



# Their View

## Strange people, quirks abound in 1996 elections



Megan Clark/editor

Tuesday is the day. That's when every concerned, American citizen will take the time to cast their vote for their candidate of choice.

But there's more to this election than Bob Dole, Bill Clinton and Ross Perot. There are a lot of other oddities, other than the candidates and their running mates, involved in this year's

election, according to *The Associated Press*. Here's just a few:

- Over in Glendale, Calif., Elizabeth Michael is running for Congress on the Libertarian ticket. An entrepreneur and former accountant, Michael is conservative and wants to reduce the size and related deficits of the federal government. She also wants to get rid of the Internal Revenue Service and believes in Proposition 209, the bill that would remove affirmative action from government programs and institutions.
- Michael also is a hermaphrodite who had "sexual reassignment surgery" 12 years ago. That's right, Michael is a lesbian of black, white and American Indian descent. She's also a Messianic Jew who accepts Christ.
- Yes, I would say she's a bit unusual. Not the run-of-the-mill Congressional candidate.

Michael may not have much of a chance in her highly suburban, very Republican district, but she sure is changing up the typical candidate profile.

- In a lot of areas around the nation, a lot of folks are playing the name game as election day nears. First, there's Richard Petty, former race car driver, running for secretary of state in North Carolina.

Harry Connick, Sr., father of the famed blues/jazz crooner, will make another go at New Orleans district attorney, and Phil Wilkie, grandson of 1940 GOP candidate Wendell Wilkie, is making a play for Congress from a district in Minnesota.

Others are playing the name game to their advantage. Take for instance Gary Brooks, who dropped out of the race for Texas' 9th Congressional district seat after a judge would not allow him to take the name of G. Jack Brooks. G. Jack, you see, was the district's 21-term Congressman. Nice try, Jack...I mean, Gary.

Forget mudslinging. Nothing could be much more crass than the relationship between Mickey Conroy, a board of supervisors candidate in Orange County, Calif., and his opponent.

Conroy made an unnecessary hand gesture toward his run-off nemesis at a recent rally.

There has to be so kind of political inanity in these parts, too. Lubbock could never be immune to things strange. Here, in Lubbock County, there's the race for public weigher.

This position calls for a strong, qualified candidate with the ability to weigh locally produced oranges without fear.

I don't know about the rest of the campus, but I haven't seen an orange tree in these parts since I arrived three years ago. Libertarian candidate Michael Rubin says he'll eliminate the position if elected. He doesn't understand why the position is even available and neither do I.

Oranges in Lubbock is about as crazy as another four years with a liberal in the White House.

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# Your View

## Morales should oust Gramm from Senate

**To the editor:** In today's political world of sound bites and slick advertising campaigns, running across a real person is like getting a cold drink of water on a hot July day. This year, Senate candidate Victor Morales represents that refreshing drink on a hot day.

But can a 46-year-old high school government teacher financed by \$20 contributions take on super-PAC man Phil Gramm on Tuesday? I think he can — and you should, too.

By defeating two Congressmen and a former assistant attorney general in the Democratic primary, Morales proved it's possible to take on the establishment and win. But as Victor has said himself, this fall's Senate election in Texas will not be won with money, but with ganas (the desire); corazon (the heart); y lo mas importante (the most important thing), the people.

Some people might say, "Why is Morales running for Senate anyway? Why would a man leave his job and family, withdraw \$8,000 of his savings and start around a state as big as Texas in a dented, white pickup, trying to win a Senate seat away from one of the best money handlers this country has ever seen?" The answer is simple — Gramm's politics and character.

In 1987, Gramm was one of the few Senators to cast a vote against funding for Meals on Wheels. Not only did Gramm vote against this assistance to the elderly; he also led the floor fight to eliminate it.

And then there was Gramm's \$117,000 Maryland vacation home. It was built for Gramm by a construction crew employed by Jerry D. Stiles, the Dallas S&L felon. Gramm was never charged any interest on the "loan." Months after receiving the house, Gramm paid just \$60,000 — Stiles paid the rest.

In February 1995, PAC-king Gramm raised \$4.15 million in one night at a Dallas fund-raiser. But in June of this year, the Senate refused even to vote up or down on campaign finance reform. Gramm led the drive to kill the bill in order to keep the system the way it is. On the other hand, Morales has not accepted any PAC

money. And he has promised that campaign finance reform is a top priority for him when he is elected.

I could go on and on about Gramm, but the point is clear as a West Texas morning. Texas needs a new senator in Washington. Not just one that can accept checks from special interest PACs. We need a senator who is willing to face problems that all Texans and Americans will face in the next century.

Morales can be that senator if we give him the chance. Go vote.

T.G. Caraway

## Aggies do not deserve apologies for actions

**To the editor:** This letter is in response to Tom Russo's letter (Your View 10/31/96) and his plea for Beard and Montford to "apologize to Texas A&M for our poor behavior." Well, if apologies are needed, then A&M is the university who should begin.

You ask the question in your letter, "How would Tech fans feel if an opposing team's band were to chant things during our pregame festivities honoring Tech greats?" Well, let me tell you how it felt when A&M's band did just that to me during our game against them here last season.

As a charter member of University Select, I was being honored along with my fellow members for our contributions to the university and its recruitment efforts. When I found out that we would be recognized on the field pre-game of the Tech vs. A&M game, I was ecstatic. Just imagining the pride of being able to tell my children that as an undergrad, I, too, had been presented on the field was overwhelming. I immediately called my parents and they took time to drive down and purchase tickets to the game. I awaited the day with sheer excitement. So you can imagine my surprise when we went down on the field to be presented and the A&M band began to play the "Aggie War Hymn." We were informed they had a schedule of pregame activities and would stop playing so that we could be presented. They did not.

In fact, they continued playing even as we began to walk onto the field to

begin and continued to play throughout all of the pregame presentations. We had to begin our presentation regardless in order to keep the game on schedule. You can imagine our extreme disappointment along with the disappointment of the many families that had traveled to Lubbock and purchased tickets to the game specifically for this event when the fans could not even hear the announcer over the Aggie band as we were presented.

A moment that I could never have again had been stolen from me by the dear, old Aggie band.

My father, a devout Aggie, was so upset that his own school had stolen a precious moment from him that he could do nothing but stare in disbelief.

The shock of realizing what his school had done even made him cry. His school, which preached respect from the beginning and had taught him that no other university in Texas could be so proud of their behavior, had just reneged on a lifetime of promises.

His own dear Aggies had taken from him and me something that had been earned and could not be regained. No one apologized to the members University Select for ruining their hard-earned presentation. No one apologized to the family members who had traveled in to see this event take place. No one apologized.

You see, Russo, bands do things that they shouldn't. Human do things that they shouldn't. And sometimes in our ignorance and selfishness, people get hurt. But unfortunately, we are no longer in the third grade and there is no one who is going to enforce our considerate behavior of others — especially not a football game. But to tell you the truth, I survived.

Even though my special moment was ruined, my life was not. You chalk it up to a lack of consideration and move on and hope that when it comes your turn, you'll do a little better. Sure, our band should not make comments during pregame presentations, and the A&M band's behavior does not excuse ours.

But a formal apology for an occurrence that happened once and is done by all is not the answer. A change in attitude is. So, until people learn to respect other's accomplishments, all the apologies in the world won't change a thing.

Marci Hollis, class of '96 graduate and Tech graduate student

## Apple should reconsider Woods, Nike issue

**To the editor:** This response is addressed to Christy Apple's column on Tiger Woods (Sports 10/30/96). Let me begin by stating that my response has very little to do with Tiger Woods and his capitalistic endeavors. Rather, I was quite concerned with parallelism of race with a person's wallet and golf handicap.

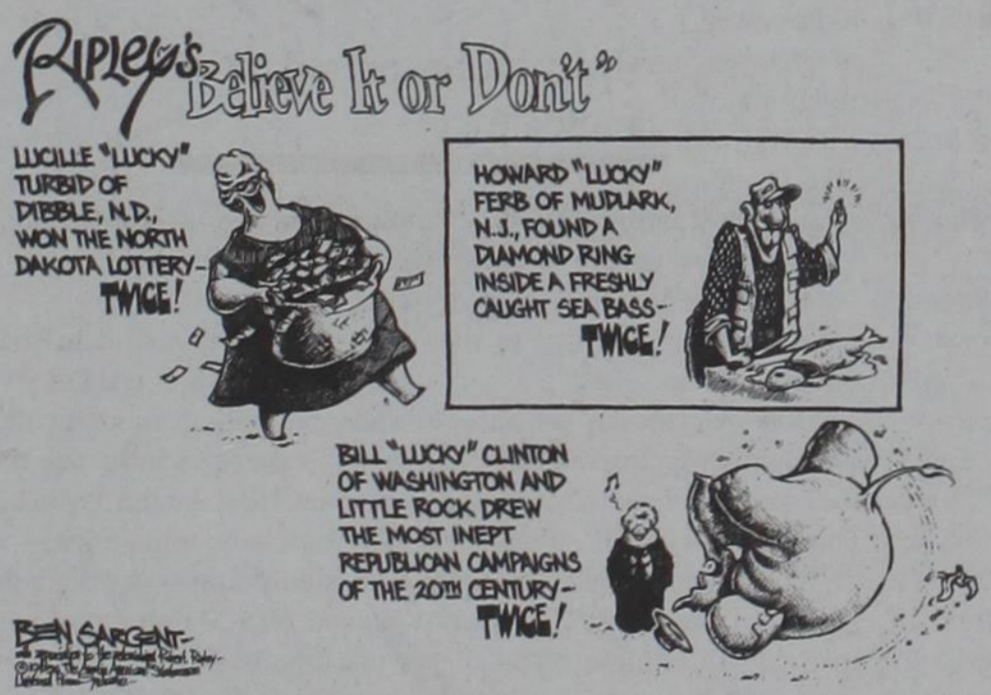
Apple stated that she lost all respect for Woods when she viewed a Nike commercial that closed by saying he still could not get into certain golf clubs because he was black. Apple then went on to "inform" us that she could not get into golf clubs because of her handicap and some people could not get in because of their "savings accounts."

Always take time to carefully construct a parallel with race. To compare someone's race with a golf handicap or money deeply offends.

A person's monetary worth can be enlarged and shrunken daily. A person's golf handicap can be improved with a daily regiment of practice. But a person's race is an immutable characteristic that can never be altered. Race, to the infinite degree, is the very essence of the individual. It makes us proud of who we are, our background and our culture. To minimize it with a comparison of money and a golf handicap is to insult that most important element we believe is an extension of ourselves.

Now, what Woods and Nike do to capitalize on Tiger's popularity is more a matter of economics. Maybe Nike did try to sell products by emphasizing that Woods is black. But just where does that leave us? Is Nike wrong? You can be mad at the fact that Tiger is making a lot of money, and Nike is doing all it can to make sure that they get their money's worth. However, the undeniable reality is that there are golf clubs Tiger Woods cannot play at, and it is because he is black. Maybe Nike is trying to sell products, but maybe the visibility of Nike can also be used as a tool to inform people. You reacted to it and I did as well. Again, I do not want to get into an economics debate. Let's just be sure to keep race in its proper context and not commingle it with a person's golf handicap.

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## State senate candidate visits free speech area

by Tomi Rodgers/UD

Texas Senate candidate David Langston, D-Lubbock, visited the Texas Tech campus Friday, discussing with students property tax reform, education and juvenile crime.

Langston, former mayor of Lubbock, is running for state senator of the 28th District against four Republicans and two Democrats.

"How do we raise sufficient funds for education?" Langston asked, speaking to students in the University Center free speech area. "Fifty-nine percent of all taxes go to education. If we frame this as a property tax, we're doomed."

Langston has proposed a solution for Texas to reach a "complete education system," with the idea of using parents as teachers.

The concept of parents as teachers involves working with the child from ages zero to three and working to make sure that every child can read at grade level by the time they are in third grade.

"We need to recognize that we need career training opportunities," Langston said. "It's important that we make sure our colleges have the resources they need. Many jobs will be obsolete in the future."

Cameron Graham, chairman of Texas Tech's College Republicans and a junior history major from Lubbock, said Langston's main opponent, Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, is just as committed to improving education as the former mayor is.

"Duncan is very much devoted to education," Graham said. "He knows what West Texas believes in and has stressed the importance of education, working in the best interests of the children."

Langston also discussed the future of the county's job market.

"A complete education system will create a labor pool to attract new jobs and interests," he said.

Langston spoke with many students and faculty members about juvenile crime and said Texans need to look at this issue from two perspectives, concentrating on discipline and intervention.

Kimberly Ingle, a senior broadcast journalism major from Tahoka, supports Langston's ideas.

"The discipline needs to come from somewhere," Ingle said. "If the punishments don't become harsher, kids are going to take the court system as a joke."

## Students, faculty help needy children

by Ginger Pope/UD

Texas Tech students can make a difference in the life of a needy child or family this holiday season.

The University Center's Community Action Network today begins its sixth year of sponsoring the Spirit of Sharing, in which students and faculty can sponsor children under 12 years of age, said Cheryl Shubert, coordinator of UC Student Activities.

During the Spirit of Sharing, CAN works with the Salvation Army, the South Plains Food Bank and the Toys for Tots program, enabling the Tech community to participate in the effort to make the holidays brighter for those less fortunate, Shubert said.

Individuals or groups can choose to sponsor a child from a list of more than 200 children, she said. Sponsors buy presents and wrap the gifts and bring them to the UC Activities Office by Dec. 5. The gifts are delivered to the Salvation Army for distribution.

"There is no set limit on the dollar amount for gifts," Shubert said. "People do what they can afford to do."

Silvia Chapa, Christmas coordinator for the Salvation Army, said the Salvation Army screens applicants to the Angel Tree program to decide who qualifies to receive the charity.

"We ask questions and decide if a person needs it," Chapa said. "Often a member of a family is dying, and we want to at least give them a good Christmas."

UC Activities Specialist Mike Genovese said the Spirit of Sharing includes a food drive and toy drive.

Collection boxes for the Tech Can Share food drive are located throughout the UC, Genovese said. Individuals can leave food in the boxes at any time, but the actual food drive begins Nov. 18 and last until Nov. 27.

The UC also will collect donations of new toys for the Toys for Tots and Toys for Boys programs, he said.

People can leave toys at drop-off locations for the Toys for Tots or they can take new basketballs, footballs or other sports equipment to the UC Activities Office, Genovese said.

Both Shubert and Genovese said if individuals do not have the time to buy presents, they can donate money for the purchase of gifts.

Chapa said that during the holiday season it seems there are more volunteers, because everybody is in the Christmas spirit.

"People reflect on what they have compared to those who don't have anything," Chappa said.



Matt Branum/UD

Christmas spirit: Tewanza Tanner, an English graduate student from Dallas, decorates Tech's Angel Tree Friday in the University Center.

Without Tech involvement, the Salvation Army Christmas program probably would not exist, she said. Tech provides at least half of the volunteers. "We don't have enough funds to help the whole community, but we can help as many people as possible," Chappa said. "After receiving the gifts, people leave saying thank you with tears in their eyes."

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Sinatra extends hospital stay

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Doctors treating Frank Sinatra for a pinched nerve decided Sunday to keep him in the hospital a few more days.

"He's doing quite well, talking and walking and so forth," said Cedars Sinai Medical Center

spokesman Ron Wise. "But he's uncomfortable because of the nerve."

The 80-year-old crooner was admitted to the hospital Friday for a stay through the weekend. The spokesman did not specify Sunday what day Sinatra will be released.

Cult classic brings unconventional fun

by Rebecca Babb/UD

Long, long ago in a galaxy far, far away called Transsexual, a Transsexualite named Dr. Frankenfurter decided to come to a little blue-green planet called Earth and have some fun, or so the story goes.

At midnight Thursday, in the University Center Ballroom to a sellout crowd of about 600, the Rocky Horror Picture Show made its annual Halloween ride.

Rice was thrown, water was shot from numerous water guns, toast and toilet paper flew through the air, and the becorseted audience covered their heads with newspapers and shouted colorful responses at the appropriate times.

This is the third consecutive year the UC has hosted this cult classic that debuted in 1975, but Tech has been putting it on sporadically for about 10 years, said Darryl Robbins, activities specialist with University Center Programs.

The movie in and of itself is not by any stretch of the mind award-winning

THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW
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Susan Sarandon
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(out of five)

Jeff Corning, a sophomore mass communications major from Odessa who played the criminologist, said this was his first year to be onstage.

"For several of the folks, this is their second or third year in the cast and it's a lot of fun," Corning said. "That's why they do it every year."

The cast contributed to the experience by showing what the camera failed to show and by adding their own humorous and often risqué effects.

Guy Vincent, a music education major from Cedar Hill who played Dr. Scott, the wheelchair-bound voice of reason in the cast said he expected the show to be great fun.

"It is really interesting that people could come up with participation for a movie that really works," Vincent said.

The movie begins with, of all things, a wedding and focuses around Brad and Janet, a newly engaged couple who are the least likely people on Earth to behave in the way they do for the second half of the movie.

They are, therefore, perfect victims for Frankenfurter, a transvestite scien-

tist with the creation of the perfect being on his mind and a red lace teddy on his body.

Frankenfurter, played by Tim Curry, fulfills the mad scientist role and adds a twist. Besides being dressed in a corset throughout almost the entire movie, he also is an alien.

The show features a host of equally bizarre characters, and the plot spirals into the utterly surreal as it challenges modern conventions of behavior.

The aftermath of the film looked like a hurricane had blown through the UC Ballroom as showgoers shuffled through the piles of soggy newspaper, toilet paper and toast to leave. Most did not leave disappointed, however.

Kristi Novak, a freshman early childhood major from Bay City, said the show lived up to her expectations.

"The participation definitely adds a lot to it," Novak said. "It wouldn't be the same without it."

Nathan Hennessey, a freshman psychology major from Abilene, said this was his first time to attend a live performance of the show.

"I think they (the cast) did a really good job," Hennessey said.

"I really enjoyed it, and I liked dressing up like a woman."

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# Women's cross country falls short of goal

AMES, Iowa (Special) — The Texas Tech women's cross country team fell short of its goal Saturday in the Big 12 Conference Championship meet, finishing in ninth place. The finish placed them ahead of Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas A&M.

Going into the meet, Tech coach Kirk Elias stated the Red Raiders' goal

was finishing in sixth place or better, but Tech finished 46 points behind sixth-place Oklahoma State.

Colorado won the meet as expected, according to Elias, blowing away second-place Missouri by 48 points.

The Red Raiders were again led by freshmen Kristen Koppes and Leigh Daniel. The duo has led Tech all season, as they have been the top two finishers for Tech in every meet this season.

Koppes finished in 16th place with a time of 18 minutes, 38 seconds in

the 5,000-meter run, while Daniel came in four spots behind with a time of 18:41.

Other finishers for the Red Raiders included freshman Dawn Charlier in 44th and senior Tandra Brillhart in 68th.

Colorado, which came into the meet ranked in the top-five nationally, turned in the top three finishers, including Kelly Smith, who won with a time of 17:59. Teammates Carrie Messner and Shayne Willie finished second and third for Colorado.

After Colorado and Missouri, the

top-five was rounded out by Nebraska, Iowa State and Baylor. Texas finished eighth, and Texas A&M came in last.

It marked the second consecutive conference championship for the Buffaloes, who also won the final Big Eight championship last year on the same course.

Lori Knowles, Tara Hangge, Charity Garrison, Courtney Nolen and Keeli Hanzelka also ran for the Red Raiders.

In all, Tech suited up seven freshmen and one senior for the meet, making Tech the Big 12's youngest squad.

# Tech volleyball team has reversal of fortune

LAWRENCE, Kan. (Special) — The No. 20 Texas Tech volleyball team split a weekend series against a duo the Red Raiders swept three weeks ago.

Tech beat Kansas Saturday in three games, 15-10, 15-8 and 15-11 with the match only lasting an hour and a half. Tech senior middle blocker Jill Burness led the team with 16 kills and six blocks, while adding three service aces.

Junior middle blocker Brande Brown followed Burness with 13 kills, and senior outside hitter Cristine Martin tallied 12 kills.

Martin also registered three aces, and also led the team digs with 10. She played strong at the net with one solo block and two block assists for Tech.

Tech hit more than .300 and limited Kansas to less than .300 hitting to take the win.

In Friday's match, the Red Raiders lost to No. 23 Kansas State, 15-12, 7-15, 16-14, 6-15 and 4-15. The Wildcats moved into a tie with Tech in the Big 12 Conference standings, with each team having 7-4 records.

Kansas State limited Tech to a negative hitting percentage in two games, -.050 in the second game and -.095 in the fifth game.

Kansas State outblocked Tech by a margin of five team blocks. Although Tech had 10 more attacks than the Wildcats, 214 to 204, Kansas State took advantage of its attacks, besting the Red Raiders' hitting percentage by 134 percentage points, .270 to .136.

# Excuses not good enough for sports fans



Brent Ross/sports editor

the game, the Cowboys lost 31-21 in a game they were one yard away from winning.

In the game, Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman threw two interceptions that led to 10 Philadelphia points. If Aikman stays true to form, he will say the loss was primarily his fault and fans will admire him for that.

However, Switzer will continue to say Aikman has a heart of a champion. Boy, that heart of a champion really helped on the interception that was returned 105 yards for a touchdown.

This is not just a problem with

Switzer and the Cowboys, it is a situation that has developed everywhere in sports, including in our own backyard here at Texas Tech.

Byron Hanspard said he was responsible for the Red Raiders' loss to Nebraska because he fumbled twice. Tech coach Spike Dykes said the team loses as a team and it was no one individual's fault.

Coaches around the nation need to realize that when their teams lose, sometimes it's actually because their players didn't play up to their potential. All the excuses in the world can be made for losing, but players are human and humans often make mistakes in the high-pressure world of sports.

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# Collins named Angels manager

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Terry Collins, a former manager of the Houston Astros, will be the next manager of the California Angels, the Los Angeles Times reported Sunday.

The Angels, who finished last in the American League West, have been without a manager since Marcel Lachemann resigned Aug. 6.

Collins edged out former New York Mets third-base coach Mike Cubbage

for the position, according to the Times, although Sparky Anderson had been a finalist.

The Astros fired Collins on Oct. 4 after the team's late-season collapse.

Houston was 2 1/2 games up over the St. Louis Cardinals entering the final month but lost 17 of their final 25 games.

Larry Dierker took over for Collins, who was 224-197 in three years.

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