There are good signals that the extension of the deadline has been given (for) another 48 hours," Labor Secretary Patricia Santo Tomas told ABS-CBN TV on Monday from Dubai. She accompanied dela Cruz's wife and brother on a trip originally destined for Baghdad. When the delegation arrived in Amman, Jordan, later Monday, Santo Tomas said it was not going to Baghdad. She did not elaborate. Foreign Secretary Delia Albert said Manila that discussions to obtain dela Cruz's release were continuing "through the efforts of close friends and contacts." In a video purportedly from the militant broadcast Sunday on the Arab television station Al-Arabiya, a masked man holding a sword said dela Cruz will no longer be a hostage if the Philippines complies but instead will be held a protected prisoner of war. After Filipino troops leave, he would be released, the man said. A militant deadline for two other hostages — Bulgarian truck drivers held by a separatist group demanding the release of all Iraqi detainees — expired Saturday morning. The militants had threatened to execute the Bulgarians if the U.S. military did not release all Iraqi detainees by the deadline. On Sunday, Bulgarian Foreign Minister Stamen Pasi said he had unconfirmed information the hostages were still alive. Pasi appealed to the hostage takers, saying "mercy for the poor, the hungry, the sick." He said one hostage, Georgi Lantchev, had diabetes, while the other, Ivaylo Keptelov, suffered a stroke. The group holding the Bulgarians — the Jihad and Jihad movement linked to Jordanian terror suspect Abu Musab al-Zarqawi — claimed responsibility for Thursday's attack on military headquarters in Samarra that killed 14 U.S. soldiers and an Iraqi National Guardsman.



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