

by BARRY SCHWEID THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

its allies were preparing Monday to protect Iraq's civilian minority.

Iraqi facilities to U.N. weapons inspectors, a the Iraqi people." confrontation was building on this second front, with the allies warning they might come to the dered to destroy Shia villages and to kill their and other allied officials would prohibit Iraq WASHINGTON - The United States and aid of the Shiites in the southern marsh lands.

Western air units were sent to the area last Shiite Muslims with an aerial umbrella and year to carve out safe havens for the Kurdish threaten President Saddam Hussein with force minority in northern Iraq. Last week, Edward J. unless he halts his "reign of terror" against the Perkins, the U.S. ambassador to the United Na-

Even as one crisis abated with the opening of equally heinous disregard for human rights of truly be described as a reign of terror," he said.

occupants. The U.S. ambassador also reported fixed-wing aircraft and helicopter gunships had the prospect of Western reprisal. been used to strafe villages and other portions of the marshes.

tions, said "events in southern Iraq show an repression to govern Iraq, maintaining what can

The so-called "no-fly" zone the American Perkins said Iraqi commanders had been or- diplomats are discussing with British, French from using air power against the Shiites or face

"Saddam Hussein is moving in the direction of continual repression," a U.S. official told The "Saddam Hussein has long relied on fear and Associated Press Monday. "It comes and it goes. But the direction is clear. He does nasty things to Shiites."

GOP approves conservative party platform

by JILL LAWRENCE THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON - Republicans approved a platform filled with fighting words and conservative causes Monday after Bush campaign forces snuffed out attempts to bring a divisive abortion debate to the convention floor.

President Bush got just what he wanted: an aggressive blueprint for an uphill campaign, a firm stand against abortion and approval without debate, although there were some loud shouts of "no" on the final voice vote.

Abortion-rights proponents lobbied hard to win enough support from delegates to air their views.

But the effort collapsed when two crucial allies - Maine Gov. John McKernan and Massachusetts Gov. William Weld - emerged from a



Republican or bust

ERSITY DAILY: STEVEN LINE

by RACHELLE CAMERON THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

Republican candidates for local and state elected offices kicked off their fall campaigns Saturday with the grand opening of the county Republican Party and Bush/Quayle '92 headquarters.

Candidates said they were optimistic about President Bush's re-election chances in November and added that this week's Republican National Convention would boost his position in the polls.

"The momentum during and after the convention is going to be astounding," said Robert L. Duncan, Republican candidate for state representative in district 84.

"We need an effective leader to deal with foreign policy and worldwide economics, and after the convention people will begin to see just who that leader is.

meeting with Bush campaign strategist Charles Black and said they were giving up the fight.

"No one is willing to buck the hierarchy of this party when push comes to shove," said Kate Michelman, president of the National Abortion Rights Action League, which has spent two-thirds of its money this year helping Republican candidates.

The platform, a thick manifesto heavily influenced by evangelicals on the drafting committee, attacks Democrats by name 125 times.

A group of Lubbockites were on hand Saturday for election campaign and other Republican candidates. the grand opening of the Republican Party and Supporters of the campaign said they feel sure Bush Bush/Quayle '92 headquarters. Republicans were will pick the right stand on the party's platform and there to show their support for President Bush's re- that the anti-abortion stand will not be a top issue.

Duncan, a Texas Tech graduate and past student body president, said that local Republicans will offer im-

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West Hall parking to be restored by fall semester

by LYDIA GUAJARDO THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

Two weeks into the first summer session, administration officials at

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Selling like hotcakes

Since they first went on sale two years ago, the Double T license plates have generated more than \$45,000 to scholarships for Texas Tech students. please see NEWS, page 5

Weather

High: upper 70s; Low: lower 60s; 40 percent chance of rain

two weeks prior to the start of the fall semester, parking spaces in front of West Hall are on the way to restoration.

as to how many spaces will be replaced, but plans are in the making and restored, said Chris Loveless, student as few as seven spaces.

association president.

the parking and compromised as to what would happen," Loveless said.

Texas Tech stripped students of park- parking, there would be close supervi- the fall semester. However, Loveless abuse the parking area.

"One thing we do not want is for its restoration. students to abuse the spaces by park-No definite plans have been made time to go to class or do other things," he said.

Originally the area was allotted 10 some parking is definitely going to be to 15 spaces, but new plans allow for be monitored by the traffic control

"We sat down with proposals about by the architect in charge, but Lovemade soon and that parking will be He added that with the return of the made accessible by the beginning of parking area, it will be revoked.

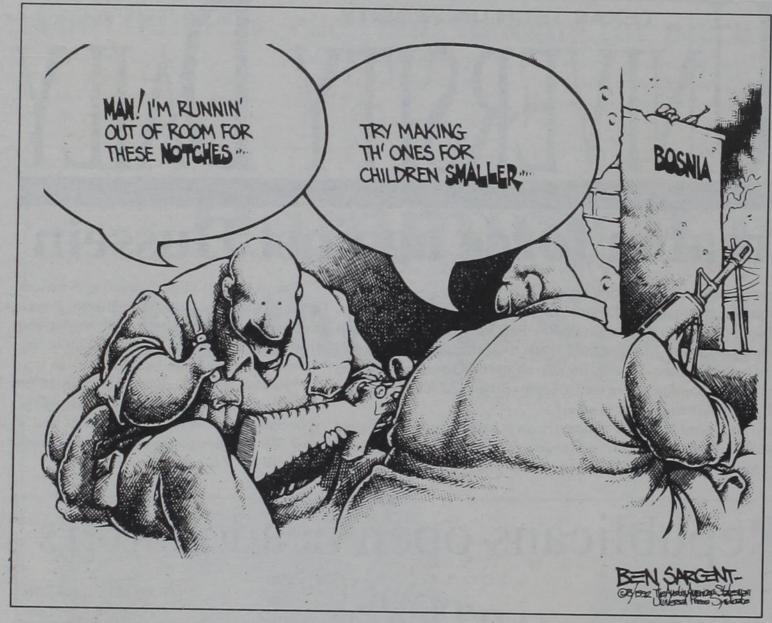
ing rights in front of West Hall. Now sion to ensure that students do not continues to work on plans for the student parking and the policy behind

> "Once we determined the need for ing there and taking off for hours at a the parking and the service it offered to the students, we had to decide where it would be," he said.

Once the parking is restored it will stations and each of the spaces will Definite plans have not been made have a certain time limit ranging from 15 to 30 minutes. Loveless said there less said he hopes the plans will be will be close supervision of the area and if students continue to abuse the

OPINION

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MAILCALL

Can one separate church and state?

In her Aug. 14 letter, Andrea Holman simply repeats her attempt to misuse the "separation of church and state" concept for what she calls a compromise position regarding abortion-on-demand. She suggests that abortion-on-demand (which an all male Supreme Court forced upon the states via Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton) should be ethically acceptable to all if no tax funds are used. Ms. Holman writes that I disagree with her view, but does not attempt to refute my reasons for

Ms. Holman's supposed compromise stating: "The government shall make no law to support racism, child abuse, or slavery, or to prohibit their free exercise." How about a seven day waiting period for these practices? Are they justifiable with allusions to choice, privacy, or religious expression? Would Ms. Holman have objected to crusading "Operation Abolition" members for unfairly imposing their philosophical/religious views concerning slavery on the plantation master? What these questions indicate, of course, is that recognizing or denying the fetus' humanity governs subsequent reasoning and practice concerning abortion. If the fetus is not a human being, but merely a parasite, disease, or maternal organ (all these descriptions have been used by pro-choice advocates like Planned Parenthood) then Ms. Holman's position seems acceptable. Unfortunately for Ms. Holman's position, the U.S. Senate in 1981, relying on scientific and medical testimony, concluded: "conception marks the beginning of the life of a human being — a being that is alive and is a member of the human species. There is overwhelming agreement on this point in

countless medical, biological and scientific writings" (Senate Bill 158). Therefore, if one recognizes, as did our Senate, that the fetus really is a human being, not a zucchini or bladder, and is a member of humanity and "not a zebra," as liberal civil libertarian Nat Hentoff maintains in the Washington Post, then our humanitarian conscience calls us to relegate Ms. Holman's compromise to the same bin of history as the Missouri Compromise.

Ms. Holman may want to consider the thoughts of people who are neither religious or conservative. In the Washington Post, Dr. Bernard Nathanson, a founder of the National Association to Repeal Anti-abortion Laws, described how he gradually realized, after participating in over 60,000 abortions,"... here we are with this creature (the fetus) ... and on one floor of this hospital we're trying to save it ... I didn't see any sense in it." At the 1992 Cleveland Democratic Platform hearings, Julie Chalk, social worker and liberal Democrat, read this into the record: "Liberal Democrats have always supported the right of the state to defend those who could not speak for themselves ... " - Dodson (1990) G.S. Chong

No hope for Bosnia

by LESLIE GELB THE N.Y. TIMES NEWS SERVICE

Let me be chillingly blunt about what Western officials told me regarding the Balkan crisis. They said that nothing they are doing or plan to do is at all likely to compel the Serbs to stop killing Bosnian Muslims.

And, as is becoming tragically clear, Western policy is merely to provide enough humanitarian relief for Bosnian Muslims to quiet Western public opinion — and to do so without taking any military action that might suck Western forces into actually protecting the Muslims or their territory.

In other words, the idea is not to fight for Muslim survival, which Western officials believe to be beyond practical means. It is rather to feed them until they become refugees or get shot - or until they realize, hopefully much sooner, that they must surrender.

Of course, Western leaders would prefer to see the Serbs wilt under U.N. economic sanctions and stop their "ethnic cleansing" of Muslims. But no Western official with whom I spoke expected this to happen for months, or years.

Thus Western leaders look to the Bosnian Muslims to recognize that their cause is hopeless, come to the bargaining table and accept defeat. To drive that point home, they are telling the Muslims to forget dreams of being rescued by Western cavalry.

Nor will President Bush, Prime Minister John Major of Britain or others allow themselves to be stampeded into sending rescue missions. That explains why the State Department backpedaled on the existence of Serbian detention centers where Bosnian Muslims reportedly face torture and execution. Bush and Major know well how atrocity stories stimulate their publics to throw caution to the wind. They also know that these enthusiasms quickly wane once troops sink into inconclusive battle.

Major seems ready to put additional diplomatic pressure on the Bosnian Muslims later this month at a peace conference in London. He, the other European Community leaders and U.N. officials will also lean on the Serbs. But the main British aim is to sell the idea of creating safe havens that would be transformed into ethnic cantons, each with considerable autonomy. The effect of such an approach would be to legitimize much of the Serbian conquests in Bosnia.

The Bush administration sees a much narrower focus for the London conference ---- to strengthen humanitarian relief efforts. Administration officials want to expand these efforts beyond Sarajevo. This will require land convoys, which in turn will require protection. The administration will support giving U.N. relief units some firepower for self protection. It will also grudgingly consider providing the convoys with air cover, but neither London or Paris is enthusiastic about that.

The effect of such an American focus on relief will be to preclude discussion of wider U.N. military action. And Washington is not alone in this stratagem. No U.N. Security Council member seems prepared to cross the line from humanitarian relief to combat.

Reluctance to cross the line makes sense when it comes to sending in ground troops. Serbian guerrillas would soon turn the situation into a quagmire, as they have in years past.

doing so.

As my letter last April stated, Ms. Holman's separatist idea has surface appeal until one substitutes practices such as racial discrimination, child abuse, or slavery, into the structure of her compromise. Though such practices are unjust and cruel, they are not necessarily fatal. A "successful" abortion, however, always kills the "fetus" (the Latin word for unborn child). Imagine for a minute

The caution also seems right when it comes to air strikes against Serbian gun emplacements on the Bosnian hills surrounding Sarajevo. These targets are not easy to hit, and the Serbs surely would retaliate against defenseless U.N. relief forces.

But doubts about force carry much less weight if the proposal is to bomb Serbian territory directly. The targets would be military factories, airfields, supply depots and the like. This action would threaten Serbia's one asset, its powerful armed forces.

The options to bomb Serbia is not a good one and holds little hope of success. But present Western policy - feeding the Bosnian Muslims while prompting them to surrender - is worse.

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The Midland Reporter-Telegram on school financing:

The battle over how to finance public schools in Texas continues, and as it does few are happy with the status quo.

Some taxpayers are incensed that the state will be allowed to continue to collect a tax already deemed unconstitutional, many Texans believe that the Legislature is to blame for not addressing school financing before now, and others believe that the financing fight is merely a facade for the real battle - which is all about dollars and bureaucratic control. ...

State officials know what they must do. They also should realize that the state's voters are not going to accept a "Robin Hood" plan or one that simply throws money at the problem. In fact, it appears that after several years of debating the matter the legislators' choices are greatly diminished. They could greatly increase state spending on education, which raises the question of how to pay for it without even guaranteeing results on student performance. They could throw the door open to school choice, an alternative which has the public education establishment running scared.

El Paso Times on deficit:

Some say the budget-balancing plan drawn up for one-time nearcandidate Ross Perot by a former U.S. budget director was so tough Perot knew Americans wouldn't buy it.

Credit card living is certainly easier than living on what you earn and paying your debts. But we Americans must face facts: It's time for the federal government to pay its bills and get out of the habit of borrowing for luxuries.

That's going to take spending cuts - real ones - and perhaps higher taxes.

... Here are three ideas that those in Washington should look at to save us a few hundred billion.

-Index Social Security and Medicare benefits according to income. If you make over a certain amount of money in retirement, then your benefits should be reduced proportionately. If you make over, say \$100,000 a year from any sources, you get no Social Security and no Medicare benefits.

-End the 20-year military retirement program ... Military retirement benefits should start at age 59. But anyone who's already been in the service for 10 years should be exempt.

-Ask veterans with small disabilities to give up their monthly benefits - and make it easy to do so.

Waco Tribune-Herald on health care costs:

Exploding health care costs must be reined in before the American economy can expect long-term recovery.

Democratic presidential nominee Bill Clinton has correctly diagnosed America's runaway health care costs as "the core of our national economic discontent." No president, he said, can turn the economy around without a national health care plan that brings skyrocketing administrative costs back to earth.

The U.S. health care system costs Americans more per capita than completely nationalized systems in other industrialized countries that cover all medical costs for their citizens from the cradle to the grave.

Remember 13? Abortion question gets too personal



Remember 13? Remember waking up in the morning never certain of exactly who you'd be? Remember being self-conscious about

QUINDLEN everything from your hair to your

feet? Remember wild crushes, endless self-examination, stormy silences?

Corinne Quayle is 13. And she should be left in peace.

Oh, there was a certain satisfaction in watching what her dad did on television. Larry King personalized a question about abortion, asking the vice president what he would do if Corinne, when grown, discovered she was pregnant. The vice president launched into what abortion rights advocates think of as the "my daughter" response.

People are troubled by abortion, even outright opposed. And then their daughters, their real daughters, not poll questions, not hypothetical situations, turn out to be pregnant. And the world tilts.

That tilt is how Quayle, who has been an unwavering opponent of legal abortion, came to say of Corinne that he would "support her on whatever decision she made."

And that response is how his wife, Marilyn, came to say peremptorily, "If she becomes pregnant, she'll take the child to term."

And that is how I come to say, "Enough." The right answer to Larry King's question was not about abortion but about privacy. Remember 13. Imagine your mom and dad arguing on the national news about

what they'd do if you got pregnant. Imagine P.E. class the next day. Wow.

We have had one argument after another about candidates' privacy in this campaign. My sympathies have not been substantially aroused by the fashion and dating, more drugs and invasion of privacy that accompanies running for president.

But I feel for these kids. When I see Chelsea Clinton standing small at the center of the convention celebration, her braces glittering in the limelight, or when I think about Corinne Quayle being the most famous hypothetical in health class, the perimeters of privacy loom large. private. Ms. Chavez remarked

I never liked Bill Clinton half so much as when, asked what he would do if Chelsea were pregnant, he replied, "I wouldn't talk to the press about it."

Political parents collaborate in this process. I thought Senator Gore was way over the line between illumination and invasion when he described his little boy's near-death experience in his acceptance speech. And I winced at the suggestion that Chelsea Clinton was upbeat about her parents' appearance on "60 Minutes" during the Gennifer Flowers adultery debacle. At 12, I didn't even think about my parents having sex with one another, much less someone else.

I appreciate the balancing act. I've written about my own kids, wrestling with what is telling and what is mere tattling. The personal approach often yields the secrets of the heart; witness Larry King. But, we have to count the cost.

The press exposure is not a new problem - ask Lynda Bird Johnson Robb, who dated George Hamilton

with a pop-eyed nation waiting up for her; or John F. Kennedy Jr., who in some way will be forever 3. But the kind of exposure is different now, tougher, more invasive, less fan mag, more social policy. Less abortion.

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The exposure is so taken for granted that recently Linda Chavez, a former Reagan aide, suggested there was something odd about Chelsea Clinton's low profile during the primary season, as though political parents are suspect when they keep their children's lives snidely that perhaps there was a problem, not with the quality of Clinton kids, but the quantity.

"The one-child family is still the exception in America," Ms. Chavez said, "And I think that this whole image again sort of looks like the Democratic liberal version of what a family looks like."

There's a word for this kind of judgment. The word is reprehensible.

I remember 13. I remember how my mother would say "How was your day?" and I would think she was prying. No kid of that age should be pressed into service as a poster child. After years of lunches and train rides and shared beach houses we never learn so much about our friends as we do when we know their kids. Children are surely a character issue. But it's wrong to turn them into a campaign device. Remember 13.

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THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON

Today Americans can work all their lives and see their entire retirement savings and everything they own disappear in a few months when a major medical emergency strikes. The system is not fair, and it needs to be changed.

The Corpus Christi Caller-Times on redistricting:

The convoluted tale of State Senate redistricting in Texas has taken another turn. Armed with a ruling from a three-judge panel in Washington approving a plan written by the Democratic-dominated Legislature, Secretary of State John Hannah has declared that a previous plan drawn. by three federal judges in Austin, which tended to favor Republicans, is no longer operative.

Got that? Pro-Democrat plan, in; pro-Republican plan, out. Of course, the GOP is screaming to high heaven, threatening lawsuits. Texas Republican Chairman Fred Meyer has accused Gov. Ann Richards, Attorney General Dan Morales and Hannah of a "bloodless coup." Hannah blandly responds that he is simply doing what the law requires him to do.

It's all most puzzling - particularly for those who naively thought that district lines should reflect natural boundaries and communities of interest rather than simply ensure the victory of this or that party.



That night, Captain MacIntyre was killed by a following sea.

and not expecting any visitors, Mohammed began to grow uneasy.

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Republicans gear up for Bush/Quayle campaign

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provements and support to students and the community.

Tech and strong support of the agricultural community, and a strong health care system for the people of Lubbock. These things are needed and supported by the community as well

tive about its platform, party officials recently announced they do not sup- age as Clinton and Gore, but in his didates," Mann said, referring to Bill port the right for women to have an case, it has turned into a question of his Clinton as a "draft-dodger." "We need strong funding for Texas abortion. Local Republicans say, how- capability," Duncan said. ever, the anti-abortion stand will not be a top issue at the convention.

past few months has been Quayle's paign at the grand opening ceremonies position on the ticket, but Duncan said for the offices located at 8008 as the Republican Party," Duncan said. the vice president is getting "a bad Abbeville.

Although the GOP has been secre- rap" because of his youth.

"It will be tough, but this is just the "Quayle is the same comparative beginning and we have the better can-

Mann said he believes the Scott Mann, chairman of the Re- president's decision to wait for the publican Party of Lubbock County, convention to announce the party plat-Another issue of speculation in the predicted the success of the Bush cam- form and priorities is going to be beneficial in gaining support.

"At first I didn't think it was the right way to go about it, but now I see how the people are anticipating the convention," Mann said.

Supporters predict the Bush/Quayle ticket will garner votes from Perot's grass-roots supporters with the convention beginning yesterday in Houston, said Tom Head, Republican candidate for Justice of the Peace in Precinct 1.

"Obviously people are tired of politicians acting like politicians. They want a change and the grass-roots movement is very important in this campaign," Head said.

He added that those changes must begin at the county level and given Lubbock's history of Republican support, Head predicted that Lubbock County Republican candidates will get a chance to make those welcomed changes.

"The last 12 years, the Lubbock community has elected Republican officials because we represent the mainstream philosophy," Head said.

News briefs

Home ec associate dean given award

Associate Dean of the College of Home Economics Ruth Martin has been presented with 1992 Professional Achievement Award in Family and Consumer Sciences by the Iowa State University Alumni Association in recognition of superior professional achievement.

Martin joined the faculty at Texas Tech in 1986 and was named associate dean in 1988.

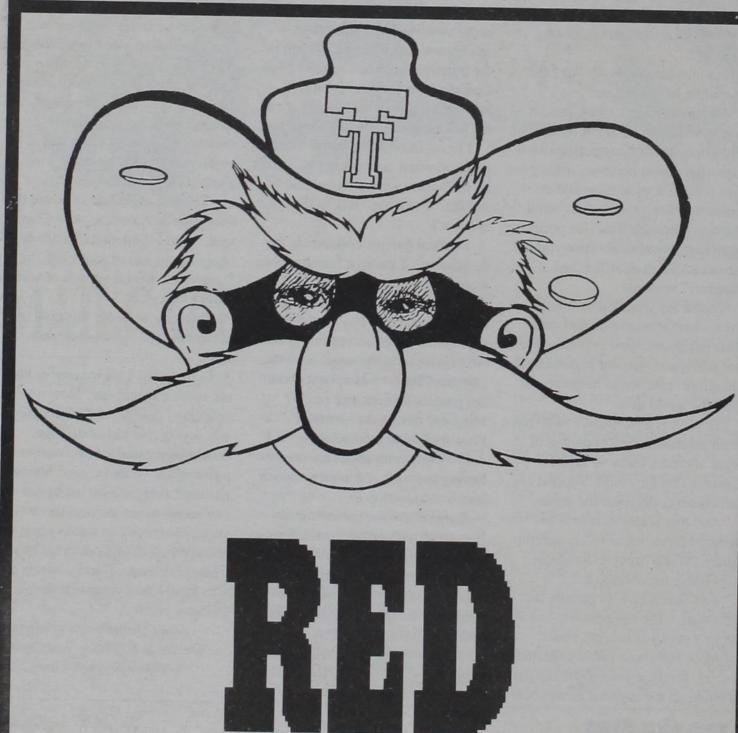
Prior to coming to Tech, Martin taught at North Dakota State University and Washington State University.

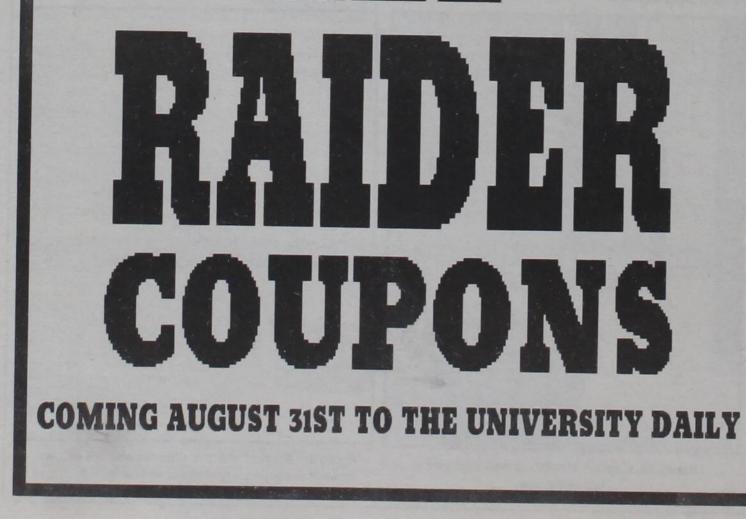
Horn professor given marketing award

Shelby D. Hunt, a Paul Whitfield Horn Professor of marketing at Texas Tech was selected as the recipient of the American Marketing Association/Irwin Distinguished Marketing Educator Award for 1992. Hunt will accept the award at the AMA's annual conference Aug. 9 in Chicago.

Recipients must be universally acknowledged as a long standing leader in marketing education and must also have made extensive and sustained contributions to marketing education as well as to the overall marketing discipline.







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NEWS



This is how it works

Mark Murray, a musician from Caldwell Studios in Lubbock, lectured to Steve Paxton at a workshop for electronic music. The workshop consists of a two-week course offered to students during the

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summer for credit. The workshop, which will continue until Friday, is sponsored by the Division of Continuing Education and the Texas Tech School of Music.

Testing continues on magnets for super collider

WAXAHACHIE (AP) -The in funds for next year. string of high-tech magnets that is the building block of the superconducting super collider has passed a critical test, scientists said Monday.

Energy Secretary James Watkins said the success of the test demonstrates "the strength of the scientific and industrial personnel associated with this project."

The milestone was reached as House and Senate conferees prepare to negotiate 1993 spending on the giant science project. House members voted to end the project but senators this month restored \$550 million

"It comes at a very good time for the laboratory," said Tom Dombeck, physicist in charge of testing at the collider. The magnets will be used to steer beams of protons around a 54mile oval. Collisions of the protons will be studied to learn more about the fundamentals of matter.

In the test performed Friday, six of the 40-foot-long magnets were linked together and turned on to a power of 6,550 amperes. An ampere is the standard unit of measure of electric current. Household appliances typically use about 2 or 3 amperes.

THE UNIVERSITY DAILY 5 **Sale of Double T license plates** help support scholarship fund

by KENDRA CASEY THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

Texas car owners have an opportunity to show their support for Texas Tech by purchasing Double T license plates.

Tech license plate sales and renewals have been responsible for contributing more than \$45,000 to scholarships since 1990 when Tech joined the ranks of participating schools in the Texas Department of Transportation's special plates program. The collegiate license plate program, which was authorized by the Texas Legislature in 1989, donates \$25 from each sale and renewal of Tech license plates to fund university scholarships based on financial need and academic achievement.

More than 1,700 license plates bearing the red double Temblem have been purchased since August 1990. Tech is ranked third in sales behind Texas A&M and the University of Texas. Twenty-one Texas schools participate in the special plates program, and purchasers include primarily students and ex-students but also university supporters.Collegiate plates are available for an annual \$30 fee in addition to the motor vehicle registration fee, and personalized plates are available for an additional \$40.

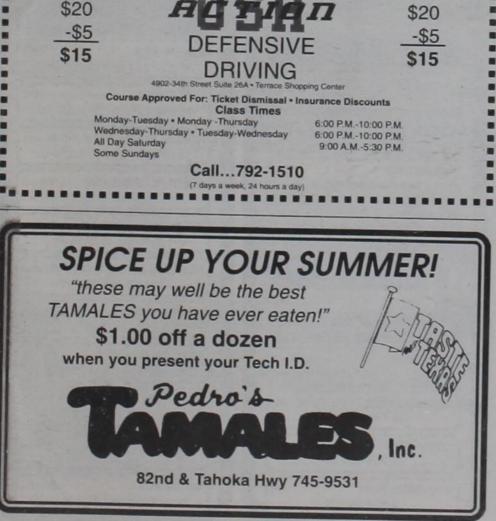
The \$25 donations from the sales and renewals are tax-deductible as

charitable contributions.

Applications for Tech license plates are available at the county tax assessor-collector's office and various locations on campus.







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Woody Allen admits to affair with daughter of leading lady

NEW YORK (AP) - Actor-director Woody Allen admitted Monday that he is having an affair with the in a statement issued by spokeswoman 21-year-old adopted daughter of his long-time companion, actress Mia gent, sensitive woman who has and Farrow

Regarding my love for Soon-Yi wonderfully positive way."

- it's real and happily all true," Allen said of Soon-Yi Farrow Previn Leslee Dart. "She's a lovely, intellicontinues to turn my life around in a

Allen, 56, denied that his affair he said. with Korean-born Soon-Yi is related to the custody lawsuit he filed last Thursday for three of Farrow's 11 children. One of the three is his biological son.

"They are totally separate issues,"



The relationship between Allen and Farrow, who worked together in 13 movies, began falling apart long before he started the affair with her daughter, a source said Monday.

Allen's relationship with Farrow began deteriorating two to three years ago, said the source, who knows the couple and discussed the relationship only on condition of anonymity.

His affair with her daughter began about seven months ago, "when the relationship with Mia was virtually over," the source said.

Farrow Previn, adopted while Farrow was married to pianist-conductor Andre Previn and now a college student in New Jersey, is no longer al-

lowed in Farrow's Manhattan home. the source said.

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Allen sued Farrow, 47, for custody of their adopted son, Moses, 14, their adopted daughter, Dylan, 7, and their biological son, Satchel, 4 1/2.

He charged in sealed court papers filed Thursday that she was an unfit mother, said a lawyer familiar with the papers who requested anonymity because of the seal.

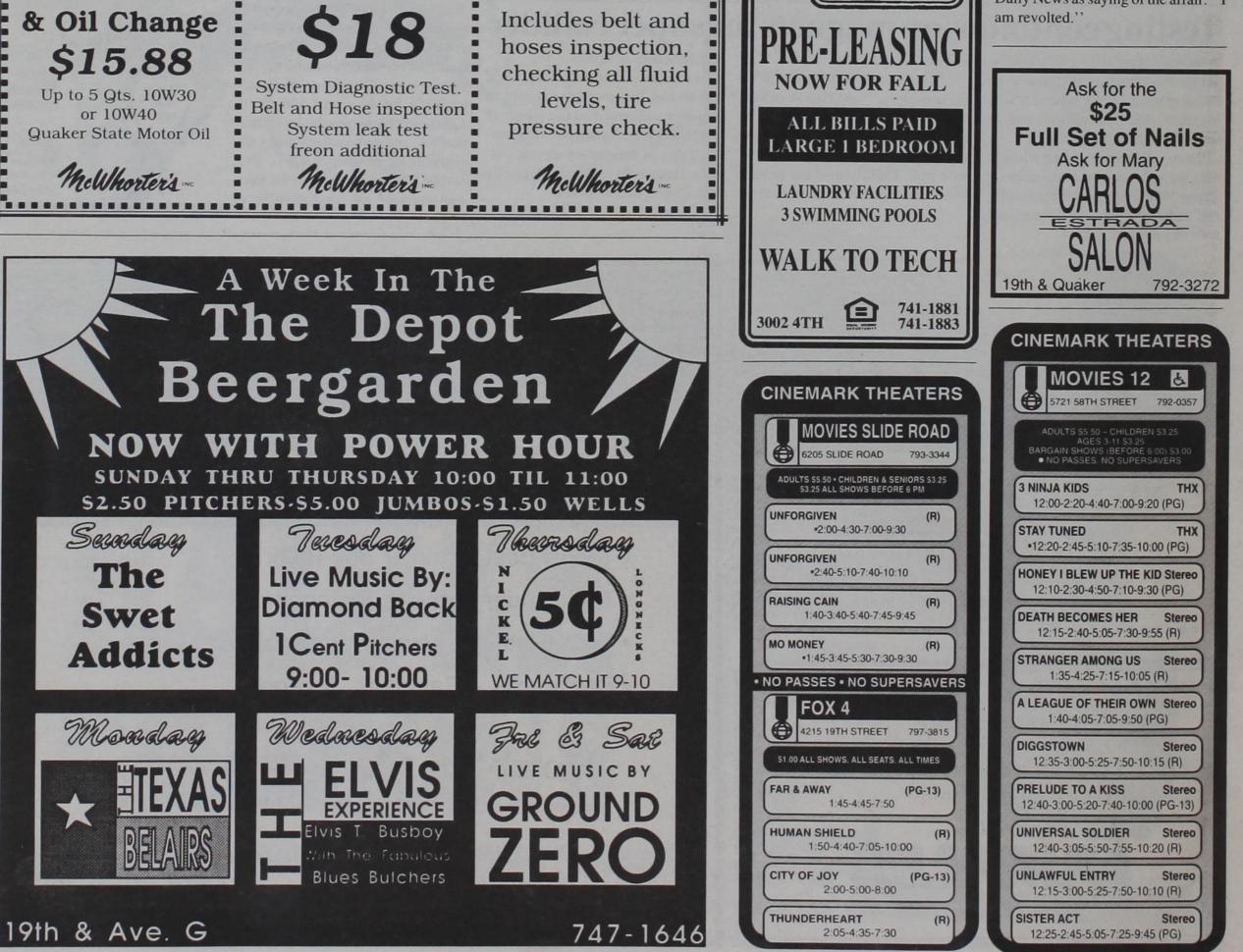
"In the matter of child custody: the last thing I wanted to do was go to court," Allen said. "I have tried agonizingly to work out the details privately, but finally I was left with no alternative.'

Allen said he has more to say but will wait until he gets to court.

Farrow's mother, actress Maureen O'Sullivan, came to her daughter's defense over the weekend, calling Allen "a desperate and evil man" and terming the lawsuit "a cheap shot."

O'Sullivan, 81, was quoted by the Daily News as saying of the affair: "I





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SPORTS

Ranger fans scorn slumping Sierra

ARLINGTON (AP) — Texas Rangers fans are frustrated, and it's showing.

The below-average Arlington Stadium crowd which attended Sunday's 6-0 loss to Detroit took out its aggression on outfielder Ruben Sierra, booing him when he popped out in the eighth.

"It made me feel mad, made me feel bad. I'm not happy," said Sierra, who responded by sarcastically tipping his batting helmet to the crowd twice. He was hitless in four at-bats, hitting only one ball out of the infield Sunday. Sierra, who is earning a clubrecord \$5 million, is batting .279 with 12 homers and 62 RBIs this season, but is hitting 49 points less with seven homers and 27 RBIs at home.

In 1991, he batted .320 with 12 homers and 61 RBIs at home. Although he is not the only Ranger

slumping, his high salary and pending free agency have made him a target of the fans' jeers.

"They forget about what I've done for five years before. This is a bad year, and they boo me," Sierra said. "They don't appreciate what we do here. They're (expletive) fans."

Of his gesture, Sierra said "I was trying to say thank you."

Texas, a major-league worst 27-36 at home, host the Chicago White Sox for three games beginning Tuesday.

No immediate disciplinary action was taken by the team against Sierra, who stayed in the game to play in the outfield in the ninth inning. He did not bat again.

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PITTSBURGH (AP) — With a losing 4 flitter and a flutter and a whole lot of shootout

flitter and a flutter and a whole lot of foolery, rookie Tim Wakefield's dancing knuckleball has given the Pittsburgh Pirates' pitching staff a much-needed wake-up call for the pennant race.

"He's been like catching lightning in a bottle," Pirates manager Jim Leyland said.

So far, that lightning has struck three teams: the Cardinals, Mets and Braves, and Wakefield has a 3-0 record and 1.32 ERA in four majorleague starts to show for it.

Wakefield, who started the season 10-3 at Triple-A Buffalo, has pitched at least eight innings in every start. He has two complete games and hasn't never allowed more than two runs in any outing. The Braves, whose pitching staff consisted of knuckleballing Phil Niekro and not much else for years, became the latest victim of Wakefield's wobbler, losing 4-2 Sunday in a weekend shootout of NL division leaders.

Atlanta had outscored Pittsburgh 22-5 in the first two games of the four-game series, only to be shut out on four hits until Greg Olson's tworun double in the ninth inning.

"His knuckleball is comparable to Phil Niekro's. His knuckleball is real," Pirates general manager Ted Simmons said.

Now the Braves know what other teams felt like trying to hit a pitch that tumbles like an out-of-orbit satellite in need of a NASA rescue mission.

"It's like a butterfly. It doesn't fly straight," the Braves' Otis Nixon

said. "It goes all over the place." One of just two pure knuckleballers in the majors — Charlie Hough is the other — Wakefield, 26, is a rarity among pitchers, a young gun who doesn't rely on heat or a sizzling slider.

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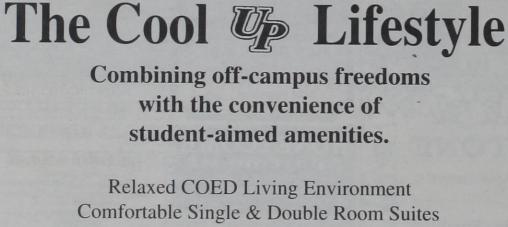
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