

## Helicopter crash, ambush leave 37 dead

By Jason Keyser/Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A U.S. helicopter crashed in a desert sandstorm in the early morning darkness Wednesday, killing the 30 Marines and one Navy sailor aboard. Six other troops died in insurgent ambushes in the deadliest day for Americans since the Iraq war began nearly two years ago.

Only days before Iraq's crucial elections Sunday, militants set off at least eight car bombings that killed 13 people and injured 40 others, including 11 Americans. The guerrillas also carried out a string of attacks nationwide against schools that will serve as polling centers.

In Washington, President Bush called on Iraqis to defy terrorism and go to the polls despite relentless

insurgent attacks. He said it was a "very discouraging" day when the U.S. death toll for the war rose above 1,400.

The CH-53E Super Stallion was carrying personnel from the 1st Marine Division on a security mission in support of the election when it went down about 1:20 a.m. near the town of Rutbah, about 220 miles west of Baghdad, the military said.

The crash occurred during severe weather, but its cause still was under investigation, said Army Gen. John Abizaid, chief of U.S. Central Command. An Accuweather map showed sandstorms Wednesday in the western region of Iraq near the Jordanian border where

the crash took place.

A search and rescue team was at the site. The victims were 30 Marines and one sailor, said Lt. Gen. John Sattler, the top Marine commander in Iraq — the most American service members to die in a single incident since the March 2003 invasion of Iraq.

The deadliest previous incident for U.S. troops also was a helicopter crash: a November 2004 collision of two Black Hawk helicopters that killed 17. Before Wednesday's bloodshed, the most Americans killed in one day came on the invasion's third day, March 23, 2003, when 28

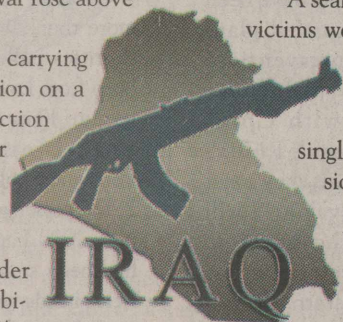
troops were killed during the U.S. military's drive to take Baghdad and topple Saddam Hussein.

The U.S. military has not seen such a high loss of life in one day in 15 years — since an explosion ripped through a gun turret on the USS Iowa during a training exercise in the Caribbean in April 1989, killing 47 sailors.

Iraqi security forces and civilians have borne the brunt of violence in Iraq, with bombings often killing scores of people at a time. More than 180 people were killed on March 2, 2004, during a string of suicide attacks at Shiite shrines in Karbala and Baghdad.

Violence only has increased ahead of Sunday's elec-

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## Perry gives State of the State address

By Brittany Barrientos/The University Daily

During the annual State of the State address Wednesday, Gov. Rick Perry recognized the state as being vibrant and having a future full of possibilities.

Perry emphasized job creation, education reforms, property tax cuts and building stronger families.

According to a transcript of his address, Perry closed emphasizing that work needs to be done in Texas now and should not have to be left to future legislators.

Perry said in the last 15 months, 162,000 jobs have been added in Texas, and a tremendous growth in revenue has been reported from two years ago. According to the transcript, Perry also said the budget has gone from \$10 billion in the red to \$6 billion above what was last budgeted.

Brian Gerber, an assistant professor of political science, said he believes although the state budget deficit is an indicator of the actual condition of state revenue, it may not be the best gauge of the state of the economy.

"State economy budget deficits aren't generally the best predictors," he said. "State revenues depend upon the current economic conditions."

Gerber said he believes the address seemed to be relatively normal of an incumbent governor and contained standard political rhetoric.

Perry also said standard test scores are rising, college preparatory courses are being enacted in public schools, and with recent economic growth and continuing gains in education, Texas is once again improving.

According to the transcript, Perry said ensuring the quality of education in schools is necessary, and he said he supported providing incentives to teachers to help economically disadvantaged schools progress.

Perry also emphasized the need for property tax relief, saying that with the vastly improved budgetary picture, new money can be put forth toward education without increasing the tax burden for Texans, according to the transcript.

Jeffrey Edwards, an assistant professor of economics, said he believes the main driver of long-term economic growth is gained through educated individuals, but he is not sure giving large amounts of money to schools is necessarily the answer.

"Nationwide, (it is apparent) that throwing more money at schools isn't necessarily the answer," he said.

Motivating students is what ultimately will produce stronger workers at the tertiary level, Edwards said. He also said he believes lowering property

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— JEFFREY EDWARDS  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR  
OF ECONOMICS

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## SWITCHING SPOTS



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

CHANCELLOR DR. DAVID Smith gives the winning ticket of the Chancellor-for-a-Day program to Mortar Board Chairwoman Jill Dunn, a senior biology major from Dallas, as Mortar Board adviser and biochemistry professor David Birney watches. Jennifer Devito (not pictured), a senior music education major from Carlsbad, N.M., will switch places with Smith Friday.

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THE CENTRAL LUBBOCK Master Plan is working to revitalize the 34th Street area near Flint Avenue and University Avenue.

## City Council presents the Central Lubbock Master Plan

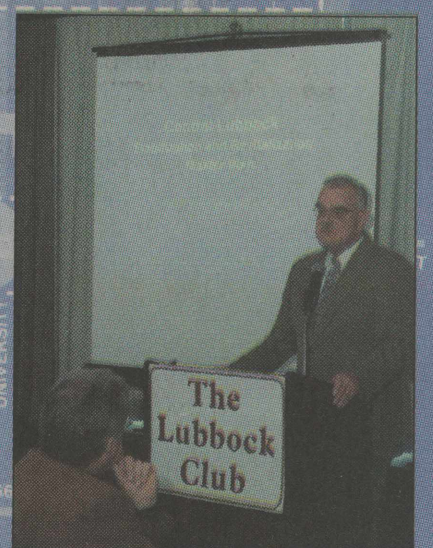
By Meghann Lora/The University Daily

The Lubbock City Council unveiled a stabilization and revitalization plan for central Lubbock that directly affects more than 25 percent of the city's total population, according to the Central Lubbock Master Plan.

Glen LeRoy, principal-in-charge of the central Lubbock project for GouldEvans, said he has been working on this project for several months. The final plan incorporates input from a steering committee comprised of approximately 40 community members from the central Lubbock area and public hearings, LeRoy said.

Rob Allison, director of business development for the city of Lubbock, said Lubbock citizens were involved in the planning from the beginning.

"This whole process has been citizen driven," he said. "The citizens have



STEVE LEWIS/The University Daily  
MAYOR PRO TEM Tom Martin talks about the stabilization and revitalization plan for central Lubbock.

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## Advanced Placement courses helping students excel in college

By Brandi Fleming/The University Daily

High School students are more college-ready than ever before, according to CNN.

A recent article on CNN.com states high school students are participating and excelling in Advanced Placement programs, making them more likely to be successful in a college setting.

Kelly Bruton, a sophomore economics major from Houston, said she did not take any AP tests before her college entrance.

"The only thing I really took was the Compass test, and I took that at home," she said.

Bruton said she attended Tomball High School and said she believes the curriculum there was not enough to get her ready for college.

"I transferred from Tomball College, so I was ready when I got here," she said. "But if I had come directly from Tomball High, I would not have been ready for this."

She said she was a member of the Spanish National Honor Society, but she does not think that membership has benefited her in any way at Texas Tech.

College Board, a non-profit organization, sponsored the first state-by-state report in history. The board found more than 13 percent of college

students showed mastery of at least one Advanced Placement course, according to the Web site.

High school populations are at a record high, so the success rate of AP students is especially impressive, according to the site. Participation in AP programs has skyrocketed in the past five decades, according to CNN, from 1,000 students to more than 1.1 million in 2004.

Sam Villareal, a junior biology major from Muleshoe said he graduated from Muleshoe High School, where he participated in AP programs.

"I feel I was ready for college work when I came from Muleshoe High School," he said. "I was very prepared for the workload of a college student."

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# Bush holds press conference urging Iraqis to vote Sunday

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush pleaded for Americans' patience Wednesday on what he conceded was "a very discouraging day" of death and violence for U.S. troops in Iraq. He urged Iraqis to defy terrorist threats and vote in Sunday's elections.

Bush held a White House news conference hours after more than 30 American troops perished in a helicopter crash in western Iraq and insurgents killed five others in the deadliest day yet for U.S. forces. The deaths pushed the American toll above 1,400.

Unwavering in the course he has set, Bush pledged: "We'll have the troop levels necessary to complete the mission. And that mission is to enable Iraq to defend herself from terrorists — homegrown or terrorists that come in from outside of the country." He made clear that Iraq is nowhere near ready to handle its own security, and he talked about U.S. involvement during the next year.

Four days before Iraq's elections and a week before his own State of the Union address, the president grappled with pointed questions about the war's heavy price and growing doubts that a stable, democratic Iraq will ever emerge. In money alone, Iraq is costing taxpayers more than \$1 billion a week.

Democrats registered their unhappiness with Bush's handling of Iraq in the Senate's 85-13 vote to confirm Condoleezza Rice as secretary of state. It was the strongest negative vote against a secretary of state at least since World War II.

Bush said Americans are not alone in their qualms. Iraqis are "losing a lot of people" in bombings and assassinations, he said, and "some are feeling intimidated" about threats against voters. Moreover, Bush said: "The Iraqi people are wondering whether or not this nation has the will necessary to stand with them as a democracy evolves."

"The enemy would like nothing more than the United States to precipitously pull out and withdraw before the Iraqis are prepared to defend themselves."

It was the 18th full-blown news conference of Bush's presidency and the first of his second term, covering issues ranging from Social Security to questions raised by his inaugural address. Bush made these points:

**No. 1** — He recognizes that some people are worried about the political risks and financial costs of overhauling Social Security by creating private investment accounts — a step that could cost \$1 trillion to \$2 trillion in transition costs. "What you're hearing a little bit

is whether or not it is worth the political price. I think it is," he said. He pledged to lead a battle in Congress and travel across the country to convince Americans the system is in trouble.

**No. 2** — His inaugural address promising to spread freedom and end tyranny around the world was not intended as a statement of new policy, but rather as a reflection of the strategy he pursued in his first term. Even some of his supporters have been nervous that it signaled plans for global U.S. intervention. Bush said he has raised human rights concerns with China and will be direct with Russia's Vladimir Putin when they meet next month in Slovakia. "I will remind him that if he intends to continue to look west, we in the West believe in western values," Bush said.

**No. 3** — The Education Department was wrong to pay conservative commentator Armstrong Williams \$240,000 to plug its policies. "I expect my Cabinet secretaries to make sure that that practice doesn't go forward," the president said.

The bloodshed in Iraq and Sunday's elections framed much of the questions of Bush's news conference.

## The Rundown



### No signs of trauma found in autopsy in train derailment school begins again

AMARILLO (AP) — A preliminary autopsy report shows no visible signs of trauma in the death of an Amarillo woman whose body was found in a small lake last week.

Police continue to investigate the death of Kelly Katherine Wagner as suspicious. Wagner had been missing for more than three weeks when authorities pulled the 28-year-old's car from Lawrence Lake near Interstate 40 in Amarillo on Jan. 20.

The lake is only about 300 yards from where police found her car Jan. 2. The passenger-side window of her blue 2000 Land Rover Discovery had been smashed in, but several items inside were not taken.

Police said there were no indications Wagner was shot, stabbed, hit with something or strangled. A final autopsy report is pending.

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) — A commuter train smashed into an SUV left on the tracks by a suicidal man early Wednesday, sending the train careening off the rails in a wreck that killed 10 people and injured about 200, authorities said. Dozens of the injured were in critical condition.

After the Metrolink train hit the SUV, it derailed and crashed with another train going in the opposite direction. Both trains landed on their sides, sending passengers tumbling down the aisles, authorities said.

The SUV driver changed his mind about suicide and left the vehicle before it was hit, Police Chief Randy Adams said. The man will be charged with homicide, he said.

"This whole incident was started by a deranged individual that was suicidal," Adams told a news conference at the scene of mangled railcars in the suburb north of downtown Los Angeles.

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia (AP) — One month after an epic tsunami ravaged southern Asia, children and teachers in Indonesia's worst-hit Aceh province on Wednesday made an emotional return to school, where thousands of desks of classmates and colleagues sat empty.

Alqausar, a 6-year-old boy with neatly parted hair, arrived at school with his mother and wondered where his best friend Andi was. But reality soon dawned on him.

"I don't think he's coming," whispered the boy, one of six in his class of 43 who showed up at a primary school. Of the school's enrollment of 600, only 260 came Wednesday. The others are presumed dead.

Mourners along a road on Sri Lanka's shattered coastline lit candles and set colored flags in silent memory of at least 30,957 people who died there Dec. 26.

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# Theatre students, faculty want own building

By Kelly Gooch/  
The University Daily

The Texas Tech Department of Theatre and Dance has had limited classroom space.

Ginger Angstadt, teaching assistant and doctoral student in theatre, said she sometimes has to teach classes in the Business Administration and Biology buildings.

"It would be nice to have a building that was our own home," she said.

Angstadt also said talk has occurred regarding renovation of the old BA for theatre space once a new BA is built.

Rachel Campbell, a sophomore theatre major from Denton, said she has taken a class called voice for the actor, which is a loud class, and the sound often bleeds into surrounding classrooms.

"It would be good to have some space where we weren't disturbing other people," she said.

Lorraine Person, an assistant professor of dance, said dance classes, like voice classes, can get loud as well.

"We are constantly disturbing the faculty who have classes in (the Sports Studies Center)," she said.

Angstadt, who has taught theatre appreciation and cinema, said she

has to tell students to be quieter when they are in her classes that are held in various buildings on campus.

Fred Christoffel, Theatre and Dance department chairman, said there have been times when acting classes impact other lectures because the acting classes are in the same building as the lecture classes.

"We just have no places to teach," he said.

Christoffel said theatre and dance are separate from each other.

"It's hard to bring together," he said.

Person said she agrees that theatre and dance do not seem like one department.

"I'd like to see us have a dance studio built in the theatre department with computer and video facilities," she said.

Crystal Aguilar, a master's student from El Paso in interdisciplinary studies from also said she would like more conveniences.

"The space is good," she

said, "(but) I'd like to see (dance) have their own studio."

Aguilar said it is hard for dancers to train on only one type of stage, so dance's having a miniature practice stage and dressing rooms of its own.

Christoffel said more space for theatre and dance classes would better serve the students' learning such disciplines. He said theatre and dance faculty have even had to use storage closets for classrooms, and he

has taught a costume class in the basement of the lab theatre.

"I don't think we're meeting the students needs," he said.

Aguilar said she has had all of her dance classes in the Sports Studies Center.

Students do not have enough rehearsal time and may have to meet Friday nights from 9 to 10 or Sunday mornings from 7 to 9, Person said.

She said it takes many people for dance to work, "(Dance) needs the input from theatre experts, costumers, lighting people and musicians to be effective and to be a valuable educational experience," she said.

Christoffel said he would like renovation to take place in the lab theatre.

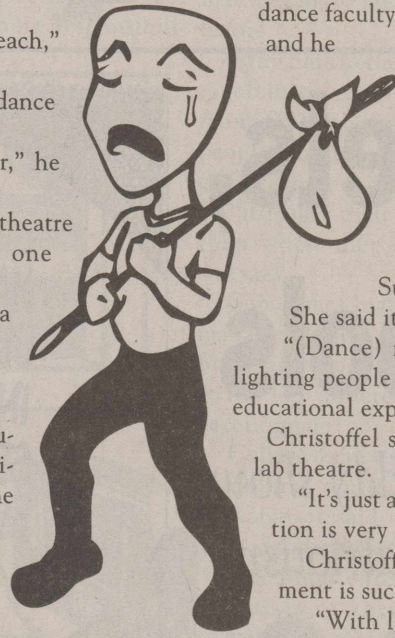
"It's just a matter of getting funded", he said. "The administration is very supportive."

Christoffel said he believes the Theatre and Dance Department is successful.

"With limited facilities we still do great work," he said.

*"We just have no places to teach."*

— FRED CHRISTOFFEL  
Theatre and Dance  
Department Chairman



## Claim forms now available in Abercrombie settlement

By Megan Headley/  
Daily Titan

(U-WIRE) FULLERTON, Calif.— If you applied to work at Abercrombie & Fitch and were turned down, let go or demoted to the back of the store because of your race or sex, you may be able to get a piece of the \$40 million settlement the company will pay as result of a discrimination lawsuit.

The suit was filed in June 2003 under the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by three civil rights litigation organizations and 16 individual plaintiffs who were refused sales jobs or terminated because of their race or ethnicity. A settlement was reached in November 2004.

"Several Asian-American students at the University of California at Irvine were zeroed out and terminated because they didn't have the Abercrombie & Fitch look," said Shaheena Ahmad Simons, staff attorney at the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. "The Abercrombie look was waspy, preppy and collegiate in a very white way, not in a way that reflects the diversity of college students in America today. They were replaced with a number of white male employees."

After the lawsuit was filed, additional plaintiffs came forward, said case attorney Kimberly West-Faulcon, western regional director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Legal Defense Fund.

"There were repeating situations in California and throughout the country," West-Faulcon said. "It was part of the corporate culture of Abercrombie."

Abercrombie & Fitch was unavailable for comment, but Mike Jeffries, chairman and CEO, said in a written statement, "We have, and always have had, no tolerance for discrimination. We decided to

settle this suit because we felt that a long, drawn-out dispute would have been harmful to the company and distracting to management."

All women, blacks, Asian Americans and Latinos who either applied for a job or were employed at Abercrombie between Feb. 24, 1999, and Nov. 16, 2004, and were discriminated against are eligible to receive a portion of the settlement. Claim forms are available at [www.abercrombieclaims.com](http://www.abercrombieclaims.com) and must be mailed by March 25.

An estimated 25,000-to-50,000 claims are expected, West-Faulcon said.

The amount each person receives will depend on the total number of claims filed and the kind of discrimination reported, Simons said. The awards may range from several hundred to several thousand dollars, according to the claims administrator Web site.

## Meat processing plant scrutinized

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Working conditions at three U.S. meat processing plants — in North Carolina, Nebraska and Arkansas — violate basic human rights, according to a Human Rights Watch report.

The report, released Tuesday after a year of research, is based on interviews with employees and managers at a Nebraska Beef factory, a Tyson Foods chicken plant in Arkansas and the Smithfield Packing Co. pork plant in Tar Heel, about 100 miles south of Raleigh.

It says workers at all three plants are frequently injured, then refused medical care or fired.

The report found that repetitive motion injuries are universal in the industry; unsanitary conditions sometimes leave workers covered in animal urine and feces; and attempts to unionize are sometimes violently quashed.

Smithfield Foods has violated workers' rights for years, said

Tom Clarke, leader of an 11-year effort to unionize the pork plant, told The New York Times the

country's largest hog-facility.

"It's been an attitude of, 'Look, this is rural North Carolina. Who's going to know, and who's going to care?'" said Clarke, part of the Washington-based United Food and Commercial Workers International Union.

"This is going to shine a brighter light on the activity of the company."

A spokesman for Smithfield

Foods, based in Smithfield, Va., and that their rates of unionization are higher than in other industries.

The institute said the industry did not reflect current Occupational Safety and Health conditions. Administration and that injury rates are falling. Human Rights Watch says that injuries are under-reported.

Human Rights Watch said the report also was researched in 2003 and denied its 2004.

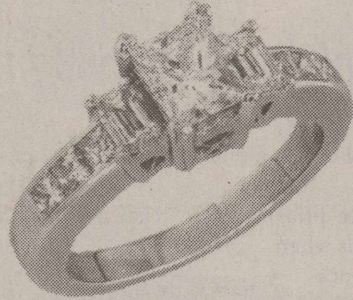
Besides interviews with workers and managers, Human Rights Watch said it interviewed community organizations, union representatives, workers' compensation attorneys, ergonomics experts and government officials.

The human rights group said it also reviewed court records, injury reports, OSHA records, company memorandums, government and academic studies, books on the industry and newspaper and magazine articles.

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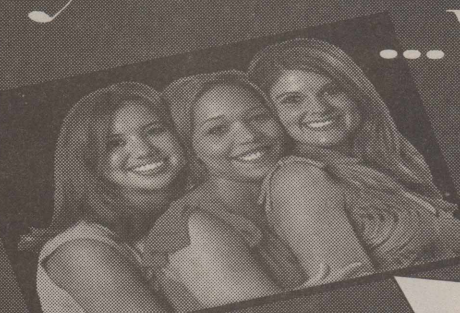
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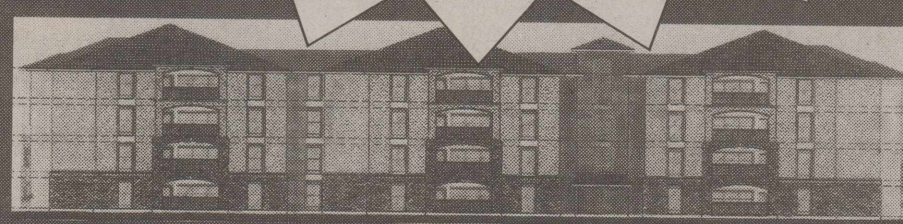
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## Car magnets, sad symbols

These magnets are a shoddy show  
of Americans' fleeting patriotism

Somewhere there is a posh corner office with a nice view in some random soaring skyscraper. There is an obese businessman in a three-piece suite, pocket watch dangling and he's chomping on his cigar. He sits in his executive suite, dreaming of ways to swindle people out of their money. "I've got it! We'll sell patriotism!"

No, it didn't really happen like this. It's called an allegory. But with their niche marketing, demographics and pact with the devil, big business has made a fortune on patriotism.

Something similar happened a couple years back. Our country suffered a terrible tragedy, and to soothe fear and ease pain, people went flag crazy. Little "made in Taiwan" flag magnets for their cars. Little "made in China" flags for their desks. Giant "made in Mexico" flags for their yard. It was a good time for flag makers.

Slowly flags faded, but not patriotism. Now we have magnetic ribbons to put on our cars. We still can show our support of foreign labor and our love of country.

Car magnets are the antithesis of what they say — "Support our Troops." There is no monetary support. There is arguably little actual tangible support from owners. They support big business, the foreign labor that makes them and the individuals' egos who buy them. These car ribbons do more harm than good, and I would argue they are what is wrong with our country, not what is right.

These decorations do not directly support the troops. No one should be operating under the childish notion the troops ever will see any of that profit.

I believe in supporting our troops, but the public has no need to know who sends care packages, donates to funds, brings casseroles to the families left behind or visits veterans.

As children we are taught that bragging is wrong. You don't do nice things and expect anything in return — and that includes expecting recognition.

The simple act of helping should be a reward in itself. There is no need to tell your neighbors.

Any money spent on patriotic paraphernalia is money wasted. Real patriotism is taking the time to find out who needs your money and then sending your money to them. Patriotism is not a cheap materialistic means to make one feel better.

That's the inherent irony of these fads. They aren't created to make others feel better. They serve

**Sarah Looten**



Car magnets are the antithesis of what they say — 'Support our Troops.' There is no monetary support. There is arguably little actual tangible support from owners. They support big business, the foreign labor that makes them, and the individuals' egos who buy them.

no purpose but to make the owner feel better. They are personal ego boosters. Owners think it serves as an invitation to an exclusive patriotic club, where membership is guaranteed with an outward display of bragging.

But I had a sad feeling that people with ribbons aren't even bragging about good deeds they do. They pay their bragging fee, slap stickers on their car and that's that.

There is only one excuse for car ribbons. Vehicles with "Half My Heart is in Iraq," "Father of a Marine," "Mother of a Navy Seal," "Vietnam Vet," stickers or Purple Heart license plates are not to be trifled with.

I never have met a family with a loved one overseas that didn't send packages, love and support to the troops. Every chapter of VFW I have had the pleasure of knowing also has supported our troops in tangible ways.

Their car ribbons still are arguably for personal morale, but I could never begrudge them that. They are going through rough times and need support, too.

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### TECH TALKS BACK

## Speaking of tyranny, let's look at elephants

I find it somewhat ironic that Will Davis in his Wednesday column wrote, "You end tyranny much like you eat an elephant: one bite at a time."

As Davis must surely know the elephant is a symbol of the Republican Party.

Tyranny, as I see it, means power concentrated in one or a few persons, left unchecked. The tyranny Davis writes of exists in many forms and in many countries.

In this country, the power of the presidential office is so great, so abused, that pure lies and fabrications about another country's

biological and chemical capabilities (i.e., Saddam Hussein's Iraq) are given and accepted as fact.

This power is so great, to characterize it as tyrannical would not miss the mark.

This power is so abused that billions of dollars are diverted from domestic concerns to fund a war based on lies.

So next time you find yourself at a Republican Party fund-raiser about to tuck into an elegant elephant soufflé, make sure that the elephant hasn't first eaten you.

— Bryan Ho, sophomore political science major from Lubbock



### VIEW FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSITY

## The Pill: just what the doctor ordered

Pharmacies have no place in denying patients contraceptives

By Cynthia Martens/  
The Badger Herald

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. — As the Food and Drug Administration wavers over whether to make emergency contraception available over the counter (the way it is in that ungodly country, France), I'm reminded of how many obstacles women still have to trip over to get basic health services.

Not so long ago a pharmacist in Menomonie, Wis., Neil Noesen, refused to fill a student's prescription for birth control pills because he said he would suffer spiritually. He was accused of being unprofessional, and the case went to court.

A pharmacist's job is to fill prescriptions and to answer questions, not to moralize about customer decisions.

What if a girl wanted to buy a sexy bra, and the sales clerk said no because she felt it was inappropriate or too provocative? Or a checkout clerk refused to sell beer from the liquor aisle because he didn't believe in drinking? Or a librarian refused to let you check out the New Testament because she was Jewish?

I'm a vegetarian, but when I waited tables, I delivered any meal a customer ordered, steak or tofu. If you can't handle filling prescriptions you don't

agree with, don't become a pharmacist.

The only time pharmacists should intervene is when they notice a patient's prescription clashes with another medication, perhaps one prescribed by a different physician.

Pharmacists never should second-guess a doctor unless they spot a harmful combination of drugs; the lines between the roles of physicians and pharmacists shouldn't blur.

Pharmacists also have no business asking personal questions (such as whether a girl is using birth control pills for contraception). They may not

Whether she is on the pill because of cramps or because she's having sex, a girl's doctor prescribed her birth control pills. Presumably there was a patient-doctor discus-

sion about her individual needs.

When men get Viagra, pharmacists never ask if they're sleeping with their spouses, if they saved themselves for marriage or if they're in monogamous, heterosexual relationships.

Girls who come in with doctors' prescriptions for birth control (and so who must be religiously at peace with their decision to go on the pill) have a right to have their prescriptions filled, no questions asked.

If college women feel they cannot safely fill their prescriptions, they are being intimidated out of their health rights!

Noesen's attorney said any punishment would violate Noesen's constitutional right to religious expression. Noesen's right to religious expression is tied to his right to

free speech: He is free to speak out against birth control or in favor of abstinence before marriage.

Preventing a girl with a pre-

scription from getting her pills goes beyond free speech.

If a pharmacist really isn't comfortable filling a prescription, the pharmacy should be responsible for calling in someone who is.

Sexual activity is nothing new, and at University of Wisconsin, you don't have to witness bartime to know many students are sexually active. Of course not all of them are. But personal decisions such as whether to abstain before marriage should be just that — personal.

At the end of the day, if a girl wants to go on birth control, and a doctor prescribes her pills, she should be able to get them without fear of being grilled by a pharmacist whose religious views do not match her own.

And if a girl needs emergency contraception, she likewise should be able to get it without difficulty.

The morning after pill, Nor-Levo, has been available in France without prescription, without parent authorization and without cost for teenagers under the age of 18 since January 2002. Let's hope the FDA follows suit.

You have a right not to answer personal questions about your health. And you have a right to have your prescriptions filled. If you are refused service, take actions.

It's your business. Not mine.

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# Doctor: Adderall abuse like taking speed

By Lindsay Wharton/  
The University Daily

College students abusing Adderall may make getting help more difficult for students with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

"If you legitimately have ADHD, it's so treatable; it's a shame if they don't come and get help," said Dr. Valerie Robinson, an assistant professor of neuropsychiatry at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.

The Federal Drug Administration approved Adderall for ADHD, Robinson said.

More abuse of Adderall probably occurs because it is legitimate medicine that is easy to find, she said.

For college students to get the medication is not difficult, Robinson said. Abusers of the drug feel as if they are taking speed, she said.

If a person is abusing Adderall

he will need more of the drug each time he uses it to get that same feeling, Robinson said.

If a person takes enough Adderall, they will have an increased heart rate, higher blood pressure, insomnia, irritability and mood swings, she said.

Some abusers may become psychotic with heavy use, Robinson said.

Most doctors are aware some people are drug seeking when they ask for Adderall, Robinson said.

Most people with ADHD have had a history of symptoms in their childhood, Robinson said. Doctors need to get a history of the student's behaviors to properly diagnose the person.

Diagnosis also depends on the degree the students are having problems. If the ADHD is not having a significant effect on patients' lives, doctors may not prescribe anything further,

Robinson said.

For those who have been prescribed Adderall, Robinson recommends Adderall XR because it has beads inside with a polymer coating.

This prescription abuse difficult because crushing each individual bead is time consuming.

Robinson said if a student thinks he has

ADHD, his doctor can give that will analyze the student.

ADHD can become more of a problem during college because students have more responsibili-

ties, Robinson said. Also, students have to be responsible with bills and other household chores they may not have had to deal with before.

Erin Smitherman, a freshman mechanical engineering major from Canyon, said she knows people who use Adderall so they can get their work done.

"It makes their life a lot easier than when they don't take it," she said.

Sometimes high school can be manageable for ADHD sufferers. Students could do assignments at the last minute and still get a decent grade.

College tends to be difficult and requires more concentration, Robinson said.

Students have to be organized and efficient in college classes to keep up with the work, she said.

Students must be able to

pay attention for longer than 30 minutes.

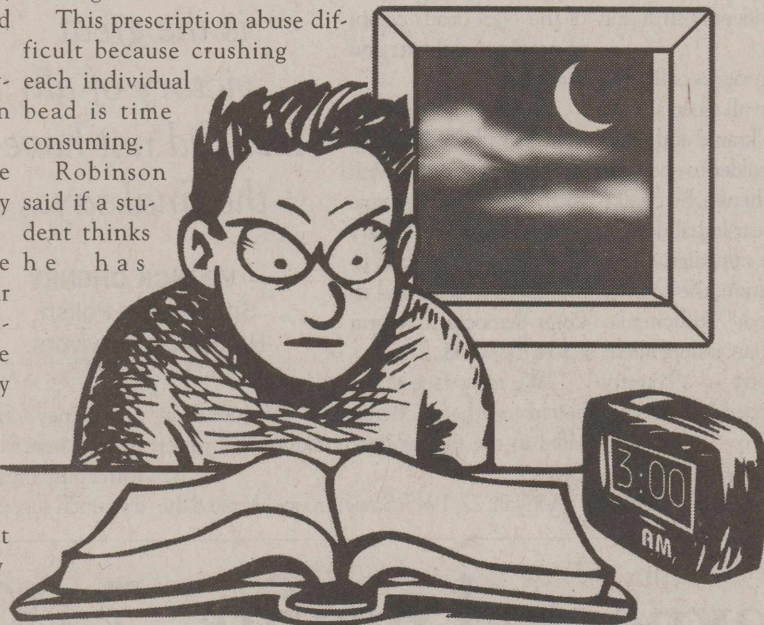
This attention span poses a problem for currently untreated students with the disorder, she said.

"The biggest complaint of ADHD adults is time management," Robinson said.

For a person only to have ADHD is unusual, she said. The disorder is usually accompanied with a learning disability, depression, manic depression, bi-polar disorder or drug and alcohol abuse, Robinson said.

A person with ADHD who does not get treatment could have serious problems in the future, Robinson said.

Such a student could possibly drop out of school, she said. Developing drug and alcohol abuse is more likely. Depression is common among ADHD sufferers, said Robinson.



## CDC expands early AIDS treatment

By Emily Tan/  
Washington Square News

(U-WIRE) NEW YORK — A drug cocktail used to prevent infection after exposure to the AIDS virus, previously only available to health care workers, will now be available to victims of rape and faulty contraception, among others.

The emergency treatment, usually made up of a three-drug combination including AZT and 3TC, is the same medication prescribed to treat those already infected with HIV/AIDS.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention altered their guidelines for rape victims and others, and has called for a major policy shift for the government.

AIDS awareness and preven-

tion advocates on campus, while welcoming the CDC's actions as an advancement in slowing the AIDS epidemic, said that it shouldn't have taken so long to approve the policy.

"It is appalling that the CDC did not endorse providing post-exposure prophylaxis for the general population until now," said Diana Gonzalez, Student Global AIDS Campaign at NYU vice president.

She said the CDC's recommendation to expand the cocktail's use is long overdue and that the government fails to provide adequate help to AIDS patients.

CAS senior Eric Cioe, president of the New York City Student Initiative for AIDS Inc., said he believes the United States is not up to date with AIDS treatment

especially compared to its global counterparts.

He said that although the new policy "sounds like a step in the right direction ... It's not consistent with the rest of the CDC's policy on HIV and AIDS," he said.

He noted that the CDC's website does not even list condoms as a method for AIDS and HIV prevention.

The CDC is treating the infection when it should be trying to prevent it in the first place, Cioe said.

"My problem is the CDC is not even telling people to wear a condom," he said. "The drugs should not be a first line of defense."

Gonzalez, assistant professor of medicine at the NYU School of Medicine, is a member of the

New York State AIDS Institute medical guidelines board, which pushed for the new policy.

"We saw there was a need in a non-health care setting," Gonzalez said. "We thought it was important to expand the guidelines [for the drugs' distribution]."

Anyone from a doctor to an emergency room physician to a general practitioner can "judge who is at risk," he said.

No experimental drugs will be used, he said.

The CDC said individuals should begin treatment no more than 72 hours after exposure to the virus and remain on the medication for 28 days, the AP reported.

An AIDS vaccine developed by Merck & Co., Inc., will be tested at NYU in April, Gonzalez said.

## Dallas to settle in drug scandal

DALLAS (AP) — Plaintiffs in at least four of nine federal lawsuits stemming from the police scandal that sent innocent immigrants to jail over faked drug evidence will receive settlements from the city, according to lawyers and court filings.

Two of the four settlements handled by a Dallas attorney were disclosed in federal court records. Plaintiff's attorney Tony Wright told The Dallas Morning News on Tuesday that his clients in two of the other civil rights cases also had reached agreements with the city, but declined to disclose the dollar amounts because it could jeopardize settlements between the city and other plaintiffs.

"The city has made a significant offer, from their point of view," said Wright, adding his clients were reluctant to take the offer but chose to avoid a lengthy legal fight. "The city did the right thing."

The four cases involving Hispanic men falsely arrested in 2001 were scheduled for trials in the next several months. Monetary payouts were not disclosed Tuesday.

"We've made significant progress," said City Attorney Madeline Johnson, declining to comment specifically about the settlements. "I'm confident that we will bring closure to most of those cases in the near future."

Wright's four settled cases were brought on behalf of George Sifuentez, Lorenzo Escamilla, Jacinto Jesus Mejia and Israel Pineda. Informants in their arrests had planted bundles of a white powder, sometimes billiard chalk, and then led police to begin false felony prosecutions.

The lawsuits were filed against the city, fired narcotics officers Mark Delapaz and Eddie Herrera and former Chief Terrell Bolton. Three informants went to federal prison in the scheme.

Settlement talks continue in several of the remaining lawsuits, court records show. The city and former police officials involved in 2001 arrests of more than two-dozen innocent people based on bogus drug evidence were accused of civil-rights violations or of creating an environment that allowed them.

Johnson said the cost of any settlements related to the scandal would be made public once all the deals are finalized.

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# Cheney meets with Ukraine's new president

KRAKOW, Poland (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney voiced his support Wednesday for Ukraine's new president, and his bright orange tie—symbolic of Viktor Yushchenko's "Orange Revolution"—drove home the message.

"The world has been inspired by the remarkable images emanating from Ukraine in recent months," Cheney said at a cultural center in Krakow, Poland, where the two met during a heavy snowstorm. "We have watched as Ukrainians, by the hundreds of thousands, converged on Kiev's Independent Square to preserve their freedom and safeguard their right to determine the destiny of their nation."

He said the Ukrainian people have shown the world the "unstoppable power of the popular will."

Yushchenko, who survived a nearly fatal poisoning to emerge victorious in a bitterly disputed election, faces a delicate juggling act, pushing for democratic reforms and aligning Ukraine with Europe while keeping fruitful relations with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

On Monday, Yushchenko smoothed rela-

tions with Putin in Moscow. On Wednesday, he stood side-by-side with Cheney at dual podiums to publicly express mutual support.

Yushchenko mentioned Russia along with the United States, the European Union and Poland as strategic partners, but he and Cheney refrained from saying anything that might have provoked Putin, who will meet with President Bush during his trip to Europe next month.

"We want to pursue the processes of liberalization and democratization in all aspects of life that are so badly needed in Ukraine and other Eastern European nations, shoulder-to-shoulder with our partners," said Yushchenko, his chalky complexion scarred by the near-lethal dose of dioxin he ingested during the campaign.

"After the Orange Revolution, the country and the nation have changed," Yushchenko said. "Not only do we have an independent country, we have a free country—a country capable of pursuing new, independent and responsible policy."

Initially, the two leaders were scheduled to have a brief meeting and then eat dinner.

But their meeting lasted more than an hour, more than twice as long as scheduled, and they skipped dinner.

Cheney is on a three-day trip to southern Poland to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camps at nearby Auschwitz and Birkenau.

The vice president's remarks with Yushchenko and, earlier, at a reception with Holocaust survivors echoed President Bush's inauguration day call to overcome tyranny and to foster democratic reform across the world.

"We must face down hatred together," Cheney said. "We are dedicated to the task at hand, and we will never forget."

On Jan. 27, 1945, Soviet troops liberated the

death camps, where between 1 million and 1.5 million prisoners, most of them Jews, perished in gas chambers or died of starvation and disease.

In all, 6 million Jews were killed in the Holocaust.

"Today, many Holocaust survivors have children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren," Cheney said. "That, I believe, is the greatest victory of all. Evil did not have the final say."

—VP DICK CHENEY  
Speaking to Polish Holocaust Survivors

Cheney's first official stop was at Wawel Royal Castle, where he met for about 40 minutes with Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski, a staunch supporter of the war in Iraq.

However, Polish Defense Minister Jerzy Szmajdzinski has said he thinks Polish troops should stay in Iraq only until the end of this year.

Poland has taken command of a multinational security force in central Iraq that currently includes approximately 6,000 troops—among them more than 2,400 Polish soldiers.

Leaders previously have said they hope to scale down the Polish presence significantly after elections in Iraq, scheduled for Sunday.

In neighboring Ukraine, Yushchenko has said he will not reverse outgoing President Leonid Kuchma's decision to withdraw Ukraine's estimated 1,650 troops in Iraq by the end of June.

Yushchenko vowed in his campaign to withdraw the Ukrainian forces from Iraq. But Janusz Bugajski, an expert on Eastern European affairs at the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies, said he thinks there might be a way for Yushchenko to honor his commitment to his electorate as well as to the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq.

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# SBC reports lower expected profits, 7,000 job cuts this year

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — SBC Communications Inc., the nation's second largest local phone service provider, said Wednesday its earnings and that it plans to cut 7,000 jobs this year in a bid to cut costs.

The job cuts for 2005 will be made mostly through attrition and are part of plans announced last November to cut 10,000 or more jobs by the end of this year.

San Antonio-based SBC said it earned \$754 million, or 23 cents a

share, in the three months ended Dec. 31, compared with \$905 million, or 27 cents per share, a year earlier.

Excluding special items, income in the latest quarter was 34 cents per share, compared to the consensus of 33 cents among analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call.

SBC's special items included nearly \$400 million for costs related

to Cingular Wireless's acquisition of AT&T Wireless and \$244 million for severance payments and changes to the company's pension plan for management. SBC holds a 60 percent stake in Atlanta-based Cingular.

Revenue in the fourth quarter was \$10.3 billion, up from \$10 billion a year earlier.

SBC shares rose 13 cents to close

at \$24.58 in Wednesday trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Its shares have traded in a range of \$22.98 to \$27.29 over the past year.

The company had said in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission in November that it would cut 10,000 or more jobs by the end of 2005, representing about 6 percent of its work force.

SBC said Wednesday it plans to cut 7,000 positions in 2005, primarily through attrition.

The November filing came a day after a prominent analyst wrote that SBC has more workers per phone line than its competitors and that the

company could save \$1.2 billion a year by cutting up to 20,000 jobs.

Anne Vincent, an SBC spokeswoman, said Wednesday that the company eliminated 6,000 jobs in all of 2004, half of them in the fourth quarter.

SBC's total work force was 162,700 at the end of 2004, Vincent said. That number is down more than 35,000 positions since late 2001.

"SBC has a disciplined, focused plan to compete and grow in an evolving industry, and we are executing that plan aggressively," said chairman and chief executive Edward Whitacre Jr. "I am very positive about 2005."

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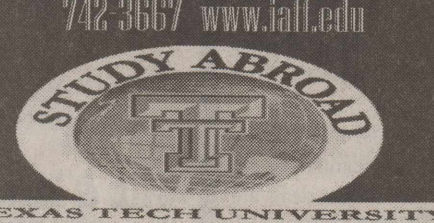
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# Blair: U.S. must work with rest of world

DAVOS, Switzerland (AP) — British Prime Minister Tony Blair said Wednesday the United States must do more to address the concerns of the rest of the world if it expects support for its own policies, and he cited global warming as a prime example.

"If America wants the rest of the world to be part of the agenda it has set, it must be part of their agenda, too," he told the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum, a gathering of 2,500 world political and business leaders.

Blair and French President Jacques Chirac — who appeared on a video link — both urged the world's richest nations to provide billions of dollars to help developing countries combat AIDS, poverty and natural disasters.

Blair's unusually sharp comments directed at the United States come at a time of growing public anger in Britain over his support for President Bush in Iraq and months before British general elections.

Alluding to one of the key issues dividing the United States from Europe and much of the world, Blair said: "I support the Kyoto Protocol. Others will not ... but business and the global economy need to know this isn't an issue that is going away."

The British leader added, however, that Bush's speech at his second term inauguration last week indicated "there is a wish to reunify" in Washington.

The World Economic Forum has taken on increased importance in recent years as globalization and common threats — from terrorism to increased vulnerability to natural disasters — have made nations more dependent on each other.

Chirac alluded to such interdependence, saying that natural disasters, political unrest, uncontrolled migration and extremism are "breeding grounds for terrorism."

Blair and Chirac said large-scale assistance for the poor only can make the world a more stable place, but outlined different scenarios regarding how to get there.

Prevented by bad weather from coming to Davos, Chirac suggested in his video message from Paris that rich nations raise billions of aid dollars through new taxes and other

measures. Referring to the Dec. 26 tsunami that struck Asia, he added: "The world suffers chronically from what has been strikingly called the 'silent tsunamis.' Famine. Infectious diseases that decimate the life force of entire continents."

Blair said that in Africa, 3,000 children under age 5 die of malaria daily and "6,000 people die each day of AIDS."

Britain wants rich nations to set a timetable for raising development aid and for more countries to join the "International Finance Facility," designed to double aid to Africa from \$50 billion a year.

That would help the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals that foresee cutting poverty in half by 2015, boosting the fight against AIDS and educating some 100 million children not now in school.

While Chirac focused largely on global poverty, Blair also touched on terrorism and

global warming. In his first term, Bush worked hard to rally international opinion behind the fight against terrorism, but his administration also abandoned the 1997 Kyoto climate change agreement, arguing it would hurt American industry.

Blair said the United States and other leading industrialized nations must give a clear signal this year that they are serious about cutting greenhouse gases.

"We need to send a clear signal that whilst we continue to analyze science ... we are united in moving in the direction of greenhouse gas reductions," Blair said.

Chirac outlined steps to raise billions of dollars through taxes on international financial transactions, plane tickets or fuel used by airliners and oceangoing vessels.

He also proposed that countries with bank secrecy laws make a special contribution to Third World aid and that developed nations provide "coordinated tax incentives" to stimulate private donations.

The assembled corporate and political leaders — along with advisers and celebrities — spend five days debating various issues in more than 200 workshops.

The forum has been a favorite of top U.S. administration officials in recent years, including Vice President Dick Cheney and former President Clinton, but this year's event will be dominated by European leaders as key American officials stay away because of personnel changes in the Bush administration, organizers said. Labor Secretary Elaine Chao is scheduled to attend, the only member of Bush's Cabinet.



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British Prime Minister

# Spacewalking astronauts install mini-robots, find goo on vents

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Leaving the international space station unattended while they stepped outside, the two crewmen hooked up a robotic arm Wednesday and found some kind of gunk on the spacecraft's vents that might explain the frequent breakdowns in its air-supply equipment.

Spacewalkers Leroy Chiao and Salizhan Sharipov did not make all of the electrical connections on the experimental mini-arm tight enough and had to redo part of the job, but managed to get full power flowing with just minutes remaining in their 5 1/2-hour outing.

"Everything's perfect," Mission Control radioed.

"Well, thank God, thank God," came the reply. Before going back inside, they were advised: "Take a breather."

During their 225-mile-high excursion, the spacewalkers also inspected the station's vents and found a large patch of dark, oily residue and a white, honeycombed substance.

What the substances were was not immediately known.

The space station's Russian oxygen generator has broken down repeatedly, and engineers have speculated its vent might be clogged or corroded. The air-cleansing equipment also has a history of malfunctions.

The spacewalk was the first in Chiao and Sharipov's mission. The American and the Russian are 3 1/2 months into their six-month stay.

"Hello, space, my old friend," Chiao, a veteran spacewalker, said as he exited.

Because of the grounding of NASA's shuttle fleet, the space station has been limited to two residents instead of the usual three. As a result, no one was left inside during the spacewalk, but ground controllers kept watch over the spacecraft, an increasingly common practice in the wake of the Columbia disaster two years ago.

Controllers did not get to see the start of the spacewalk because

the cold interfered with a dish antenna on the space station. But the antenna soon warmed up in the sunlight, and live TV images filled Mission Control's screens, though only sporadically.

The German-made \$10 million arm — a 20-inch device featuring two joints, two cameras and a fingerlike pin at the end — is a smaller, simpler version of what engineers hope will lead to satellite-repair robots in perhaps a few years.

For now, the objective is simply to see whether the arm can move along a 28-inch curved track and survive for a year in the vacuum of space.

The arm arrived on Christmas Day aboard a Russian supply ship along with much-needed groceries for the spacemen, whose food and water had been running so low that they had to be put on a diet.

They had a month of hearty eating to beef up for the spacewalk, which involved hauling the robotic arm and its platform over 100 feet.

Because of the spacewalk, it

was a 20-hour workday for the astronauts, a flight rule violation but a situation that NASA considers occasionally unavoidable with only two people on board. Flight surgeons vouched for the crew's strength.

Once they were back inside, the spacewalkers said that they were weary and stressed because of glove problems and that they had scraped their fingertips.

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JOSHUA KRAJA (left), a sophomore public relations major from Ennis, and Travis Kowalski, a freshman business major from San Antonio, look through the posters at the poster sale in the Student Union building Wednesday afternoon.

## Address

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taxes would be one way to force systems to re-evaluate their accounting, which could lead to more money in people's pockets and more money going to the local economy.

This lowering also could have an adverse effect on the public school systems, since they are primarily funded by property taxes, said Edwards.

"Taxes are always a tough call," Edwards said.

In his speech, Perry also stressed the importance of investing in biotechnology, preserving jobs, minimizing frivolous lawsuits and having insurance policies, especially for children.

According to the speech transcript, Perry stated that if the legislature were to send him bills regarding parental consent for minors to have abortions or human cloning, he would sign them.

## Tests

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The Bush administration recently has reinstated the AP programs nationwide with a 73 percent increase in funding, bringing the budget to more than \$51 million, according to the CNN Web site.

Alex Blue, a sophomore music education major from Arlington, said he benefited from the AP programs at his high school.

"Most of the programs were geared toward A&M and UT, but I still benefited from the work," he said. "High school was a lot tougher than anything I have had to do here at Tech."

Eric Drown, a freshman landscape architecture major from Houston, said he did not participate in academic groups or clubs in high school.

"I was more into sports in high school," he said. "I played lacrosse and football, I play club lacrosse for Tech now."

He said the only test he remembers taking, besides the SAT, was a chemistry placement exam when he arrived at Tech.

"It was a pretty hard test," he said. "I didn't even remember what an isotope was, so that tells you something."

He said he attended Klein Oak High School and said he believes the students at the school were college-ready.

"My high school made me very ready for college life," he said. "I feel a lot of what I have been doing here this year has been reviewing."

Bobbi Gage, a sophomore journalism major from Spring Branch, said she did not believe her high school curriculum prepared her for college.

"The English department at my high school did a good job, but the math department did nothing to help me," she said. "My years as the newspaper editor at my high school have benefited me more than anything else I did."

## Plan

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been honest; they've been great."

Allison said some of the neighborhoods in central Lubbock are approaching 60 years of age. Efforts to improve east and west Lubbock have been successful and will continue, but now the city will focus on improving central Lubbock.

"There are no unimportant parts of Lubbock," he said.

While the central Lubbock plan involves more than 100 recommendations to the city, 13 key priority strategies are scheduled to take place in the next two years, LeRoy said.

"Number one is to develop a detailed plan for the 34th Street corridor," he said.

The 34th Street corridor includes 34th Street from Interstate 27 to Slide Road, according to the master plan.

The improvement of the corridor involves developing a detailed plan, an acquisition strategy, and a streetscape and parking concept.

LeRoy said this area is the top priority because it is the area where the most change can occur.

"You go to the area that needs the most help first,"

he said.

A major problem with the 34th Street corridor is the amount of retail units located in the area, LeRoy said.

"You have twice as much retail as the neighborhood can support,"

he said. Some underperforming retail outlets will be replaced with more upscale housing complexes, such as town homes, LeRoy said. Retail will be concentrated at the major intersections along the corridor, he said.

"It has to change," LeRoy said. "Let's direct the retail to where it can do best, and that's at those key intersections."

Mayor Pro Temp Tom Martin said the city council set aside several million dollars a few years ago to replace water and sewer lines along 34th Street. He said the water and sewer lines are more than 50 years old.

"They need a total replacement," he said.

Part of replacing the water and sewer lines would involve digging up the street and then replacing it. This replacement would allow for a widening of the street and for other improvements to be made without additional costs to the city, Martin said.

"Hopefully, it will be a nice, improved esplanade," he said.

Another priority is creating a comprehensive neighborhood

coalition to aid the revitalization project, LeRoy said.

"It is more successful if you have an ongoing organization that has as its task to continue the implementation of this plan,"

he said. Refining zoning ordinances and developing a plan for the South Overton area are other priorities, according to the master plan.

The plan identifies a partnership between Lubbock and Texas Tech as a priority strategy, LeRoy said. This partnership would aim to develop incentives for Tech faculty and staff to live in adjacent neighborhoods.

"This would get Texas Tech and the community on the same page," he said.

The master plan outlines public education programs for landlords and renters and a landlord-licensing program as other priority strategies.

There is no price tag for the central Lubbock project yet, LeRoy said. However, private investments will greatly outnumber the city's investment, he said.

"The price tag is probably 15 or 20 to one in terms of private investment to public investment,"

he said. The Lubbock City Council will

vote to approve the Central Lubbock Master plan when it meets Thursday.

## Iraq

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tion, which will create a 275-member National Assembly and regional legislatures. Sunni Muslim extremists have threatened to sabotage the election, and many Sunni clerics have called for a boycott because of the presence of U.S. and other foreign troops.

The group calling itself al-Qaida in Iraq warned people to stay away from the polls, threatening attacks. "Oh people, be careful. Be careful

not to be near the centers of infidelity and vice, the polling

centers ... Don't blame us, but blame yourselves" if harmed,"

A Web statement issued in the group's name said.

In addition to Wednesday's crash deaths, four Marines were killed in fighting in Iraq's Anbar province, the military said. A reporter embedded with those troops, Jim Dolan of WABC in New York City, said the deaths came when insurgents ambushed a Marine convoy leaving the town of Haditha, northwest of Baghdad, hitting a vehicle with a rocket-propelled grenade.

Also Wednesday, insurgents attacked a U.S. Army patrol near the northern town of Duluyyah, killing one soldier and wounding

two others, and in the Baghdad area a roadside bomb killed another soldier and wounded two others, the U.S. command said.

The day's deaths brought to at least 1,409 the number of members of the U.S. military who have died in Iraq, according to an Associated Press count.

A string of political violence continued. Several schools slated to be used as polling stations were bombed overnight.

A suicide bomber detonated a fuel tanker at the offices of the Kurdistan Democratic Party in the town of Sinjar, southwest of Mosul, killing five and injuring at least 20 people, KDP officials said.

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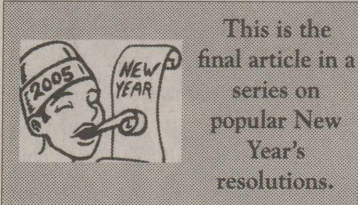
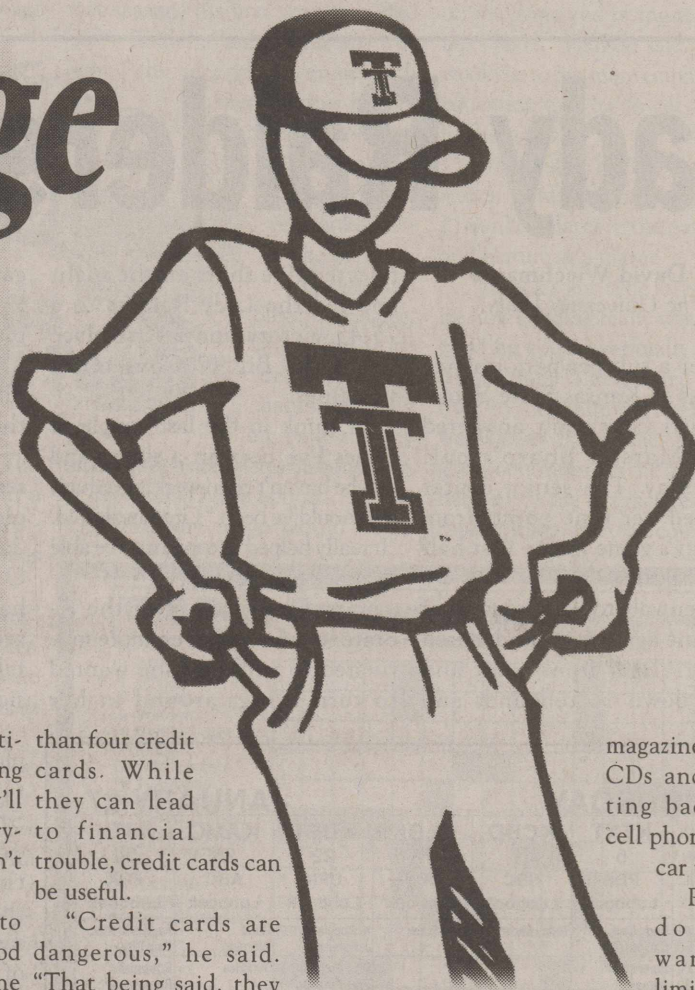


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# Taking charge of your CASH



This is the final article in a series on popular New Year's resolutions.

By Jeremy Martin/  
The University Daily

Budgeting money is not listed as a required course in the college catalog, but biochemistry major Yvette Flahive said keeping her finances straight is a skill she has picked up nonetheless.

"It's just another thing you have to learn in college, like the processes of the Krebs cycle," she said.

Biological smiles aside, she said she has had to become more careful with her money since she moved away from home. Flahive, a Texas Tech marching band, said managing her money while dealing with the responsibilities of a student has not always been easy.

"Trying to go to school, going to

work, doing band and keeping track of my money?" she said. "It's hard stuff. Keeps you on your toes."

Flahive, a junior from San Antonio, said college students typically are young and unattached. Therefore, they can afford to be less financially responsible than people with families to support. She said student loans should be taken advantage of.

"If you want to take out a loan to study abroad or work less or whatever, do it now," she said. "You can always pay back a loan, but you can't get back behind."

David Pineda, a sophomore business major from Del Rio, said he is confident he will make enough money after he graduates to pay salaries they will have.

back any student loan money he borrows.

"I don't worry about paying them back," he said. "I'm going to school for a reason. I'll get a job when I get out, and it isn't going to be a problem."

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"Students are often very optimistic about the jobs they're going to get," he said. "They think they'll make enough money to pay everything off. Sometimes that doesn't happen."

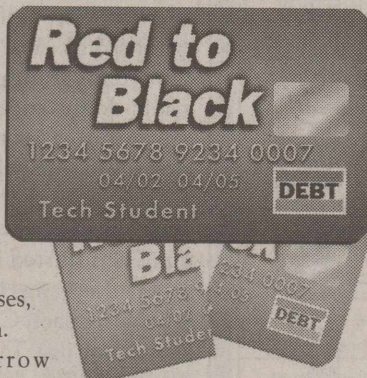
Taking out a student loan to meet living expenses may be a good decision if the loan will allow the student to spend less time working and more time concentrating on school, he said.

However, taking out loans for unnecessary purchases, a common practice studying personal financial planning and consumer economics, said many college

students view money matters with a similar attitude. They often have unrealistic expectations about the

than four credit cards. While they can lead to financial trouble, credit cards can be useful.

"Credit cards are dangerous," he said. "That being said, they



are a good way to establish credit. One credit card week add up," he said. "You're not managed care-fully through a good credit builder."

Halley said students are having more problems the best way controlling their spending and to save money managing their finances than ever is to plan. He

said students should keep track of their earnings and manage their spending accordingly.

Pineda said he believes students often have problems with budgeting because they are inexperienced in financial matters.

"We're still young," he said. "You don't think about money before you waste it. You don't think ahead."

Halley suggested a student can save money by eating at home more often, buying fewer books,

magazines and CDs and cutting back on cell phone and car use.

People do not want to limit their

spending, but even a few dollars a week add up," he said. "You're not talking about a budget of a couple thousand dollars a month. You're talking about a few hundred dollars a month."

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## Lady Raiders regain ground at home

By David Wiechmann/  
The University Daily

After a sub-par performance in a loss to Kansas State Saturday, Cisti Greenwalt answered coach Marsha Sharp's call Wednesday. The senior center surpassed her nine points from Saturday's game in the first half with 14 points.

Greenwalt took command of the paint against an undersized Missouri Tiger front court and pulled down 14 rebounds and

rejected five shots on the night and led the Lady Raiders to a 75-45 victory and a first place tie in the Big 12 Conference standings.

"I think in the last couple of games I've been in a slump and maybe haven't been working as hard as I should've been," Greenwalt said. "It really helped us tonight to be able to attack the basket."

Greenwalt said after the K-State loss she was even more motivated to win, and she wanted to turn things around in her

game against the Tigers.

"I didn't want to lose, and I played awful in the last game, so I wanted to come in and hopefully carry it out for the rest of the conference," she said.

Sharp said her lone senior came to play Wednesday and that Greenwalt halted Missouri's attempts to establish any inside presence.

"Cisti played great tonight. She really dominated the middle of the floor," Sharp said. "I think she took them out of what they wanted to do on offense."

Texas Tech used a 15-2 run to close the first half, pulling ahead of Missouri, 35-22, at the half. The Lady Raiders continued their dominance for the next six minutes as the Tigers did not score until the 14:08 mark in the second half. Missouri's score marked the end of a 28-2 run Tech started in the first half when the game was tied at 20. Missouri coach Cindy Stein said it was not just Tech's size inside allowed the Lady Raiders to run away with the game, but the athleticism every player brings to the court was a contributing element.

"I think their size is a factor, but I would tell you their

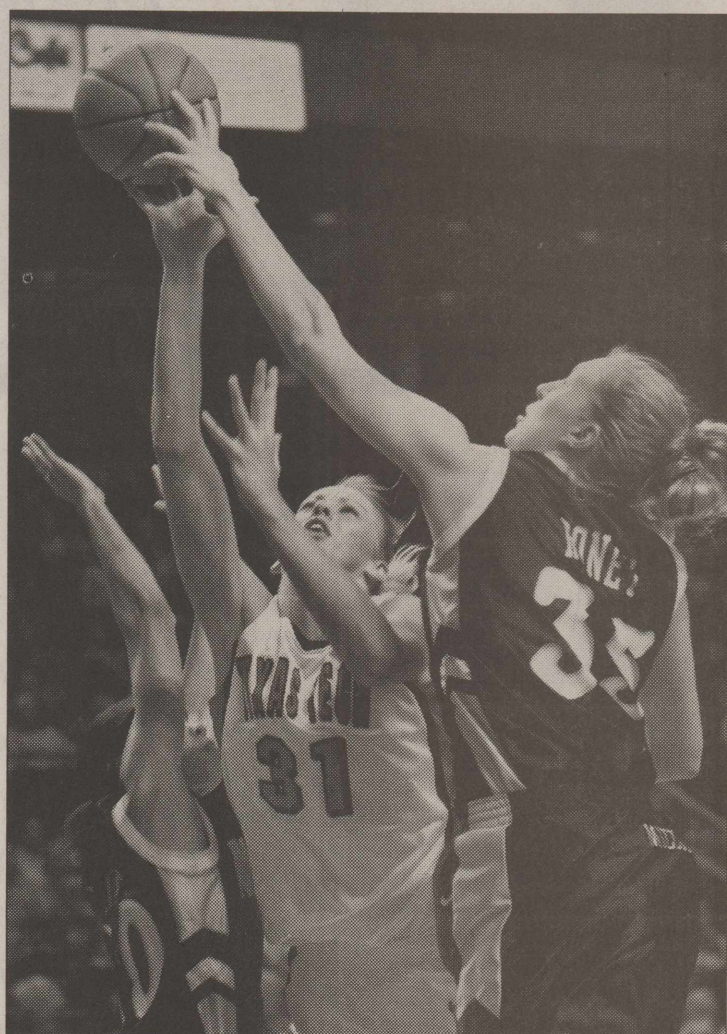
athleticism is the key," Stein said. "I mean, LaToya Davis can move; she's an incredible athlete. That's what gets you is their athleticism. Their first steps are really quick."

With the game well out of hand for Missouri, Tech did not slow down in its attack. The Lady Raiders held the Tigers to 23 points in the second half and crashed the boards to deny their opponent second chance points. Greenwalt had eight of her 14 rebounds in the second half.

Tech's defense proved again why it is ranked among the leaders in scoring and shooting percentage. Missouri shot 27.6 percent in the second half, and the 45 points is the team's second-lowest total on the year.

Junior forward LaToya Davis used her athleticism to score 11 points before leaving the game with 13:41 remaining because of a knee injury. Sharp said Davis was being evaluated during the media conference and more would be known Thursday after an MRI.

Coming in for Davis off the bench was freshman Darrice Griffin, who had nine points on the night and was 7-of-8 at the



VANESSA VELA/The University Daily

TEXAS TECH CENTER Cisti Greenwalt goes up for a shot against two Missouri defenders during the Lady Raiders' 75-45 victory at the United Spirit Arena Wednesday night.

free-throw line.

Sharp said it was one of those times when a player puts all the thoughts going through her mind behind her and simply plays the game.

"You always think that during players' freshman year there's going to be a moment when it all comes together and the light comes on. It's on," she said. "She's been really aggressive with the ball and made plays on the defensive end. We finally got together and decided we weren't gonna think anymore."

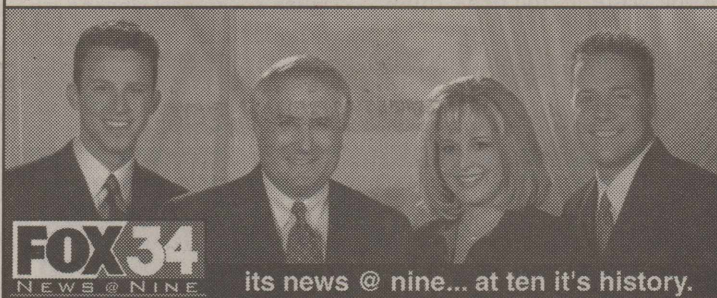
Another highlight for the Lady Raiders was point guard Erin Grant. She surpassed Krista Kirkland for second in career

assists at Tech with 554. She is now 49 behind leader Melinda Schmucker-Pharies.

Tech will travel to Texas A&M for its next Big 12 contest and will attempt to stay atop the conference standings. Last season at A&M the Lady Raiders narrowly escaped with a 59-58 win. Sharp said Saturday will be an important game for her team as the Aggies will be well prepared and winning on the road is key to the quest for a Big 12 title.

"It's gonna be a huge battle for us on Sunday at A&M," she said. "It'll be a big game for us, an important game, and we need to come home with a win."

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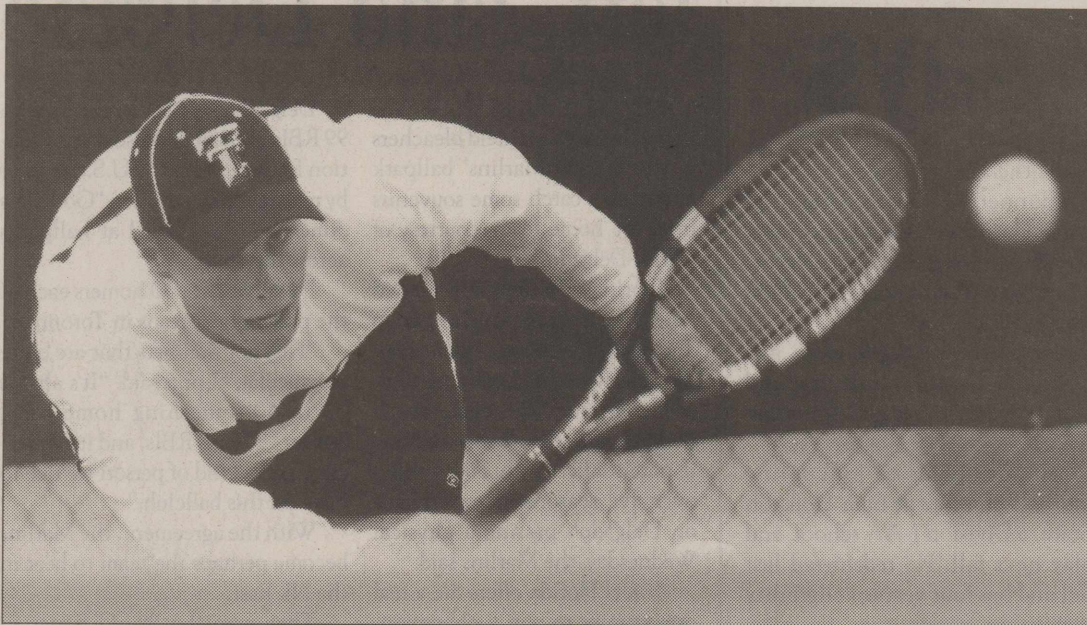
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# Paulsen set for 2005 tennis season



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TEXAS TECH TENNIS player Jakob Paulsen reaches for a hit during the 2004 season match.

By Trey Shipman/  
The University Daily

He had to leave everything: his family, his friends — everything he had known to attend college in a new country, all while attempting to play a Division I sport.

The experience would excite some, but the list of challenges to overcome goes on; a new language,

new customs and paperwork are only a few.

However, senior Jakob Paulsen of the men's tennis team at Texas Tech is living proof that it can be done.

Three years ago Paulsen overcame all the obstacles when he decided to leave his hometown in Idestrup, Denmark, to pursue his tennis career in the United States.

Paulsen said the decision to come

to the United States was influenced by the ample amount of opportunities the country presents, both in tennis and in other avenues.

"I chose to come here because I feel it is the only country where you can play at a high level in sports as well as get a good education," Paulsen said. "You can't get that anywhere else."

Paulsen, an advertising and mar-

keting major, began his career in the United States three years ago at Lamar University, a small college in Beaumont.

"The first semester was very difficult," he said. "It was a whole new culture, whole new surroundings, but I really liked the people. I've only been in Texas, and everyone's been really nice about helping me out."

Tech men's tennis coach Tim Siegel agreed going to school in a new country can be a difficult transition and one to which his team has become accustomed.

"It's definitely an adjustment," he said. "Seven out of my 11 players are foreign, but we try to make it as smooth and easy on them as we can."

Before coming to Tech, Paulsen was named the Southland Conference freshman of the year, as well as the conference player of the year his sophomore season.

After arriving in Lubbock keeping the acclamations coming did not take him long.

He was named the Big 12 Con-

ference's newcomer of the year last season, his first year as a Red Raider. Paulsen also was only the second player in Tech

men's tennis history to reach the NCAA tournament and finished the year ranked 49<sup>th</sup> in the nation.

Paulsen and Siegel both agree, with enough dedication and hard work, playing professionally after Paulsen completes his education at Tech could be an option.

"One way to go would be to

continue practicing and working on my game and trying to go to the next level," Paulsen said. "Another would be to put more emphasis on my education and try to get a job here in the states."

Siegel said he is privileged to watch Paulsen, currently the No. 21-ranked player in the nation, grow and mature as a player.

"It took some time for me to realize how good he really was, and how good he could eventually become," Siegel said. "I've pushed him and tried to show him the strengths and weaknesses of his game, and he's just got to continue to come out and work hard every day in practice and carry that attitude onto the court."

## Cowboys re-sign Dantzler after releasing him in 2003

IRVING (AP) — Woodrow Dantzler, who made his NFL debut in Dallas in 2002 before being released the next season, was re-signed by the Cowboys on Wednesday.

The Cowboys originally signed the college quarterback as a free agent, and he spent most of his rookie season on the practice squad.

When he played the last five games, he returned 27 kickoffs for a 22.3-yard average.

Dantzler made the Cowboys' 53-man roster in 2003 because coach Bill Parcells liked his versatility on special teams.

But Dantzler was released before the season opener to make room for

Dallas to claim a needed cornerback off waivers.

Atlanta then claimed Dantzler, and he spent time at running back

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The Falcons released him before last season.

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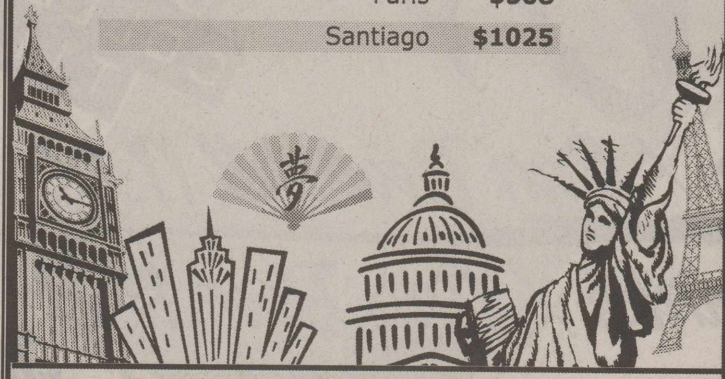
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- Perform
- Part of a door frame
- WWII powers
- Turn signal
- Hydroxyl radical
- Start of Samuel Johnson quote
- Close tightly
- Loves
- Captivate
- Madrid mister
- Dance in triple time
- Part 2 of quote
- Lettered sandwiches
- Purulent skin eruptions
- Tonsorial tool
- Island do
- Pseudonym
- Verve
- Address
- Woodard
- Center opening?
- Table staple
- Part 3 of quote
- Dad of Beau Bridges
- Battery terminal
- Discussions
- Weds on the wing
- Lipinski jump
- End of quote
- Bone-dry
- Zaps
- Cleveland's lake
- Kentucky fort
- Dizzying designs
- Lord's lady

**DOWN**

- Indian princes
- Ooze
- American buffalo
- "The Jetsons" dog
- Corn units
- FDR's Blue Eagle
- "Exodus" hero
- Sportscaster Howard
- Jackson's note
- Kid
- Vicinity
- Signify
- Take off
- Gilpin of "Frasier"
- Russian ruler, once
- Knitting yarn
- Apprehension
- Hot spring
- Blots
- Poet Pound
- Seethe
- Jogging pace
- Spill the beans
- Lullapalooza
- Wilson's predecessor
- Browse the web
- Copied
- Knighthly address
- Fitzgerald of jazz
- Unpigmented
- Even chance
- New Haven campus
- Nuzzled
- Musical drama
- Jeans material
- First name in cosmetics
- Vintner's barrel
- Yoked pair
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# Former BYU player agrees to plea bargain, attorney says

PROVO, Utah (AP) — A former Brigham Young football player facing lesser charges related to the case of four players accused of rape has agreed to a plea bargain, prosecutors and defense attorneys said.

Defensive back Billy Skinner, 19, is charged with third-degree felony dealing in harmful material to a minor but will plead no contest on Feb. 18 to a misdemeanor

charge, attorneys said Tuesday.

The action clears the way for him possibly to be called to testify in the trial of his ex-teammates, but Deputy Utah County Attorney Donna Kelly declined to say whether she planned to do so.

Skinner has transferred to Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas, where he plans to play football.

Kelly and Skinner's defense

attorney, Randall Spencer, confirmed a settlement but declined to discuss details.

"We anticipate that we've got it resolved," Spencer said. "Billy wants to get this behind him so he can move on with his life."

Prosecutors contend that in August, four players gave vodka to a 17-year-old girl at an off-campus Provo apartment. They showed the girl a pornographic movie, then raped her after she passed out, the prosecutors allege.

Karland Bennett, 19, Ibrahim Rashada, 18, and B.J. Mathis, 18, and William Turner Jr., who is 18 now but was 17 at the time, were indicted on charges of aggravated sexual assault, dealing harmful material to a minor, furnishing alcohol to a minor and obstructing justice.

Turner provided information to prosecutors in exchange for an agreement that he would be tried as a minor.

The four were suspended by BYU for one year after the girl

made the allegations.

Skinner was never accused of participating in the alleged rape. Another player, Antwaun Harris, was charged with making a false statement.

After the charges were announced Dec. 2, Skinner and Harris were suspended from the team.

Skinner plans to join spring football practice at Sam Houston State, a Division I-AA school, and play next fall. He redshirted last fall and has four years of eligibility remaining.

"He's sad to have had to have left BYU," Spencer said. "The settlement allows him to basically move on in lieu of a nasty trial, to move on and look forward to a football career and put it behind him."

In another development, Kelly filed a motion Monday asking for a gag order to prevent all the parties involved in the rape case from speaking with the media and public about the facts of the case.

# Marlins move to left, land Delgado

MIAMI (AP) — Those fans in the distant right-field bleachers at the Florida Marlins' ballpark finally may catch some souvenirs from the home team, courtesy of Carlos Delgado.

Florida added much-needed left-handed power to the lineup Tuesday when the free-agent slugger agreed to a \$52 million, four-year contract. The deal, which includes an option year making it potentially worth \$64 million over five seasons, is contingent on Delgado's passing a physical Wednesday, the Marlins said.

"I feel Florida offers me a real opportunity to win a championship, which is what I'm looking for at this stage of my career," Delgado told a Puerto Rican newspaper, *El Vocero*. "This is a very talented team, very aggressive at the plate. They have a good combination of speed and power."

The Marlin's spacious park has long been considered especially tough on left-handed hitters. Their top lefty power hitter last season, Hee Seop Choi, hit eight home runs at home before being traded in July.

Florida figures Delgado should do better.

"We studied every one of his home runs he hit last year," owner Jeffrey Loria said. "Every one would have been out at our place, with the exception of one."

Delgado, 32, hit 32 homers with 99 RBIs in 2004. He also drew attention for protesting the U.S.-Iraq war by refusing to stand when "God Bless America" was played at ballparks across the majors.

He hit at least 30 homers each of the past eight seasons in Toronto.

"He's got numbers that are quite spectacular," Loria said. "It's always 30 to 40-something home runs, always 100-plus RBIs, and it's a presence and a kind of person we like to have on this ballclub."

With the agreement, the Marlins become perhaps the team to beat in the NL East.

They won the World Series in 1997 and 2003, but still are seeking their first division title.

They also want to win support for a new ballpark.

"We're about trying to be a very competitive ballclub, and the stadium will take care of itself in due time," Loria said. "But Carlos certainly is not going to hurt that effort."

Landing the most formidable left-handed power hitter in the Marlins' 12-year history took their richest per-season deal. Florida outbid the New York Mets, Texas and Baltimore.

The Mets also made a \$52 million, four-year offer, of which \$2 million was the buyout of a fifth-year option. Delgado's side calculated that in present-day value, New York's offer was worth \$30,000 more than Florida's.

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# Philadelphia trainer: Owens plans to play in Super Bowl

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Terrell Owens might try to play in the Super Bowl, ignoring his doctor's orders.

Philadelphia Eagles head trainer Rick Burkholder said Wednesday that Owens plans to continue rehabbing his injured ankle in an attempt to suit up against the New England Patriots Feb. 6.

Dr. Mark Myerson, the surgeon who operated on the All-Pro receiver in December, said Tuesday he would not clear Owens to play in the Super Bowl.

"We understand Dr. Myerson's point of view. It's just that our risk-reward is different than his risk-reward," Burkholder said.

"He has great risk in clearing Terrell to play and no reward. We think there's some risk, and we think there's great reward, so right now we're going to progress with his rehab."

Owens was at the Eagles' practice facility for rehab work Wednesday, but the team said he wouldn't be made available to reporters.

On Monday, before hearing Myerson's bad news, Owens said: "Spiritually I've been healed, and I believe that I'll be out there on that field Sunday, regardless of what anybody says."

Myerson inserted two screws in Owens' right ankle and a plate on the outside of the ankle three days after he was injured against Dallas on Dec. 19. By not clearing Owens to play, Myerson should be absolved of any blame if Owens goes against his wishes and winds up re-injuring the ankle.

Owens was told after surgery that he had only an outside chance of returning for the Super Bowl, which was 6 1/2 weeks away at the time. But he rehabbed vigorously, hoping to help Philadelphia win its first NFL championship since 1960.

But after a checkup Tuesday in Baltimore, Myerson said that while he's pleased with Owens' recuperation, the operation requires a recovery period of eight to 10 weeks. Myerson added that any attempt to accelerate the rehabilitation process poses the same risk for injury.

Burkholder said Owens worked out on a treadmill when he returned to Philadelphia on Tuesday.

"We will continue to see whether he can jog and see how he does day in and day out, see if he can change direction," Burkholder said Wednesday.

"If he passes all those tests, then we'll start talking about practice time. Right now, the game isn't even in our vision right now. If he has any setbacks in his rehab, then the whole idea of playing in the Super Bowl is probably off."

In his first season with the Eagles after eight years in San Francisco, Owens led Philadelphia with 77 catches for 1,200 yards and 14 TDs.

Quarterback Donovan McNabb and other Eagles have said they don't need Owens to beat the defending champion Patriots, who are 7-point favorites.

"We can win it without T.O. But, if he is there, we can win it with him, and we are definitely going to try to win it without him," McNabb said Monday.

"I think he will be back," he added. "But, if he can't be back, we have to continue this ship home."

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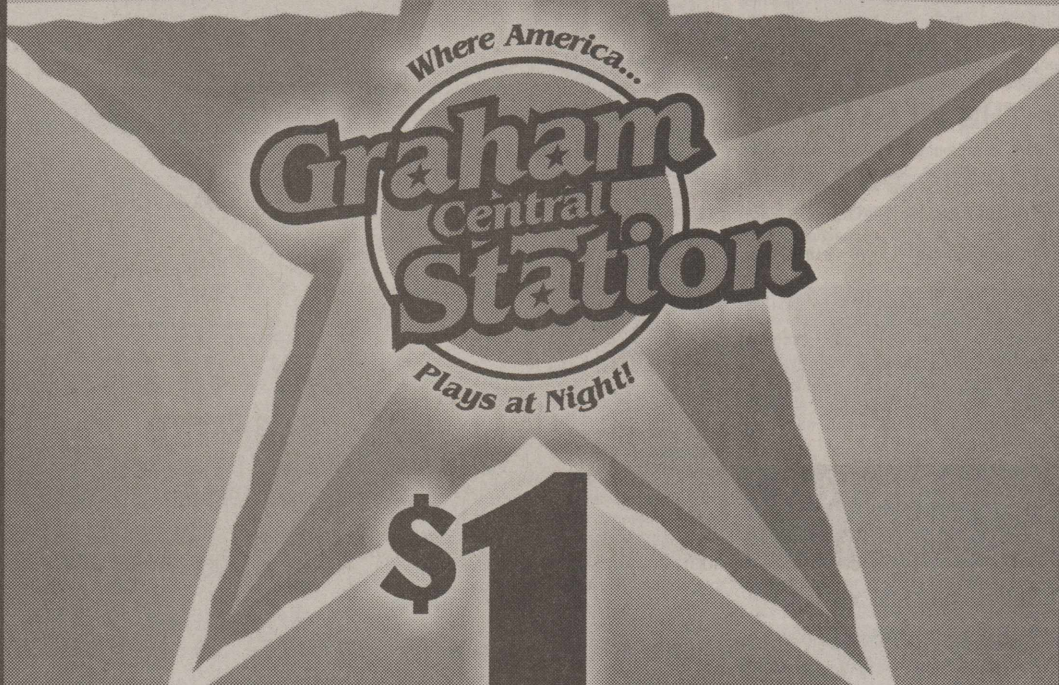
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