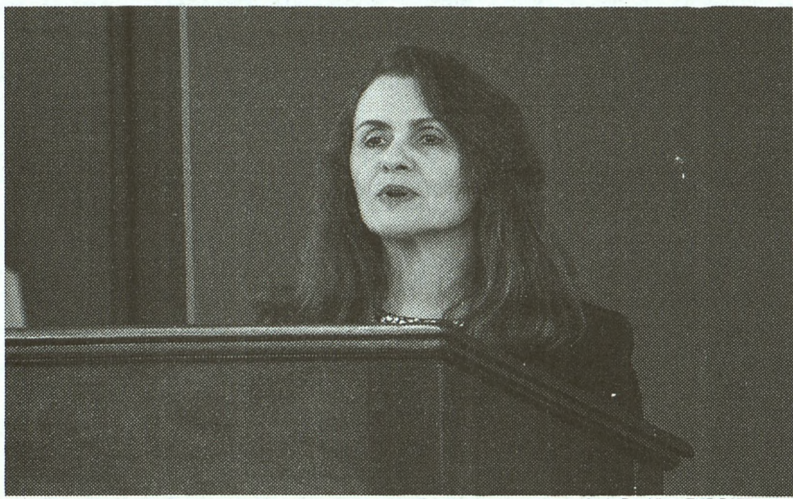


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Cody Franklin—THE BATTALION

Former A&M president and keynote speaker Elsa Murano speaks on the application of A&M core values and ethnicity.

Summit emphasizes A&M values as they apply to Hispanic community

By Lenae Allen

Hispanic figures from around the world gathered in the Clayton Williams Alumni Center this weekend for the Texas A&M annual Hispanic Network Summit.

Keynote speaker Elsa Murano, director of the Borlaug Institute and former president of Texas A&M, stressed the importance of the Aggie values and how they applied to ethnicity.

"We are to live and work together in harmony with each other," Murano said. "At Texas A&M, we have a saying: 'For we are the Aggies, the Aggies are we,' and that is meant to depict how we are all for one and one for all. When we say this, we should mean every Aggie. Not just those who look like us or have the same background as us."

Other speakers, including

Brig. Gen. Joe E. Ramirez Jr., commandant of the Corps of Cadets and National Hispanic Institute President and Founder Ernesto Nieto, also addressed issues in the Hispanic community in the United States, such as differences in household income, the desire to see more Hispanic students graduate from four-year institutions and how to help Hispanic students dream big.

Nieto said a key in Hispanics moving forward is to change how Americans views minorities.

"It seems to me like we sometimes look at Hispanic issues or issues within the Latino community as something that the community needs to address by itself, rather than address the systems that create the problem," Nieto said.

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Film shows inner workings of Haredi culture

By Caleb Vierkant

The Texas A&M Hillel will evaluate the strict rules placed on women in the Haredi community, a branch of Orthodox Judaism characterized by its rejection of modern secular culture, with a showing of the documentary "Black Bus."

The Monday showing will be followed by a discussion with the filmmaker, Anat Zuria.

"Black Bus" is about two women attempting to escape oppression and gender segregation from the Haredi community. Zuria said she made the documentary at the request of a friend, who was a part of the Haredi community.

"I was living in Jerusalem — I have so many friends in those communities and I heard from her and more or less she asked me — told me — 'Please, Anat, go and make a film about it,'" Zuria said.

The Haredi are very traditional, closed-off to the outside world and have strict views of their teachings, said Ashley Passmore, international studies professor.

"It's amazing and unique that Anat, who is sort of an outsider from that community, got a lot of access through her work and through her connections and research and so on," Passmore said.

Zuria said it took four years to get enough people to trust her and her crew enough to let them into the Haredi community. Even then, her crew had to be cautious when shooting the documentary in secret.

"We had to do many, many tricks," Zuria said. "We had all types of hidden cameras. In the film we show the segregated buses. If you go into a bus and try to film what is happening there, immediately someone, some man, will jump on you. And you can be harmed and there can be violence and we had to face these kinds of conditions."

Passmore said if they had found the camera on Zuria, physical violence may have been used against her and her crew.

"So in many ways what she was exposing was a taboo thing that was very difficult to film, and because what happens is if they had found her camera on these buses, they would have destroyed the camera or probably physically assaulted her or anybody else working on the project," Passmore said. "That was what Anat was talking about in this discussion about if you confront a taboo you'll often face some blowback."

"Black Bus" does much more than just show problems within a religious community — it brings up questions about religious fundamentalism and

cultural taboos, which are part of the reason this documentary was so difficult to make, Zuria said.

"Because it's a taboo, you know?" Zuria said. "You could maybe do an article after being there, maybe, two years. But you can't really make a film. Women — they're more or less not allowed to be shown or be seen in public."

Passmore said this oppression is present, but many people are simply ignorant of it.

"The issue about this 'Black Bus' thing is that these gender segregated buses exist in Israel, but basically secular people don't really know about them," Passmore said. "They read about them, but they don't ride on these buses, so nobody really talks about it."

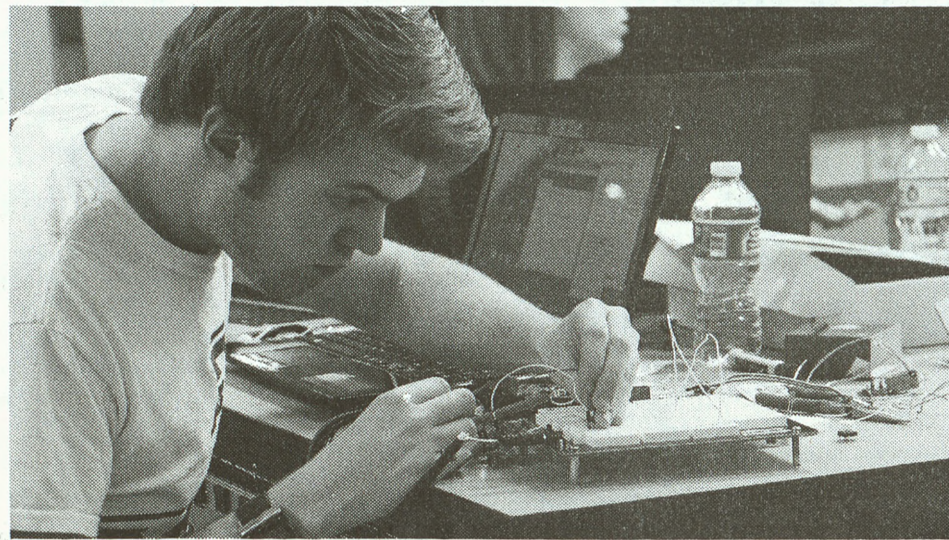
Brent Olian, international studies senior, said Texas A&M is becoming more aware of other religions.

"It obviously is a very conservative, predominantly more right-wing leaning kind of Christian university," Olian said. "So certain things, such as religion and maybe even politics, aren't discussed too openly. Or, even if they are, one side is heavily outnumbered by the other. But it is growing more and more open, I would say."

The "Black Bus" showing will be 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Hillel Center.

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Students work to solve industry problems



Tim Lal—THE BATTALION

Nuclear engineer junior James Bunsen works on his invention at Aggies Invent. The weekend competition entails teams made up of freshmen to doctoral students coming up with solutions to industry problems. The theme for this year is making the "Internet of things" come alive. See story at tx.ag/batt11

MEMBERS OF STUDENT SENATE IMPEACH DOUGLAS

The impeachment of Student Government Association election commissioner Emma Douglas will go before the Student Senate at its regular biweekly meeting Wednesday.

The article of impeachment that garnered the necessary signatures to be brought to the Student Senate floor was written by student senator Lauren Felder. In it, Felder alleges that the election commissioner "openly

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS
1 Atlas page
4 Hidden stockpile
9 Look impolitely at
13 Bat's underground home
14 Enthusiasm
15 ___ A to Z (completely)
16 Very much
17 Roaring beasts
18 Heroic deed
19 Recent arrivals
21 Follows the advice of
22 "Humble" residence
23 Repair, as a sock
24 Not strict about
27 Batter's success
30 Heartbeat
31 Leave out
33 Went by bus or train
34 Numbered highway: Abbr.
35 Low-risk wager
36 Tin Tin
39 Calculates a sum
41 Scuba diver's footwear
42 "Are too!" reply
44 Paid used for meditative exercise
46 Muscle twitches
47 Untruthful one
48 Caesar's language
50 Hotel-room cleaners
52 They're just getting started
56 Large coffee vessels
57 Full amount

DOWN
1 Rooster or stallion
2 State firmly
3 Household purrs
4 "Red" fish dish
5 Made an attempt
6 Really like
7 Baby boys
8 60-min. periods
9 Person making a bid
10 Untrained people
11 Batch of laundry
12 CPR experts
13 House-paint container
20 Woodwind instruments
21 Possesses
23 Partner at a prom
24 Aerosol output
25 Perform better than
26 Inexperienced people
27 Mealtime wear for babies
28 Figure of speech
29 Camping shelters
31 "Think nothing ___!"
32 Fathers and grandfathers
36 Worship from
37 Easy golf putt
40 Ask someone to "hush"
43 Polite social skills
45 Pas' partners
46 Clown's walking props
48 Don't disturb
49 Once more
50 Command to sled dogs
51 Opera solo
52 Tiresome person
53 Historical periods
54 Ready to harvest
55 Full collection
57 Young child

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