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Netanyahu apparent victor

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP)—Benjamin Netanyahu, nearing victory in a breathtakingly close election, sought to calm a nervous world Thursday by pledging to honor the peace commitments made to Arabs by the man he would replace, Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

Peres refused to concede defeat to his hard-line challenger, apparently clinging to the unlikely hope that the last absentee ballots, many of them cast by soldiers, would save his premiership.

With 99.9 percent of ballots counted, Netanyahu led by 21,399 votes — 1,416,280 votes to Peres' 1,394,881, or 50.3 percent to 49.7 percent, according to the Central Election Commission.

Still uncounted are 154,000 absentee ballots. Most absentee voters are soldiers who traditionally lean to the right, and although some Peres aides questioned the ballot-counting, they appeared to be preparing for defeat.

"The important thing is that we have a new prime minister, and I hope we'll all rally behind him,"

said Avraham Burg, a close Peres ally who heads the Jewish Agency for immigration issues.

In Gaza City, Palestinian officials expressed concern about a Netanyahu victory, but said the Likud leader could not reverse the autonomy agreements.

"The situation is going to be a bit more complex, but we are not in a panic," said Hanan Ashrawi, a member of the Palestinian legislative council elected in January.

President Clinton took a similarly cautious approach Thursday, pledging that U.S. policy would

remain constant: "If Israel is prepared to take risks for peace, we are determined to do our best to reduce the risks and increase the security of those who do that."

Netanyahu met with Likud Party leaders throughout the day, but aides said he would not begin efforts to form a government until the final vote tally was in.

"Netanyahu is committed to the achievement of peace with security between Israel and its neighbors, including the Palestinians," Netanyahu policy advisor Dore Gold told a news conference.

Israeli planes blast Hezbollah base

MARJAYOUN, Lebanon (AP)—Israeli warplanes blasted a Hezbollah base in east Lebanon Friday in apparent retaliation for a two-bomb guerrilla ambush that killed four Israeli soldiers in south Lebanon, security sources said.

They said a sprawling Hezbollah arms dump went up in flames near the ancient town of Baalbek as five Israeli fighter-bombers struck be-

fore dawn, jolting thousands of inhabitants out of slumber.

The bomb explosions, 15 minutes apart, heightened tension along Israel's northern frontier as the country waited for the final result of elections to choose a prime minister and parliament.

The outcome of Wednesday's voting could determine the fate of the Middle East peace process.

Much-needed precipitation does more harm than good

Chris Gray
The University Daily

The West Texas drought may have ended. For the first time in three months, Lubbock received rain twice in a week.

The drought has had a neutral effect on the production land at Texas Tech, said Richard Zartman, professor in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

"The farmers most impacted by the drought have been wheat production," he said.

"You can count on the wheat not being as good this year as it has been in the past," Zartman said.

"Some farmers who got rain are going to be in good shape if their crop wasn't blown away," he said.

"One drawback to the heavy rain is that the pooled water on the crops could drown them."

Farmers have been severely affected by the drought, and the rain this past week actually did more harm than help, said Wayne Huffaker, a farmer in the Woodrow area.

"The rain came in so fast and so hard that it washed the soil away and barely wet the roots," he said.

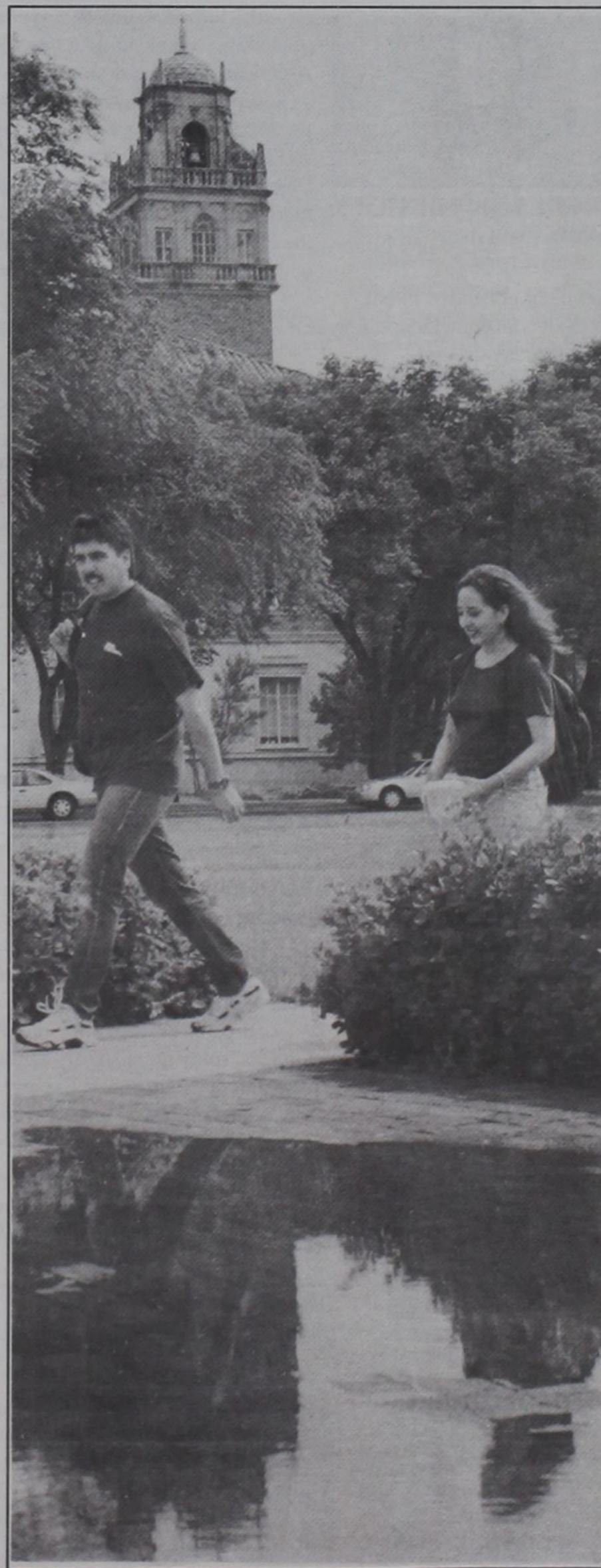
Now, because of the heavy rain and wind associated with this past weekend's storms, Huffaker will have to re-till his entire field and begin the planting process again.

"The wind with these storms blew my entire crop away," he said.

"What we need is a nice steady rain to saturate the fields," he said.

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Reflections



Patrick Bulteel: The University Daily

Dan Trevino, a senior computer sciences major, and Laura McBee, a graduate student, both from San Antonio, walk through Memorial Circle after an afternoon shower Thursday.

Weather:
Rain,
Windy

High: 84 Low: 61

Inside:

Shark attack:

Great White is on tour and on its way to the Hub City's Depot Warehouse Saturday. Find out why the band is planning to be "well-oiled" for the stop. Page 5

Movin' on up:

Texas Tech pitcher Ryan Brewer's move to the Lubbock Crickets is keeping the former Red Raider busy these days. The starter's opening game Wednesday was a pretty good beginning. Read about his major league plans. Page 9

These are the days

Worthless customs part of overdone holiday binge



NY LYNN NICHOLS

UD Copy Editor

Another Memorial Day has passed. Unfortunately, that is one of the few sensible holidays on the American calendar.

Soon other holidays will be upon us. Next on the list are Flag Day and Father's Day.

And while those make sense, there is a whole slew of others that the Holiday People in Let's Think of Another Holiday Land are show-

ing down our collective throat.

Maybe it is all coincidence; maybe it is a plot by Hallmark and flower shop owners.

Let's explore, shall we:

- Random Acts of Kindness Day/Week — This is the biggest crock. Anyone performing an act of kindness when it is designated and expects us to believe that it is "random" needs a reality check. This day/week began innocently enough when Oprah Winfrey and her crew caught people on tape performing actual acts of kindness. Of course, some lame viewers had to take all the attention the randomly kind people featured were getting and try to channel it their way. Really sad.

- Professional Secretaries Day — If there were a day for every profession ...

- Victoria Day (Canada) — Does anyone know what this means?

- Boxing Day (Canada) — See above.

- United Nations Day — Americans find themselves a bit disenchanted with the UN because whenever UN troops are designated as going somewhere, it's funny how that usually translates to U.S. troops going somewhere.

- Sweetest Day — Is this necessary in life?

- Children's Day — This is what Saturdays are for.

- Earth Day/Week — The 20th anniversary came, the 20th anniversary went, and so did everyone's interest.

- Arbor Day — See above.

- Take Your Daughter to Work Day — No. 1, these girls should be in school so as to prepare themselves for their work days down the line. No. 2, this is assuming that girls need a day like this and boys do not. Studies have established that girls have better grades, study more and are a little more serious in school. According to that, it does not sound like girls need a day like this at their age. No. 3, what better way to bore your daughter into avoiding the work force than by subjecting her to the very job over which you stress and miss many of her extracurricular activities.

Ny Lynn Nichols is a senior broadcast journalism major from Lubbock.



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South Plains water supply under scrutiny

Officials investigate West Texas' water in hopes of improving its quality, quantity

Emily Elsen

The University Daily

The implementation of a management plan created by a group of Texas Tech researchers could help long-term conservation and the taste of the High Plains water supply.

About 95 percent of people living in Lubbock, Amarillo and other West Texas regions use the Ogallala Aquifer, said Lloyd Urban, a Tech professor and director of the Water Resources Center in Tech's College of Engineering.

"The water supply has been in decline because of use," Urban said. "An initiated planning effort will allow for bottom-up planning instead of top-down planning from a user perspective."

Agricultural areas south of Lubbock have had to revert back to dry irrigation because their usable portions of the aquifer have been depleted, he said.

"The aquifer extends across the Texas Panhandle and into Oklahoma and other states, and for many years has been in decline," Urban said.

"The northern portions of the aquifer are thicker, and those areas

don't tend to run out quite as easily."

Tech has conducted research on the existing pipeline that brings water from Lake Meredith, Urban said. Tech officials are working on a project that uses carbon monoxide to adjust pH levels so mineral deposits inside can be dissolved, enabling the pipeline to carry more water, he said.

Lubbock and Amarillo use about 75 percent of the lake's daily output.

Complaints about the salinity of Lake Meredith has led to speculation about mixing groundwater from Roberts County with water West Texans drink from Lake Meredith, he said.

"The salinity of Lake Meredith is due to natural deposits of salt which are naturally discharged into the lake, not a matter of any industry or individual," he said. "There has been an effort to reduce the level of salts, and that has encountered difficulties."

The Tech researchers are in the process of securing funding for their program for water management, and Urban said he anticipates a wide-range of recommendations.

John Williams, director of Ca-

Lake Meredith

The secondary water source for Lubbock, Amarillo and other West Texas cities

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The saltiness of the Lake Meredith water is manageable by blending it with fresh well water

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A proposed \$80 million plan to mix water from Lake Meredith with water from Roberts County will improve the quality and quantity of tap water well into the 21st century

nadian River Water Authority, whose office is on the Lake Meredith shore near Sanford, said the water does not cause serious health problems, but admits it is not aesthetic.

The saltiness is manageable by blending the lake's water with fresh well water, he said, adding that it is only a stopgap measure.

"The water quality is getting worse and worse," Williams said. "The water in the lake eventually could get so bad it wouldn't meet drinking water standards."

The lake is fed by the Canadian River, which picks up its brackish cargo near the New Mexico border where a gargantuan aquifer of brine — up to 1 1/2 times saltier than sea water — seeps into the river through

geological fissures.

The aquifer is too large to empty, so water officials hope to merely divert the pressurized flow to the surface rather than into the river.

For more than a decade, the proposed solution has encompassed drawing brine from a shallow well near the river, sending it through a short pipeline and injecting it about 4,500 feet deep into the ground.

The problem is a recent pilot hole found that a mostly impermeable granite basement about 3,200 feet underground, making the original plan unworkable.

Officials are tinkering with other ideas to freshen up the Canadian River, including piping brine to remote injection wells and building an evaporation facility that

would produce pure water and salt, both of which can be sold.

"We do need to look at innovative options for handling brine," Wilson said.

The federal government has spent about \$2 million on the project, which was estimated to cost a total of \$11.5 million.

The injection project would take 10 years to 12 years to work even if it were begun immediately, Williams said. A short-term solution is the purchase and use of ground water from Roberts County, a sparsely populated area in the northeastern Texas Panhandle.

The \$80 million plan calls for mixing the Roberts County water with Lake Meredith's, improving the quality and quantity of tap water well into the 21st century.

"(Roberts County water) is an excellent short-term approach and will provide an immediate improvement," said Williams, who expects the additional water to begin flowing by the end of the decade.

"There is a danger of relying on it solely, though. It might get so bad eventually that that won't help anymore."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Drought

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Fifty-six million dollars has been shifted to provide sufficient funds to take care of current and expected loan applications for the USDA's emergency farm loan account because of the drought, U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, R-Texas, said in a news release.

Combest also expects word from the USDA to narrow the 25-day release date down to seven days so farmers can clear the crops from their fields in a shorter period once they have failed, rather than having to wait almost four weeks before they can replant another crop.

"The government in Washington cannot make it rain, but I am committed to working with USDA to provide every possible accommodation and assis-



Patrick Bulteel: The University Daily

Catch-22: Although the South Plains region was in need of rain, the recent precipitation may have done more harm than good.

tance in this time of drought," he said in the release.

"Producing food and fiber for the American people in a unique struggle is our main concern," Combest said.

"This drought brings those who are not in farming or ranching some beginning understanding for the natural hardships on depending on the weather to make a living."

Sedative pill tailored to rapist's needs

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — The night before Mark Perez was to stand trial, a prosecution witness sat weeping in her bathtub, praying Perez would be exposed as a rapist who drugged his victims with a cheap but potent pill.

She had but one brief memory of her unwilling encounter with Perez, which she says occurred after Perez gave her a drink laced with the illegal sedative Rohypnol, known among users and law enforcement officials alike as "roofies" or "date-rape pills."

"We were on the couch," she said. "I came to for about 45 seconds when he was pulling my clothes off. I said 'No, stop,' but my arms were like jelly. I then passed out again."

The Fort Lauderdale woman, who asked to be identified only by her first name, Lisa, remembers nothing more of the assault.

"You don't see, you don't hear, you don't know anything going

on," Lisa said. "Nothing. You're just like a dead person."

Ten times more powerful than the commonly prescribed sedative Valium, Rohypnol is used legally in 64 countries prior to surgery and to treat insomnia.

Banned in the United States, Rohypnol is nevertheless gaining in underground popularity, especially in Southern states and among teen-agers and people in their 20s.

Florida and Texas are hot spots for Rohypnol abuse, but the problem is spreading, according to the DEA, which in February counted some 2,400 Rohypnol investigations in 24 states.

Bob Nichols, the Broward County prosecutor who handled the Perez case, said no other drug is as tailored to a rapist's needs.

"We've never come up with a pill that has these specific characteristics," he said. "I know of no pill that erases your memory and takes effect in 10 minutes."

Whitewater chief witness to begin prison term today

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — David Hale, the former banker and chief witness during the Whitewater trial, begins serving a 28-month prison term today for defrauding the Small Business Administration.

Hale is scheduled to report to the Federal Correctional Institution at Fort Worth court officials said.

He also must pay \$2.04 million in restitution to the SBA.

Hale pleaded guilty in 1994 to two felony counts of defrauding the SBA by misrepresenting the amount of money he had in his Capital Management Services Inc. lending company in order to get more federal funding.



• Police Blotter •

The following information was compiled from University Police Department reports.

May 9	May 13	May 22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An officer investigated a bicycle theft at the Bledsoe Residence Hall bike rack. An officer investigated a class B criminal mischief in Stangel Residence Hall. An officer arrested a Texas Tech student on the west side of Murdough Residence Hall for disorderly conduct. The subject was transported to the Lubbock County Jail. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An officer investigated an indecent exposure in the 1200 block of Flint Avenue. An officer responded to a request for EMS in reference to a possible heart attack on the east concourse of the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. A non-student was transported by EMS to Methodist Hospital for treatment. An officer investigated a class B criminal mischief on the second floor of Murdough Residence Hall. An officer arrested a non-student for outstanding warrants from the Lubbock Sheriff's Office and the Lubbock Police Department. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An officer investigated a traffic accident involving a Tech vehicle at the University Center drive.
May 10	May 14	May 23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An officer arrested a juvenile for theft and failure to identify in the C1 parking lot. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An officer investigated a violation of campus policy. A student was referred to the Dean of Students Office. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An officer responded to a medical emergency at Holden Hall in reference to a staff member falling off a ledge. The employee was transported by EMS to St. Mary of the Plains Hospital.
May 11	May 15	May 28
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An officer arrested a juvenile for theft and failure to identify in the C1 parking lot. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An officer investigated an offense of criminal mischief at the Plant Stress and Water Conservation Laboratory. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An officer investigated a broken latch to the west gate at the Ranching and Heritage Center on Fourth Street.

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Sex offenders' names, other information public, Morales says

AUSTIN (AP) — People can get information about sex offenders who register with local law enforcement agencies even if they could use the information to identify the offenders' victims, Attorney General Dan Morales says.

The sex offender registration law "prohibits the release of any information 'that would identify the victim,'" Morales said in a legal opinion released Thursday.

But the law makes public information including the offenders' names, aliases, dates of birth, sex and race. Such information could be used to obtain court records, according to officials who requested Morales' opinion.

The law requires sex offenders to register with the law enforcement agency in the town or county they live within seven days of taking up residence.

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Great White rocks, rolls its way to Lubbock

Veteran '80s band plans 'well-oiled' audio onslaught

Peter Wilkins

The University Daily

With so-called "alternative" bands like Pearl Jam and Bush dominating the hard-rock scene these days, '80s arena-rockers may be tempted to don flannel shirts to avoid being swept into the "where are they now" bin. But for the members of veteran rock group Great White, their mission has always been clear: just keep playing straight-ahead rock 'n' roll.

"It's hard to say what is alternative these days," said Great White guitarist/keyboardist Michael Lardie. "Maybe 'rock 'n' roll' is underground. But bands like us, AC/DC, Aerosmith keep playing rock 'n' roll. The fans just keep coming."

Lardie, who described his band as "a bunch of blue-collar guys," said Great White's musical attitude is summed up best on its latest compact disc, *Let It Rock*. Unlike its previous release, *Sail Away*, which tended to the acoustic (read: mellow) side, "Let It Rock" is a collection of loud, hard-rocking

tunes that invite comparisons to the mighty Led Zeppelin, whom Great White has covered in the past with its version of "The Immigrant Song."

Founded in 1982, Great White has toured relentlessly in support of the group's 10 releases, usually staying on the road for a full year for every tour. Lardie described the band's existence as such: "We usually do a record, go on tour, come home, write songs, do a record. It's amazing to me. We have four very diverse personalities, but it works. Even after all this time, it's still all new to us."

Great White began its tour in Corpus Christi May 23 and will arrive in Lubbock Saturday at the Depot Warehouse for a 10 p.m. show. "We'll be well-oiled by the time we get to you guys," he said.

By "well-oiled," Lardie does not mean the band will be "lubed up." Unlike the stereotypical rock band, Great White is sober, although that was not always the case.

"I've kind of been out of that for a very long time," Lardie said of his drinking days. "To some extent,



Courtesy Photo

Great White

when we were home, there was some partying, but not much. With Jack (Russell, lead vocalist) and Mark (Kendall, lead guitarist), it pretty much happened at the same

time — a 'point of clarity.'"

In addition to staying sober on the road, Great White is very conscientious of the quality of its live performances, Lardie said.

"It's absolutely not like 'Spinal Tap,'" he said. "We're very technically-minded people. This is what we do for a living, this is our passion. I think being home is boring."

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The Cure still moody after all these years

Peter Wilkins
The University Daily

The Cure's latest release *Wild Mood Swings* is aptly titled. The compact disc careens along an emotional roller coaster, carrying the listener on a sonic trip through anguish, despair, happiness and everything in between. Few sing-

ers are as capable of conveying pure emotion via sound and lyrics as Cure front man Robert Smith, and on *Wild Mood Swings* he once again weaves his irresistible spell amid a collage of swirling guitars, keyboards and orchestral instruments.


The disc opens with "Want," a brooding ode to Smith's covetous

nature. From there the disc goes to "Club America," a rocking guitar extravaganza along the same lines as "Never Enough" from 1989's *Disintegration*. "The 13th" is a Latin-flavored ditty with an irresistibly catchy chorus, complete with horns, while "Round & Round & Round" is a bouncy romp.

No Cure album would be complete without its fair share of quintessential I'm-so-depressed songs, and *Wild Mood Swings* is no exception. In the almost 20 years since The Cure has been around, Smith has gained a somewhat well-deserved reputation as a melancholy-monger. Millions of bummed-out fans marvel at his ability to capture their feelings of angst and sadness, and on cuts like "Numb" and "Bare," Smith is in rare form.

Unlike previous discs that seemed to be uniformly melancholy, Smith seems to have cheered up a little on the last couple of releases. He is still at his best when he's depressed, but lately he has been able to write goofy, happy songs as well. Maybe all those gold records and millions of dollars have had a therapeutic effect. The paradox is that even when he writes about being in a good mood, Smith's lyrics are still tinged with

Artist: The Cure
Title: *Wild Mood Swings*



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a touch of desperation that seems to make them all the more poignant and believable.

The Cure has gone through many a lineup change in its extensive history, but the group has always sounded like several different bands on the same album. Part of this is because Smith has always had a knack for finding great musicians, but it is probably more because Smith is The Cure.

He has never been afraid to take chances or go against the grain. *Wild Mood Swings* features an almost entirely new band than the one on The Cure's last CD, *Wish*, but it sounds like it has been jamming together for years. Chalk it up to Smith's never-ending well of talent and his ability to craft great songs no matter who he's playing with at the moment.

Nicholson's prom photograph causes stir

LYNCHBURG, Va. (AP) — It was no scandal when a photo of a Lynchburg minister dancing with Jack Nicholson appeared this month in *People* magazine.

The photograph was from Nancy Purcell's senior prom back in 1953. "He was just a kid like the rest of us," said Purcell, who was then

Nancy Smith and is now pastor of Unity in the Seven Hills church.

Purcell said she hadn't planned to attend the prom in Manasquan, N.J., because she had just broken up with her boyfriend. But Nicholson asked her, so she went. "We both liked acting," she said.

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Cricketers land former Tech ace

Chris Gray
The University Daily

Ryan Brewer, the newest addition to the Lubbock Cricketers, recorded his first professional loss Wednesday at the hands of the Abilene Prairie Dogs. He surrendered four runs on five hits, striking out six batters in six innings of work.

Brewer, the former Texas Tech pitcher, said he is pleased with his debut performance.

"The only thing I regret about the game is the fact that I gave up a home run," he said.

Brewer said he had no regrets leaving Tech because he was a senior and considers baseball his career.

"All I want is to come in here

and get outs and win the game," he said.

The right-hander from Denton led the Red Raider pitching staff this season with a 10-3 record. He logged 104 2/3 innings while posting a 3.53 ERA.

Monday, Brewer was named to the NCAA Central II Regional Tournament Team along with teammates Dave Lindstrom and Matt Miller.

"Ryan has a power arm like we were looking for in an entry-level guy," Cricket manager Greg Minton said.

Brewer said he enjoys being a member of the Cricketers (7-4 over-



Brewer

all) and looks forward to this season. However, he said the Red Raiders may still be a part of his future.

"I'm not totally leaving Tech," he said. "I am going to student coach next year if I don't get drafted."

There is a clause in Brewer's contract stating if he is drafted by a major league team, the Cricketers will release him.

"I would definitely go to any team that decides to draft me — no questions," he said.

Brewer and the rest of the Cricketers were scheduled to kick off their home schedule with a game against the Amarillo Dillas Thursday.

The game was postponed due to rain and will be made up with a doubleheader at 5:05 p.m. Sunday at Dan Law Field.

Resilient Panthers force game seven with 4-3 win

MIAMI (AP) — The resilient Florida Panthers, stifling Mario Lemieux and Jaromir Jagr all game, still have more hockey to play this season.

Florida's Rob Niedermayer won a faceoff, raced to the net and scored on his own rebound late in the third period, giving the Panthers a 4-3 victory over Pittsburgh on Thursday night and sending the Eastern Conference championship series to a seventh game.

With the Colorado Avalanche waiting for their opponent in the Stanley Cup finals, Pittsburgh couldn't put Florida away and played catchup most of the night. Game 7 will be in Pittsburgh on

Saturday night.

Once again the plastic rats flew from the stands as Florida solved Penguins goaltender Tom Barrasso, who had allowed one goal in six periods going into the game.

The Panthers continued to shut down the scoring tandem of Lemieux and Jagr. The top two regular-season scoring leaders were held without a goal for the fourth straight game — the first time that has occurred this season.

With Pittsburgh's supermen being denied again, the Penguins had to rely on Joe Dziedic, Glen Murray and Tomas Sandstrom for their goals.

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Jazz trio sends series to Game 7

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The NBA Finals will have to wait once again. The Utah Jazz aren't finished making the Seattle SuperSonics look miserable.

The final score was 118-83, the latest in a long line of postseason routs at the Delta Center. Karl Malone had 32 points, 10 rebounds and seven

assists. Jeff Hornacek was as dead-eye as usual with 23 points and even John Stockton coaxed a good game out of his battered body with series-highs of 14 points and 12 assists.

Game 7 will be Sunday at Seattle, and Utah will be seeking to become just the sixth team in NBA history to come back from a 3-1 deficit.

Mavs to name Cleamons as head coach

DALLAS (AP) — Chicago Bulls assistant coach Jim Cleamons will be named Friday as the new head coach of the Dallas Mavericks, the team said Thursday.

Mavericks spokesman Kevin Sullivan said, "Jim Cleamons will be named as head coach tomorrow at noon. That's about all I can say at this point."

Cleamons, interviewed in Chi-

cago, declined to confirm the speculation.

"I have no comment," he said. "I have no plans to interview with Dallas today and I'll just have to wait and see what happens down the line."

Cleamons' status was advanced this week after the team obtained permission from Chicago to interview him, *The Dallas Morning*

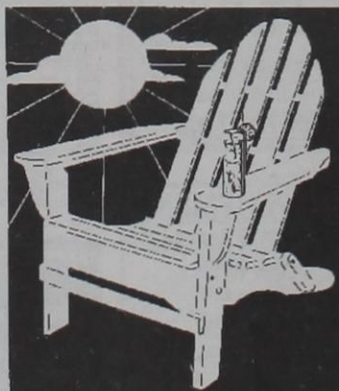
News reported in Thursday's editions.

For the general manager's position, the Mavericks were meeting with Los Angeles Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak Thursday and Friday in Dallas. Kupchak is the second candidate for Norm Sonju's job, following former Washington Bullets general manager John Nash's visit last week.

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