

# Tech responds to Ag Dept. audit Letter to Farm Service Agency disputes some allegations, agrees with others

#### **James Walker**

The University Daily

Texas Tech officials responded last week to the findings of a U.S. Department of Agriculture audit of Tech's federally-funded farm loan mediation program.

In a letter to the administrator of the Farm Service Agency, the branch of the Agriculture Departagreed with others.

Kent Kay, Tech's director of internal audits, said the letter speaks mation of Tech's commitment to for itself and requires no additional the loan mediation program. explanation.

riculture Department along with four people," Kay said. Tech Research Vice Provost Robert Sweazy.

ceive federal grant money.

officials stated some employee Department audit. salaries were included in the cost sharing estimates.

The program has been reorganized, and we're basically down to four people.

Kent Kay, Tech's director of internal audits

ment responsible for overseeing these faculty members, the extent the program, Tech officials dis- of any services they may have proputed some of the allegations and vided is not supported in writing," the letter stated.

The letter begins with a reaffir-

"The program has been reorga-Kay signed the letter to the Ag- nized, and we're basically down to

Several employees whose term of employment recently ended will Before 1994, Tech was required not be replaced, he said. The previto provide matching funds to re- ous administrator of the program, Gary Condra, resigned in May af-In the letter to the FSA, the ter the release of the Agriculture agement and operation ... has not

Tech Agricultural Financial Analy-"Through our interviews with sis division, the letter reported.

The officials go on in the letter to refute allegations that Condra's salary was excessive and travel expenses associated with Condra's trips to State Bar Association and other professional organizations were not directly related to the program.

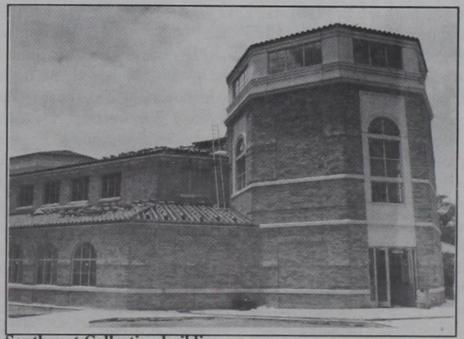
"Since we believe these activities enhanced the Administrator's ability to conduct effective mediation, we take issue with the finding that these expenses were not appropriate," the letter stated.

The audit also charged that a portion of the grant funds were allocated to an account entitled "Mediation Training," but those funds were not used for training and, instead, were used for salaries and operating costs.

Tech's response acknowledged the funds were used for administrative costs, but stated mediators did receive training.

Officials stated: "While the manbeen perfect, the program has In addition, Tech dissolved the served the purpose of bringing conflicted parties to a point of resolving their differences."

# Getting there



Southwest Collection building Patrick Bulteel: The University Daily Renovations, new construction:

just another summer at Tech **James Walker** 

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is no exception.

Construction projects are by the university.

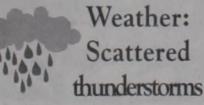
The new Southwest Collecby the middle of August, said said.

to the Americans with Disabilities Act."

The athletic offices are re-Construction is an ever- ceiving an addition of more ofpresent part of life on the Texas fice space, and the Red Raider Tech campus, and this summer Club is planning to move into the offices, she said.

Meanwhile, the Grounds under way at several places on Maintenance Department is campus, as well as at Tech's busy with projects like widen-New Deal facility and the Pyra- ing the entryway to Thompson mid Plaza office complex owned Hall, said Dewey Shroyer, director of Grounds Maintenance.

"We're constantly working tion building, which was started on access improvement for the last spring, should be completed mobility impaired," Shroyer



### High: 94 Low: 70

#### Inside:

#### "They're here!":

The aliens have arrived and - surprise! - they're not too friendly. See what all the "Independence Day" hype is about and whether this Earth-vs.-Flying-Saucers flick is worthy of all the publicity. Page 9

### Powell says no to Dole's VP offer

ger to tap his enormous popularity, Colin Powell said Monday he did GOP candidates this fall.

In an interview with AP Network News, Powell again said flatly he was not interested in serving as Dole's vice presidential running mate.

He said he had been in touch Powell along on campaign trips. with officials planning next month's Other GOP leaders have spoken of Republican National Convention but "I don't know that I will play a role."

Dole has said recently that he

WASHINGTON (AP) - Dis- takes Powell at his word when the appointing Republican leaders ea- retired general says he is not interested in sharing the ticket.

In any event, Powell's views on not plan to campaign for presiden- abortion and affirmative action tial hopeful Bob Dole or any other would make him a tough sell to conservative GOP delegates.

> Still, Dole has said he would turn to Powell for advice on defense and foreign policy matters and on several occasions has talked eagerly of the prospect of taking finding ways for the party to involve Powell in congressional campaigns and perhaps fund-raising. Dole aides were disappointed.

Teresa Drewell, director of Facilities Planning.

"We should be able to start he said. moving in by September," Drewell said.

Center next to the Texas Tech ing thing." Museum is scheduled to be complete Aug. 1, she said.

The Engineering Technology Lab will be completely renoof December, she said.

ditioning and make it conform Plant and the C-6 Parking Lot.

ADA compliance work is done as funds become available,

"If we're not putting in new stuff, we're taking out the old The International Cultural stuff," he said. "That's an ongo-

Other current access improvement projects include a walkway from the Law School to Thompson and Gaston halls and vated starting in August and repairs on existing ramps and should be completed by the end walkways, Shroyer said. The Grounds Maintenance Depart-"No improvements have been ment also is adding several made on the Engineering Tech- Citibus stops around campus, nology Building since it was he said. The new stops will be at first built in 1961," Drewell said. Thompson Hall, the Adminis-"We're going to put in air-con- tration Building, the Physical

# OPINION

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#### Whatchu talkin' 'bout, Willis?

To the editor:

else who has read Greg Hoffman's or even registered in a parish. Like been present and active in Hitler or commandment is "You shall have accepting them as they are the letter from Friday (6/28). Even many others, Hitler simply dropped in Germany, the horrors of the Nazi no other gods before me." though I have read his letter many out. His world view was formed, Era would not have occurred. times, I still cannot figure out what not by the Catholic religion, but by the heck he said. But I do have a extremenationalism, a concept that theory as to what was going through was and is antithetical, at least in his mind as his spaceship was crash- theory, to Christianity. Because ing to earth. I think Hoffman lis- Hitler did not pretend to be an obtened to the radio conversation and servant Catholic or someone in continued to debate in his mind good standing with the Church, a letter to the editor which conafter the caller hung up. Hoffman there would have been no point in sisted of much historical truth. The then wrote in excerpts from his excommunicating him. Excommu- religious content of this letter was mental conversation in the form of nication is reserved for those who very misguided, however. From a half-thoughts and fragmented sen- purport to be in communion with Christian perspective I would like in the waters below. You shall not judge what someone else is doing tences. To make matters worse, the Church. Rather than via com- to respond to the following state- bow down and worship them .... even if we know that it is disobey-Hoffman flipped through a thesau- munication, Church criticisms of rus so he could use really big words Hitler were exhibited in other ways, to make all that nonsense sound for example, in the 1937 Papal letlegitimate. All this had the exact ter, Mit Brennender Sorge, which opposite effect from what he in- was an attack against Nazi ideoltended.

Call me masochistic, but I would smuggled into and read in almost almost like to see Greg Hoffman all Catholic churches in Germany. write in again and try to clear up The more that one studies the life of what he is attempting to communi- Hitler, the more one becomes concate. He will need a few tips like vinced of his total, uncompromisgetting someone to proofread the ing hostility to Christianity. In his letter, using regular words that Table Talk, compiled during World normal people on earth can under- War II, Hitler expresses his hatred stand, and using sentence struc- of the churches - many of whose tures that were taught in basic En- better members opposed him -glish classes. Give it the old col- and signified his commitment to lege try, Greg! Heck, give it three destroy them utterly, once his other or four tries before you turn in your foes, such as the Soviet Union, next letter.

Bryan Cotton been defeated. So much for Adolf Hitler, Christianity

Hitler as a practicing Christian who their loyalty to the Führer and not with the Ten Commandments. for us to worship instead they serve Hitler was indeed baptized a Catho- come to power or at least not to the ments." lic, but there is no reliable evidence plenitude of power that he ultithat Hitler practiced his religion mately exercised. beyond his early teen-age years. There are no verifiable records that is alleged, live and die as a Chris-Hitler, as an adult, prayed, wor- tian and Nazi Germany was not a an introduction to all of them, not

I am just perplexed as everyone shipped, received the Sacraments, Christian state. Had Christianity as the first commandment. The first

#### **Religious letter's** content misguided To the editor:

ments in his letter.

headed, in the letter's words, "a to God. Many participated in mur- After all the first commandment as reminders of all that God has Christian state." Born in 1889 to der and other high crimes. Had is 'I am YHVH ... 'Most churches given us. He gave the ultimate sac-Catholic parents who resided in an Germany been a truly Christian do not include this one in their rifice and Christians choose to wear almost totally Catholic community, country, Hitler would not have version of the 'Ten Command- across and have other objects which

> Technically this is not a com- love for his children. mand at all, God is simply stating part of the first commandment and

"Most churches advocate Otto M. Nelson making and wearing crosses or crucifixes and having images of things in their follower's homes like ceramic birds, angels, etc."

On June 28, Kyle Kelton wrote one of the Ten Commandments? The Commandments state: "You Jesus also said, "If any one of you shall not make for your self any is without sin, let him be the first to false idols in the form of anything throw a stone" (John 8:7). It is not in heaven or on the earth beneath or the place of anyone on this earth to Most of these objects which you ing Gods laws. "Most churches do disagree refer to do not serve as false idols

serve as a reminder of his undying

"Metropolitan Churches all In summation, Hitler did not, as the facts. This statement is made as over the country as well as a few other 'brands' promote homosexuality. Unitarian churches and Episcopalians tolerate them, way Jesus accepts the sinner."

> Accepting someone and tolerating their actions is not promoting a sin. This is doing what Jesus told us to do when he said, "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the How in any way is this breaking same way you judge others, you will be judged..." (Matt 7:1-2).

> > **Jenay Oliphant**



To the editor:

Germans, coming out of a Chris-A June 28 letter to the editor tian history, lamentably failed to concerning Hitler and Nazi Ger- live up to their religious responsimany requires some comment. The bilities. Many Christians - Cathoauthor attempts to portray Adolf lics, Lutherans and others -gave

Britain and the United States, had

On the other hand, the mass

Hitler.

ogy and practices and which was

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# Tech students tour nuclear weapons test site

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Students participating in the of mathematics. TexPREP Lubbock program at educational tour at notable nuclear PREP programs, she said. weapons test sites.

ics, engineering and science, said TexPREP Lubbock. Dana Byerly, associate professor

"This is a great opportunity for and Phoenix. TexPREP was established in our students who have been here 1977 in San Antonio and is de- for three years to take a field trip to Mead, Hoover Dam, the Yucca Amarillo National Resource Cen- next year," he said. signed for pre-college students who such an exciting location," said Mountain Test Site, the Palo Verde ter for Plutonium, Amoco Oil Co., have demonstrated a potential for Charles Kellogg, associate profes- Power Plant and the Grand Can- the Howard Hughes Medical Insti- turn Wednesday.

careers in the areas of mathemat- sor of mathematics and director of yon, Byerly said.

tional Research Center for Pluto- tending classes, lectures and lab. The Lubbock site is one of 19 nium are underwriting expenses Texas Tech left Monday for an locations designated to host the that will enable 16 South Plains based on the academic ability and area youths to travel to Las Vegas desire of the individual student, pany members of a sister program

The students will visit Lake

Students who participate in the Officials at the Amarillo Na- program spend six hours daily at-Acceptance into the program is

Kellogg said.

TexPREP is supported by the

tute, the State of Texas, NASA, Texas Instruments, Tech's colleges of Arts and Sciences and Engineering and the department of mathematics.

The PREP group will accomat Amarillo College, Kellogg said.

"We hope to go on a similar trip

Students are scheduled to re-

# New art featured at museum; Curtis, Kloss most recent to add exl

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two artists.

opened June 30 in the balcony galremodeled print gallery.

Graphic Works by Kloss was

Executive Director Gary Edson.

"In 1984, the Museum of Texas The museum of Texas Tech Tech University completed a col-University was presented Sunday lection of six decades of graphic spiring and limitless material for most practitioners of the fine art of with the new graphic art work of works by print maker Gene Kloss," an artist there is, Kloss said. said Edson. "Throughout a prolific Photogravures of Edward Curtis career demonstrating a mastery of the artist away from nature and has tograph and results in a fine art copper plate etching, Kloss made lery, and Graphic Works by Gene her life work the creation of sensi-Kloss opened Sunday in the newly tive, sympathetic interpretations of the southwest and its people."

and artistic vision has not waned. Anyone who knows the west depth.

and southwest can realize what in-

"The industrial society has lead put the emphasis on city life," she said.

American artist of the past largely Kloss was born in Oakland, Ca- as a "picturesque" subject, Kloss the first show to be presented in the lif., and is now more than 80 years said. There has been little effort to Edson said.

renovated space, said Museum old. But, Edson said her strength reflect Indian life as a living thing,

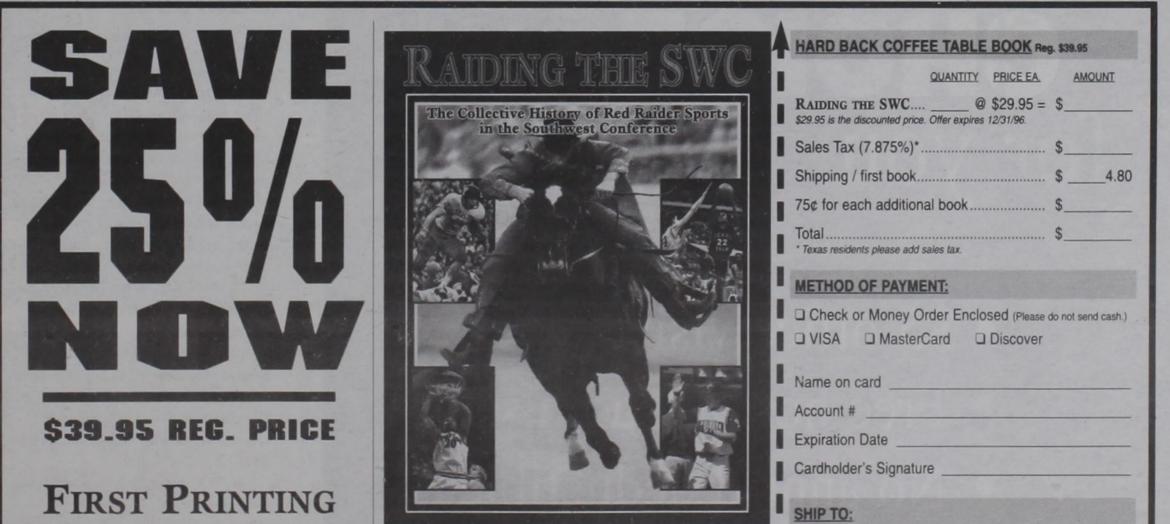
Curtis was one of Americas fore- can imagery, he said. photogravures, Edson said.

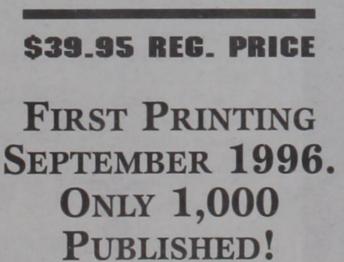
The process begins with a phoprint, rather like etching. Though holdings, Edson said. popular near the end of the last The Indian was regarded by the century as a method of producing play and can be seen on the second images from publications, the process is almost a lost art form today,

The museum's extensive colto appreciate its charm, dignity and lection of Curtis' works presents yet another vision of Native Ameri-

> Photogravures of Edward Curtis and Graphic Works by Gene Kloss are a carefully selected group of works from the larger museum

Both artists works are on disfloor of the Museum of Texas Tech located at Fourth Street and Indiana Avenue.





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# Competition could be costly for Texas electric industry

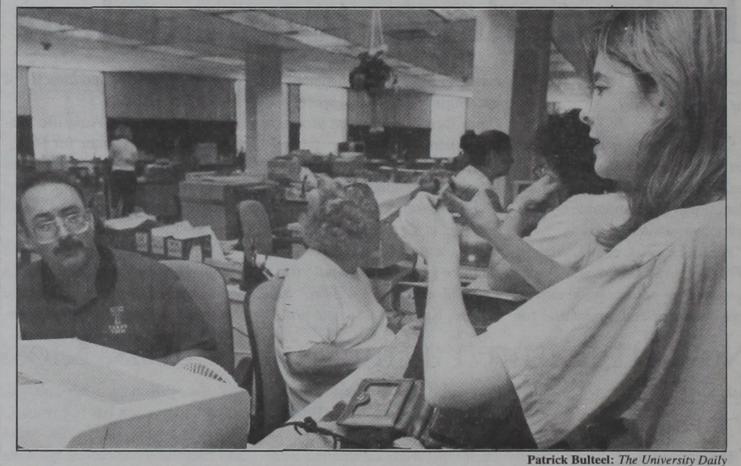
industry.

wouldn't be able to recover at com- - or whether to do so at all. petitive market rates, according to company filings last week with the those in favor of competition state Public Utility Commission. disagree about what the estimates One company, Texas Utilities Elec- mean. The utilities also contend tric Co., estimates that such "ex- that the commission's model for cess" costs could be as high as estimating the rates - which utili-\$10.5 billion.

The estimates were prepared to it tends to understate the losses.

AUSTIN — Full-fledged, im- help the commission determine the mediate competition could be very potential effects of competition on expensive for the Texas electric the electric industry, especially on recovering money that utilities have The state's largest electric utili- already spent on expensive nuclear ties estimate that in the worst case, power plants. The issue is critical injecting competition immediately for lawmakers and regulators tryinto the electric market could saddle ing to figure out how to make the them with more than \$23 billion in transition from a regulated to a previous expenses that they fully competitive electric market

> The two sides — the utilities and ties had to use - is flawed, and that



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Registration Fun: Amy Wood, a junior family plan- ID to Norman Looney from admissions and records ning major from Albuquerque, N.M., gives her Tech so that she can register for summer II classes.

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# **TTUHSC** doctors nationally recognized

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the Texas Tech University Health peers is an extraordinary honor." Sciences Center will be honored in the book "The Best Doctors in munities in Texas, Arkansas, Colo-America: Central Region," a list- rado, Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma, ing of medical experts from 14 states.

The book is based on a survey of more than 10,000 physicians in the Central United States.

The physicians were asked to rank the clinical abilities of their peers outside of their area of expertise.

said the list is based on selections Nebraska. New Mexico. North from doctors.

If he needed a cancer specialist, ming. this book would be the place to look, Waagner said. If his wife Lubbock, 50 percent are Health needed a gynecologist, this book Sciences Center faculty. would offer the names of doctors that other doctors trust, he said.

physicians in the book.

said. "To be chosen as one of the More than 60 physicians from best doctors in my field by my Doctors were chosen from com-

L think this book will be a great reference tool.

Wallace Marsh, pediatrician

Pediatrician David Waagner Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Dakota, South Dakota and Wyo-

Of the physicians chosen from

Some doctors, however, were order only. unaware of the book and never Waagner is one of the TTUHSC participated in the survey.

"I got a letter from (Tech) Presi-"This is a big honor for me," he dent (Don) Haragan telling me congratulations," said pediatrician Wallace Marsh.

"I was completely unaware that my name was listed in this book," he said.

Marsh said he is pleased to be listed in the book and plans to own several copies himself.

"I think this book will be a great reference tool for people to look for doctors for the first time," he said.

Marsh said the book will probably be used mostly by college students unless they already have a doctor in Lubbock.

Students also may want to use the book to get a second opinion from another doctor, he said.

"The Best Doctors in America: Central Region" is available for doctors listed in the book by mail

It will be available to students in six to eight weeks.

# Bertha first hurricane of Atlantic season; threatens Caribbean

day, menacing Puerto Rico and parched islands. the U.S. and British Virgin Islands with 80 mph winds.

and racing to the west-north- "I've been crying all morning. west at 20 mph, which puts it on Packing up and crying." course to cross directly over St. day.

Thirty miles south of island.

ists scrambled in the Virgin Is- season is June 1 to Nov. 30.

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, lands to safeguard themselves U.S. Virgin Islands (AP) — and their belongings as a band Bertha became the first hurri- of lighter showers that preceded cane of the Atlantic season Sun- the storm added water to the

"I'm so scared," said Daphne Vanterpool, gulping back tears At 1 a.m. EDT Monday, Ber- as she stood in the living room tha was just south of Barbuda of her home on St. Thomas.

Like hundreds of others, she Thomas - the main U.S. Vir- lost her roof to Hurricane gin Island - about 8 a.m. Mon- Marilyn last September, and still has not repaired it.

Hurricane warnings were is-Barbuda, power on Antigua was sued for all of the Caribbean's cut and its two radio stations northeastern islands, as far away went off the air after 59 mph as the Dominican Republic, afgusts and showers and squalls ter the storm quickly formed spun off by Bertha buffeted the into the second storm of the Atlantic season and its first hurri-Residents and stranded tour- cane. The Atlantic hurricane





NEWS

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### Learning to duplicate Mother Nature

# Weather officials testing how to make clouds rain

#### **Chris Gray**

The University Daily

new techniques.

One option for causing rain, Weather Service officials.

called cloud seeding, is being tested in southeast Texas.

Developing ways to make a cumulus cloud where superclouds rain has been around for cooled water droplets stick to tiny almost four decades, and scientists windblown soil or dust particles falling to the earth, said National

A shortage of ice particles in the and dry ice. cloud, however, could lead to tiny Precipitation begins in the top of droplets eventually mixing with the from a plane into cloud tops. drier air outside the cloud and evaporating, officials said.

form, officials said. The most com-

The silver iodide is launched

Officials said seeded droplets turn into hexagon-shaped ice crys-Cloud seeding involves provid- tals and attract more droplets as say now is a good time to try some and freeze, becoming heavier and ing enough ice particles for ice to they fall. Without seeding, droplets would be much smaller by the research in which they tried to inmon agents used are silver iodide time they hit the ground, or would crease rainfall in thunderstorms. evaporate completely.

> from 30 minutes to four hours, and ment. scientists with the National successful, it can add 45 minutes to effective way to produce rain. the life of a rain-cloud system and increase rainfall up to 30 percent.

Gerald Jurica, associate professor in atmospheric science, said he produce rain, he said. has been working on research reing at Texas Tech in the mid-1970s.

vestigated how summer clouds ground.

form and how to increase the number of water droplets in those clouds.

"The research was in the Big Spring area and focused on making clouds rain," Jurica said.

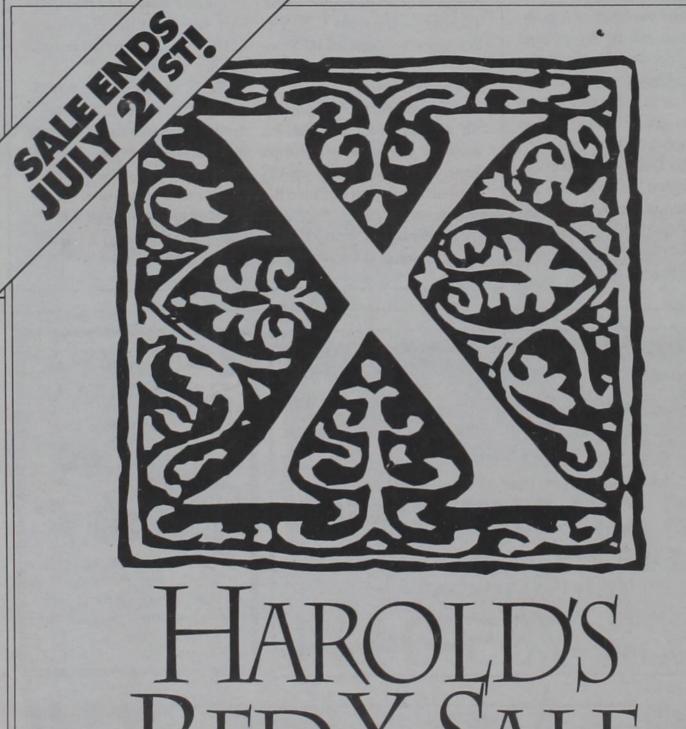
In 1986-87 he was involved in

Jurica was primarily responsible A cloud-seeding mission can last for the development of the experi-

He said studies conducted on Weather Service estimate that, if cloud seeding show this to be an

> There are a large number of clouds that do not rain naturally, and cloud seeding helps the clouds

Jurica said High Plains Undergarding cloud seeding since arriv- ground Water Conservation District officials are investigating cloud A program entitled Hiplex in- seeding using instruments from the



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### Wisconsin prisoners might find home in Texas jails

MADISON, Wis. (AP) - year, he said. State officials are ready to begin negotiations with two Texas tions staff is ready to begin necounties for a contract to move gotiations with jail officials from 100 prisoners to jails in San Bexar County in San Antonio Antonio or the Dallas-Fort and Hood County in Granbury, Worth area, Corrections Secre- about 50 miles southwest of tary Michael Sullivan said.

A Department of Corrections said. team recently visited seven to rent empty jail cells.

Sullivan said last week that he hoped to have a contract with Prosser, R-Appleton, who proone county ready for review by posed the Texas transfers, said the Legislature's Joint Finance the state could rent a jail cell for Committee in September.

transferred before the end of the convict in Wisconsin prisons.

The Department of Correc-Dallas-Fort Worth, Sullivan

Wisconsin's inmate popula-Texas counties that are offering tion totals 12,257, about 3,000 over capacity

Assembly Speaker David \$45 a day, compared with the About 100 inmates could be \$55 a day it costs to maintain a

#### Mexican drug lord's property seized in Monterrey

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) houses, two warehouses, and more than 90 lots belonging to accused drug lord Juan Garcia Abrego.

Details were reported Monday by the La Jornada newspaper.

Garcia Abrego has been charged Mexico has confiscated 28 in Houston with drug trafficking, the Monterrey area. The Mexican money laundering and engaging in attorney general's office valued the a continuing criminal enterprise.

He was arrested near Monterrey,

The confiscated property is in property at about \$100 million.

Garcia Abrego is accused of run-Mexico, on Jan. 14 and was ning a multimillion-dollar drug trafwhisked to Texas to face charges. ficking ring with ties to Colombia.





# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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**TechBriefs** 

#### Calling all aspiring radio connoisseurs

Students interested in being a part of college radio have their chance today.

The KTXT-FM (88.1) general staff meeting is 6 p.m. today in Mass Comm Room 101.

Anyone enrolled at Texas Tech is eligible to volunteer as a disc jockey, newscaster and sportscaster or to work in production.

#### Musical talent show slated for tonight

Young talent will strut their stuff for faculty and students tonight.

High school students attending Texas Tech's Band and Orchestra Camp will perform in a talent show.

It starts at 7:30 p.m. today in Hemmle Recital Hall.

### William Kennedy back in limelight

AVERILL PARK, N.Y. (AP) his first play, "Grand View," usiam Kennedy has the nervous an- vehicle. ticipation of a child on Christmas Eve.

book "The Flaming Corsage," he jumped up to take a call from his synergy since 1983 when 'Ironeditor who told him of yet another positive review. And as he walked 'Legs' came out at the same time through his rambling 19th-century and I got a MacArthur all in the house outside Albany, he shut off same week. That was an amazing lights and moved knickknacks.

Often thumping his fingers against a chair or table, he admit- the MacArthur Foundation, ted he's excited about "The Flam- Kennedy was awarded the Pulitzer ing Corsage" and the opening of Prize for "Ironweed" in 1984.

— These days 68-year-old Will- ing the politics of the 1940s as his

"It's a very exciting time to have two things happen in the same week. Between talking about his new That never happened before.

> There hasn't been this kind of weed' was published and then time."

Besides the "genius grant" from

# Woman's quest for record book may be keeping her unemployed

DALLAS (AP) — Lauretta getting a job, but she's reluctant to a job. stop.

the largest taco or burrito.

She's trying to grow the world's detract from singing. longest fingernails.

from 10 to 28 inches long, she's tion and a hindrance on the job. nowhere near the mark set by a total of 195 inches. Adams now nails," Adams said. has 135 inches of nails in all, 5 feet short of the record mark.

said. "They're too much a part of she said. me."

ribbons.

But she's been jobless for three years, shunned in restaurants stared quickly growing nails. at and humiliated in public places.

So she's considering cutting they shot out," she said. them.

"I hate for society to have the grow. final say-so about this," she said.

counting assistant for an oil and gas firm for 15 years, but lost her job three years ago to downsizing. inches.

She says she has since filled out typing test in a glass office. Adams says her quest for a place in hundreds of applications, attended the Guinness Book of World numerous job fairs, including one at her through the glass. Records may be keeping her from for the disabled, but she can't find

She even tried to make it as a about her. Adams, 43, isn't trying to bake nightclub singer. The nightclub the world's largest cake or make owners complemented her voice, moment of my life," she said. but told her that the nails would

Other potential employees told Although her fingernails range the fingernails would be a distrac-

"I thought my ability would man from India whose nails were a override people's rejection of my

"I expected to have some problems finding a job. But I never "I don't want to cut them," she thought it would come to this,"

The nails started growing in the The nails make it look as if she early 1970s after she started a health has a double handful of long red regimen that included 15 to 20 vitamins a day.

The benefit included strong,

The nails have continued to

Her left thumbnail is 28 1/2 Adams had worked as an ac- inches long, her middle nail is 19 inches and her left pinkie is the shortest of all at nearly 11 tennis and jogging. She's had to

> She has two fingers where the dresses herself. nails broke at the fingertips in the regrow.

People kept coming by to stare

Some giggled, some recoiled and others whispered to each other

"That was the most humiliating "They turned it into a circus."

Ldon't want to cut (my fingernails). They're too much a part of me.

Lauretta Adams, worldrecord seeker

She says she has refused to go on welfare despite being unemployed. For a time she drew unemployment insurance of about \$244 a month.

"I refuse to go on welfare. But "They grew so fast. It was like everything I have now is basically a loan," she said.

> "I'm about one day from selling cans."

She says the long nails have forced her to change her lifestyle. She gave up playing the piano, change the way she cooks and

She said she loves to polish her



# **ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

# 'Independence Day' finally arrives Standard formula, great effects combine to make 'ID4' a success

#### **Kirk Baird**

The University Daily

opened July 2.

reason this film won't continue to rassic Park." set box office records long after its opening frenzy dies down.

fall into the technology trap, foregoing character and story development with more gee-whiz special does rely heavily on stock charac- public relations group, is said to an Earth vs. UFO's story ters and plot twists sandwiched have cost \$70 million. That's at

between action scenes to progress the story.

Though this technique isn't the With a huge media campaign most advisable, with "Indepenand strong word-of-mouth, this dence Day" it seems to work. In year's probable biggest block- fact, audience members may find buster, "Independence Day," themselves wishing for less dramatic pause and character tension In fact, if the old adage "sim- for the best special effects seplicity sells" is true, there's no quences to hit the screen since "Ju-

Director Roland Emmerich and producer/screenwriter Dean Devlin With that in mind, the film gen- know their audience well, which at cially in terms of incredible special out, may be most everyone. The year's Kevin Costner flop, unveil the code as a countdown for effects. However, "Independence team also is smart enough to realize "Waterworld." Maybe Kevin the war against humanity to begin. Day" certainly brings nothing new what works and doesn't in a big should work with Emmerich and to the screen. Though it doesn't budget sci-fi. Their formula is a Devlin the next time he tries a big- the technologically advanced aliens simple one: "effects, effects, ef- budget flick. fects."



What's ironic, especially given

arrival to Earth, and the pandemo- through patriotism and nations nium that breaks out when the crea- overcoming differences to unite in tures' huge space craft enter Earth's the cause of self-preservation. atmosphere, eventually floating "ID4," however, wisely shifts back strategically above several cities. to the action before much damage Despite attempts to contact the is done. aliens, the only sign from the visi-Goldblum), is able to crack.

people fall on deaf ears, and only through a ludicrous connection at laughs. the White House (his ex-wife is the

having the upperhand.

But the ever-resilient humans, when it hits the video shelves. "ID4," as dubbed by some clever the complexity of the film's ef- led by the U.S. President (Bill Pull-

The film opens with the aliens' failed attempts at evoking emotion that's more than sufficient.

In between the action and patritors is a code which no one, except otic scenes, "ID4" does provide for a wacky computer genius (Jeff some moments of humor, with a U.S. Air Force pilot (Will Smith) Goldblum's attempts to warn and drunken crop-duster (Randy Quaid) providing a majority of the

In addition, "Independence erally lives up to its hype, espe- the rate this film is selling its shows least \$30 million less than last president's adviser) is he able to Day" has several references to many of its sci-fi predecessors, including "The Day the Earth Stood By then it's almost too late, with Still," and "War of the Worlds" in particular. It's a nice touch that should add to the film's appeal

It all adds up to a solid though effects scenes (See "Twister"), it person in the 20th Century Fox fects, is the basic premise is simply man), begin to make a comeback. not spectacular effort. And in this It's here the film often lags, with summer of less-than-exciting films,

Latest blockbuster destroys major cities, box-office records

#### **Peter Wilkins**

The University Daily

Sat. & Sun.

9am-5pm

estimated Sunday.

Buoyed by heavy media cover-Arnold busters and appeared to be on track

with record speed.

"Independence Day" grossed dured long lines and packed the-\$83.5 million over the July Fourth aters as "Independence Day" conholiday for the best five-day open- tinued to sell out virtually every 16, despite showing on four screens. in the next few weeks."

"It's still selling out," said Randy age and strong word of mouth, the Hester, director of corporate devel- Hester's favorable assessment of alien invasion thriller out-muscled opment for Cinemark Theaters in the film, with the general opinion five-day gross of \$25 million. Eddie Schwarzenegger's Dallas. "We've got the same situa- that "Independence Day" was Murphy's "The Nutty Professor" "Eraser" and other summer block- tion here as you do in Lubbock."

Hester, who knew the film was and massive publicity.

to reach the \$100 million mark going to be big months before its release, said he thought the movie gest pictures of all time," said Tom for about \$70 million, stars Will

> "It's fantastic," he said after dent of 20th Century Fox. viewing "Independence Day." "It's got a broad audience appeal. I'll be

Local moviegoers echoed chic power. worth wading through the long lines was second with \$26.5 million over

"It's right up there with the big-

"Phenomenon," starring John tion of major cities by invading ing in film history, industry sources screening at the Cinemark Movies anxious to see how well it holds up Travolta as a man who suddenly gains superintelligence and psy-

five days.

"Independence Day," produced Locally, eager moviegoers en- had lived up to its surrounding hype. Sherak, the executive vice presi- Smith, Jeff Goldblum, Bill Pullman and spectacular special ef-The weekend's other debut was fects that include the fiery destrucspaceships.

> Many theaters sold out. Scalpers reportedly were getting up to It opened in third place with a \$20 a ticket. The previous five-day mark was set by 1991's "Terminator 2: Judgment Day."

> > The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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#### **TUESDAY**, JULY 9, 1996

# Movers and Shakers

Once again, we're back for much recognition this band has sound-bite reviews of songs show- gained in the past year. They are ing significant movement on the well-deserving of the attention. KTXT-FM (88.1) "Top 30 Count- Lead singer Vinnie has a distincdown." The reviews expressed here tive voice to make a young lady are solely the opinions of The Uni- look up from her drink. However, versity Daily Arts and Entertain- 'elusive muse' fits him much better ment Editor Peter Wilkins and than 'heartthrob.' 'Wax Ecstatic' KTXT-FM Music Director Stacy alliteratively tells the story of man-Thornton, and in no way reflect the kind always searching for happiviews of the School of Mass Com- ness through synthetic means. The munications, Texas Tech Univer- two guitarists play together to form sity or the Clinton administration. catchy, screechy chords. Provoca-

Thornton — "What makes this in one package." man a legend is the way he makes the guitar beg for mercy after a pretty noisy. The driving rhythm sweat-driven song. 'Slow' is an gets the point across with the right example of genuine raw talent that amount of urgency, but Vinnie hasn't been tainted by 'record-la- didn't float my boat the way he did bel politics.' If you listen closely Stacy's." the riff reminds you of 'Bang a Gong' by T-Rex."

Wilkins — "The Reverend Cunningham would sound like if between garagabilly and punk."

Sponge "Wax Ecstatic"

Thornton --- "It's amazing how

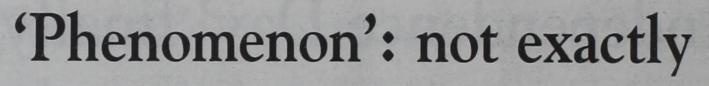
• Reverend Horton Heat "Slow" tive lyrics, crunchy instruments all

Wilkins - "Yeah ... um ... It's

· Elvis Costello and the Attractions "Shallow Grave"

Wilkins-"More of Elvis' weird sounds like what Richie mix of melody and noise. Pretty good guitar work, and the Attrache played guitar and was addicted tions can still rock. Elvis has never to alcohol and amphetamines. Fre- been afraid to get experimental, netic, driving energy that is a cross and the result is definitely an acquired taste. Out-there, but not too far out."

Thornton -- "No comment."



#### **Kirk Baird**

The University Daily

The latest John Travolta vehicle, "Phenomenon" walks a rather thin line. Its story of a lovable, if very ordinary guy, George Malley (Travolta), turned sudden prodigy is nothing new. Films like "Charly," "The Boy Who Could Fly" and more recently, "Powder," have tackled this theme with varying degrees of success.

those films.

prodigy (Malley) except for a best. few friends and a female interpredictable conclusion.

"Charly" leaves the vieweremo- come Oscar time. tionally drained, "Phenomenon"



"Phenomenon" even relies on nerve. It seems to wander around the formula verbatim, it forgets much of the same formulas as the same area as these films, even throwing the same scenes at the No one understands the viewer, but the results are mixed at a time-worn tale and strong per-

est. Throw into the mix some on Travolta. Much like Cliff evil scientists and government Robertson's Oscar-winning perforbaddies all trying to get a piece mance in "Charly," Travolta strikes of him and it all adds up to a all the right chords. He manages to stock characters would have create just the right blend of bewil-Though "Phenomenon" re- derment and angst while never asklies on the same ingredients, the ing for audience pity. It's a perforresult is not the same. Whereas mance that is certain to be noticed

Nor is the problem with the sup- Unfortunately, they fall just short never manages to strike such a porting characters. Robert Duvall, of complete success.

Forest Whitaker and Kyra Sedgwick all turn in worthy performances as Malley's loyal friends. Even the direction, while uneventful, doesn't detract.

That may be the film's biggest problem. It is too content to simply plod along the same path, throwing the same actions and reactions at the audience hoping to ignite the same emotional response of audience sympathy.

This is most evident in the script. In its attempt to follow to be add anything to the mix to spice it up. It would rather allow formances to carry the film with-The blame certainly doesn't fall out considering the notion that the novelty of such a story has long since worn thin.

> A few less obvious twists and helped the film's story considerably, resulting in more sympathy for the characters.

> As it is, Travolta and gang milk the script for all its worth.



## Radar' hopes his great outdoors paintings a S-M-A-S-H

Burghoff, who played Cpl. Radar after judging a national duck stamp show in 1979. "Fame was never O'Reilly on "M-A-S-H," turned from acting to painting the great outdoors.

Burghoff displayed his wildlife

competition.

"I realized I should be doing that, so I set up my easel," he said. lowing, Burghoff remains somepaintings Saturday at the Fenwick efficient but nerdy corporal who A-S-H" reunion show. "It's very Gallery near Toledo. The longtime always knew when wounded sol- curious to me why that is so imporanimal preservationist was bitten diers were coming in, Burghoff tant," Burghoff said.

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Gary by the fine arts bug three years ago, left the long-running television my objective," he said.

> Despite the show's huge fol-After 7 1/2 years of playing the what surprised by calls for a "M-



# SPORTS

#### THE UNIVERSITY DAILY 11

### NBA free-agent market opens today

(AP)—Shaquille O'Neal can listen to the Lakers, Reggie Miller can call the Knicks, Dennis Rodman can assess his posttitle value and even Michael Jordan can go shopping.

and gaudiest free agent market the Chicago Bulls, has threatin NBA history will open for ened to play elsewhere if Bulls business as soon as the collec- owner Jerry Reinsdorf tried to tive bargaining agreement be- lowball him. tween the league and players is ratified. Nearly unanimous ap- sota, Indiana and Vancouver proval is expected.

available.

The teams with the most room goes through today.

under the salary cap will have the most options, but any team can exceed the \$24.3 million limit to retain one of its players.

Jordan, who wants a mini-As of noon today, the largest mum of \$18 million to stay with

Miami, New York, Minnehave the most salary cap room, About 150 players whose and Los Angeles will join that contracts have expired will be group if the anticipated trade of Vlade Divac for Kobe Bryant

# Astros say consistency key to second half

HOUSTON (AP) — About the only thing consistent with the Houston Astros this season is that they either have been in or near first place in the National League Central Division all year.

what you hear the most among the track." Astros as they try to separate themdivision, where merely a .500 Houston ahead of Cincinnati, Chicago and Pittsburgh.

are even at the All-Star break.



Collins said. "What we need to do is get our games where our pitch- short is pitching and defense. The search for consistency is ing and our hitting are on the same

Craig Biggio and Jeff Bagwell - just keep working at it."

First baseman Bagwell is hav- be resolving themselves. ing a season like two years ago

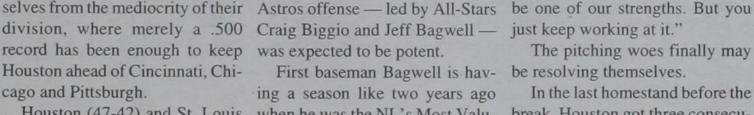
we haven't ton, has been pushing his average played very to near .300 and has become a good," man- perennial All-Star second-base ager Terry choice of the fans nationwide.

But where they've really fallen

"You know we're second-to-last in defense and that's surprising," Heading into the season, the Collins said. "I thought that would

The pitching woes finally may

In the last homestand before the Houston (47-42) and St. Louis when he was the NL's Most Valu- break, Houston got three consecuable Player. And Biggio, who tive complete games from the start-



"There's been games we've spurned more lucrative offers in ing pitchers - the first time that's played well, there's been games the off-season to remain in Hous- happened in a decade.

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# SPORTS

#### TUESDAY, JULY 9, 1996

# Bell helps Bonds win Home Run Derby

Barry Bonds borrowed a bat to player to win the contest since Ryne Seattle's Jay Buhner were the othsteal the home run derby title back Sandberg in 1990. from the American League.

Oakland's Mark McGwire in a Bay Star eve events, which included a of them hit a sign in straightaway area final of the Home Run Derby, celebrity softball game and work- center field - an estimated 485 feet capping a sweltering Monday of outs by the AL and NL teams. All-Star festivities.

The seventh annual home run The San Francisco star beat contest wrapped up the day's All- tive for the players this year. If one

Bonds, using a bat belonging to make it out of the first round, McGwire sent one toward the spot Houston's Derek Bell, outhomered outhomered McGwire 10-9 in the marked "Hit It Here!" but it fell McGwire 3-2 in the final to be- second round to make the final. about 20 feet short.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — come the first National League Baltimore's Brady Anderson and ers to make the second round.

> There was an additional incenfrom the plate - a random drawing Bonds, the only NL player to would win a lucky fan \$1 million.

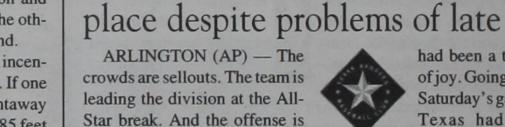


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ing in the towel and saying the

they're not in uniform."

the American League.

ers fans so anxious?

summer meltdown.

save opportunities.

Johnny Oates.

bullpen.

Rangers find themselves in first

had been a thing of joy. Going into Saturday's game, Texas had the highest team bat-

ting average in the league with a .295 mark, two points higher than Seattle's, and a pitching July has arrived with its usual staff with a 4.75 earned-run average, fourth-best in the league. Offensively, Juan Gonzalez has been on a home run tear with Cracks are appearing in the 21 - including club-recordpitching staff, especially in the tying 11 in June - despite missing 25 games with injuries.

All-Star catcher Ivan among the league leaders with Rodriguez has established him-21 saves, has blown his last two self as a dependable No. 2 batter with a .308 average and 26 The public anxiety does not doubles, third-most in the league. And he still has the most feared throwing arm of any "Everybody's already throw- catcher in the league.

Roger Pavlik, selected for the season's gone," he said. American League All-Starpitch-"They're are a lot of people ing staff, leads the Rangers with around here panicking, but an 11-2 record with a leagueleading six complete games. But

Until last week, the season he also has a 4.82 ERA.

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Weekly Drive	Monday, 6-9 a.m.
Power Lunch	M-F,12-2 p.m.
Lone Star Music Ho	urTues, 6-7 p.m.
AfterShock	Wed, 10 p.m1 a.m.
Getting Hard	



