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HSC student arrested after three-car acciden

By Brittany Barrientos/The University Daily

An accident in the early morning hours Wednesday ended with a Texas Tech University Health Sciences go out when the power line broke," she said. Center medical student arrested with a 0.22 blood alcohol content.

According to the police report, the incident occurred at approximately 2 a.m. Wednesday at the 4000 block of toxicated. 19th Street and involved two Tech students and a student from South Plains College. No one was injured.

According to the report, medical student Morgan Leak was traveling west at the 4000 block of 19th Street field sobriety test was administered on when he lost control of his vehicle, striking a light pole before traveling into oncoming traffic and striking two vehicles.

Jodee Brown, a sophomore pre-physician assistant at the scene.

major from Lake Jackson, said she was driving one of the two cars Leak hit.

"I saw him hit the pole, and I saw the lights "He came into our lane of traffic; it was really scary."

She said Leak appeared to be in-

Leak was contacted by The University Daily and declined to comment.

According to the police report, a

Because of the presence of the odor of alcohol, and Leak blew a 0.22 before being arrested

Brown said she was driving home from work and was alarmed by the accident.

> "From now on I'm going to be a little more wary; it could have been so much worse," she said. "Me and the guy next to me didn't make a mistake."

Brown said when Leak swerved into the oncoming lanes, both she and Michael Bryum, the driver of the other vehicle, shifted and increased their speed to miss a head-on collision.

She said no one was injured, but there was doctors. damage to all the vehicles.

Byrum, a South Plains College student, said his main

The legal blood alcohol content index in Texas is concern when the accident occurred was to get out of the way.

"It was scary," he said. "I was going and hit the gas, trying to get out of the way."

Bryum said Leak was apologetic at the scene.

According to the factors and conditions in the investigator's opinion listed on the police report, suspected factors for the accident were failure to control speed and alcohol.

Jill Wiggins, a public information officer for the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners, said all kinds of offenses can raise a red flag on licensing applications when the time comes for medical students to become

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hiavo dead at

Vickie Chachere/ Associated Press

PINELLAS PARK, Fla. (AP) — With her husband and parents feuding to the bitter end and beyond, Terri allowed such an atrocity as this and we Schiavo died Thursday, 13 days after her feeding tube was removed in a wrenching right-to-die dispute that engulfed House and divided the country.

41, died a "calm, peaceful and gentle death" at about 9 a.m., a stuffed animal under her arm, flowers arranged around event she became disabled. her hospice room, said George Felos, Michael Schiavo's attorney.

Felos said. Her brother had been struggled to talk. expelled from the room at Michael end came.

The death of the severely braindamaged woman brought to a close what was easily the longest, most bitter — and most heavily litigated — rightto-die dispute in U.S. history.

death with dignity," said Felos, who also can be thankful for all that the life of was present at the death.

But the Rev. Frank Pavone, one of the Schindlers' spiritual advisers, called her death "a killing," adding: "And for that we not only grieve that Terri has passed but we grieve that our nation has pray that it will never happen again."

Schiavo suffered brain damage in 1990 and fell into what court-appointed the courts, Capitol Hill and the White doctors called a persistent vegetative state, with no real consciousness or Cradled by her husband, Schiavo, chance of recovery, after a chemical imbalance caused her heart to stop. She had left no written instructions in the

Her husband argued that she told him long ago that she would not want No one from her side of the family to kept alive artificially. Her parents was with her at the moment of her disputed that, and held out hope for death. Her parents, Bob and Mary a miracle recovery for a daughter Schindler, were not at the hospice, they said still laughed with them and

Pinellas County Circuit Judge Schiavo's request moments before the George W. Greer sided with her husband and authorized the removal of the feeding tube keeping her alive. It was disconnected March 18.

Gov. Jeb Bush, the president's brother, said Schiavo's death "is a window through which we can see "Mr. Schiavo's overriding concern the many issues left unresolved in our here was to provide for Terri a peaceful families and in our society. For that, we Terri Schiavo has taught us."



Tech to test emergency sirens today

Texas Tech will once again test its siren at 10 a.m. today, weather permit-

The last test conducted by Tech had malfunctions with some of the sirens and is supposedly fixed, said Maj. Gordon Hoffman of the Texas Tech Police Department.

Lubbock is part of Storm Ready, a national voluntary program that helps communities in preparing for potentially disastrous weather conditions. According to the National Weather Service Web site, it helps communities attain a new level of preparedness and encourages communities to take a proactive approach to improve local hazardous weather operations plans, communication and public awareness.

RUBBING REMINISCENCE



ANDREW WEATHERL/The University Daily

Rundown 2

JESSICA SAMUELSON, A junior math major from Denton, rubs the name of her cousin, Ronald D. Samuelson, at the traveling Vietnam War Memorial that was erected in Memorial Circle Thursday afternoon.

Texas attorney general addresses misleading 'No Late Fees' ad

By Travis Cram/ University Daily

Abbott announced this week that ing," Abbott said. he had reached an agreement with Blockbuster concerning alinformation in their "No Late stores. Fees" advertising.

it out more than seven days past Zayd Riley, store manager. the due date would be charged the game. The consumer later would be allowed to return the video or

game but would be charged a restocking fee of at least \$1.25.

"Advertisers may not use catchy Texas Attorney General Greg slogans if those slogans are mislead-

Abbott alleged that the company also fails to disclose its late fees prolegations regarding its misleading gram is offered only at participating

The Lubbock Blockbuster at According to a statement from Quaker Avenue and 4th Street is not the attorney general, the advertise- one of the participating stores in ments failed to clearly disclose that the program because it is a privately a consumer who rented a video or owned franchise and not associated game from Blockbuster and kept with the corporate franchise, said

"We still use the Blockbuster selling retail price of the video or name but we are not associated with

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STEVE LEWIS/The University Daily

BLAKE PENDER, A junior international business major from Dallas, drops off a rental Thursday morning at the Blockbuster Video near the corner of 50th Street and Boston Avenue.

Wall Street at a Glance

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AUSTIN (AP) — If it weren't

Geren is superintendent of La a relatively low-income area in Central Texas. Eliminating the on June 1 law that guarantees students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their high school classes automatic and developing opportunities for all admission to public universities the people of the world to achieve would likely punish students for their full potential," Wolfowitz said factors beyond their control — the location and wealth of the school they attend.

"The fact of matter is in many instances the curriculum is more limited, facilities and other resources are limited, and we feel it would be a detriment to not have that didn't have the opportunity to at- schools and fighting AIDS. tend one of the better high schools told lawmakers Wednesday.

The Senate Subcommittee on Higher Education heard testimony about how Texas admissions law affects racial, ethnic and geographic diversity in the state's public universities. The committee examined one bill that would abolish the top would change it.

The university admissions law was adopted after a 1996 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision made affirmative action illegal in agenda. Texas college admissions. In 2003, the U.S. Supreme Court reversed that decision, allowing universities to use race as one of many decisionmaking factors.

The top 10 percent law primarily affects the state's flagship universities, the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University in College Station, where enrollment is most selective.

have long called for change in the Essential Action, one of the protest who fled and was later apprehended, top 10 percent law.

The Rundown



Admissions law Wolfowitz approved Soldier convicted

could see change to lead World Bank for death of Iraqi

WASHINGTON (AP) — The for the Top 10 percent law, Monte World Bank approved Paul Wol- A military court Thursday convicted Geren said, many of the most fowitz as its new president Thursday, a U.S. Army tank company comsuccessful students in his school affirming the administration's choice mander of a lesser criminal charge in district wouldn't make it to a Texas of a Bush loyalist to take the helm of connection with the shooting death the 184-nation development bank.

Wolfowitz, the deputy defense Vega Independent School District, secretary who helped plan the Iraq war, will begin his five-year term

> 'Nothing is more gratifying than being able to help people in need after winning unanimous approval from the World Bank's 24-member board.

The bank's stated mission is to fight poverty and improve the living standards of people in developing countries. It lends about \$20 billion a year to developing countries for ruling, which followed 2 1/2 hours of opportunity just because students various projects, including roads, deliberations.

that have all those things," Geren enables the Bush administration ency, occasionally pausing and lookto put its imprint on the bank, which employs some 10,000 people

some international aid and other a decision," Maynulet said. "I respect groups. They question his develop- your decision. I wouldn't want to be ment credentials and worry that in your position. I think you did what he might try to use the bank to 10 percent law and others that help America's allies and punish its

Some critics, including people from the Mobilization for Global the bank's headquarters Thursday.

to live with Paul Wolfowitz, a man radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and with no relevant experience but for his oversight of the reconstruction of Iraq — a project beset by corruption, cronyism and incompetence," Administrators at UT Austin said Robert Weissman, director of at it, wounding both the passenger, I RADZ PAIN SL

WIESBADEN, Germany (AP) of a wounded Iraqi last year.

Capt. Rogelio "Roger" Maynulet was found guilty of assault with intent to commit voluntary manslaughter, which carries a maximum of 10 years in prison. Prosecutors had sought conviction on a more serious charge of assault with intent to commit murder, which carried a 20-year maximum.

Maynulet, 30, of Chicago, stood at attention as Lt. Col. Laurence Mixon, the head of the six-member panel, read the verdict at the courtmartial. The court was to reconvene later Thursday to consider Maynulet's

Mixon did not give reasons for the

At the sentencing hearing, The installation of Wolfowitz Maynulet asked the court for leniing down to keep his composure.

"I hope you can take into consideration my service, my attitude and That has raised the hackles of my love for the Army before you make you have to do."

Maynulet's father, Rogelio Maynulet, and his wife, Brooke Maynulet, Wolfowitz, 61, said he believes also took the stand as character deeply in the World Bank's mission witnesses. Several officers who have and would not pursue any political worked with the defendant in Germany since he left his command in Iraq praised his work.

Maynulet's 1st Armored Division Justice and ActionAid International tank company had been on patrol USA, protested the choice outside near Kufa, south of Baghdad, on May 21, 2004, when it was alerted to a car "Now the developing world has thought to be carrying a driver for another militiaman loyal to the Shiite cleric, who led uprisings against U.S.led forces in Iraq last year.

They chased the vehicle and fired and the driver.

March a busy month, Texas Tech police say

the problem.'

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nor and 11 cases

of being under the

By Brittany Barrientos The University Daily

Easter weekend capped off a fairly busy month for the Texas Tech Police Department.

According to police incident reports between Thursday and rested. The primary arrest causes by the Student Mediation were driving under the influence Center before Easter of alcohol, driving while intoxi- weekend, there were cated, possession of marijuana 25 cases of alcohol and drug paraphernalia and public intoxication.

Maj. Gordon Hoffman from the Tech Police Department said influence of alco-March did not seem any more hol in the residence troubling than previous months, halls. There also were despite the fact the majority of 19 cases involving drug students were out of town for a use and paraphernalia.

"March seemed pretty aver- mation from March of last year, the residence halls. age," he said. "It's hard to tell if numbers were comparable to the spring break was a factor."

During March, seven students Possession of alcohol was the only were arrested for driving while major change, with 25 this year and intoxicated,

11 students were arrested The older you for possession of drugs and get, the better you drug paraphernalia, get at making 11 students were arrested decisions. As for minor in consumption class (standing) of alcohol and seven goes up, the numstudents were arrested for ber of incidents driving while should go down. intoxicated, according to police inci-**KEN GASSIOT**

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Assistant director for Student Judicial Programs

Tech students," arrested for minor in possession he said. "These numbers are just of alcohol, 18 students were allegations and after disciplinary arrested for possession of drugs hearings, when it's decided whether or drug paraphernalia, and 12 the student is responsible, the numbers could go down."

siot, assistant

director for

Student Judicial

Programs, said

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"All of the

numbers (in the

March incident

information)

are either in

residence halls

and reflect only

ings.

Hoffman said several factors included residence hall policy vio- dishonesty for the month. play into the number of arrests. lations, the largest of which were can make a difference. Right and the alcohol container policy.

now, (the force) is close to full Gassiot said fire safety and alcostrength," he said. "The more police hol container policy violations are officers on patrol and observing, not quite what they seem to be. and the higher amount of public "Around all the holidays, the

awareness of crime on campus will residence hall staff inspect all the ultimately be part of the solution to rooms for violations, they could find a candle or a George Foreman grill," According to campus incident he said. "The (fire safety policy) Sunday, 13 students were ar- information for March compiled number is always going to seem a little high, but it's much

more innocent than it seems." Gassiot said

regardless of the violation, students still are breaking policy and need to be careful. He said alcohol container violations include alcoholic cans or bottles, According to the incident infor- empty or full, that are found in the

Hoffman said though the Stuallegations from the previous year. dent Judicial Program and the Tech Police Department are in constant communication, they do not neces-18 this time last sarily respond to the same cases. especially those involving residence Ken Gashall violations.

"They certainly see violations that we do not see," he said.

The report also stated that the main perpetrators of Code of Student Conduct violations were freshman males and freshman females were second. Senior females had the lowest number of violations.

Gassiot said the numbers reflect judicial hear- how students become better decision-makers with age.

'The older you get, the better you get at making decisions," he said. "As class (standing) goes up, the number of incidents should go

The top four locations the report or on campus pinpointed where incidents have occurred are Weymouth Hall, the 1800 block of Flint Avenue, Coleman Hall and Gates Hall.

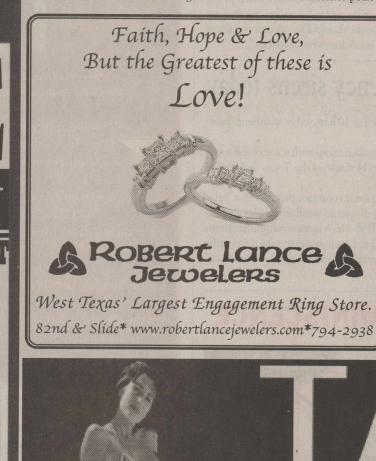
With few exceptions, neither the police incident reports nor the March incident information reflect violent crime. The report also The incident summary also showed no cases regarding academic

Gassiot said if there were one "Authorized strength of force violations of the fire safety policy violation they could really cut down on, it would be drug violations. The numbers may not reflect the prevalence of the problem on campus, but he believes students should discontinue drug use, regardless.

"Marijuana has been a big problem this academic year," he said. "It might still be going on to the same degree as last year and just more

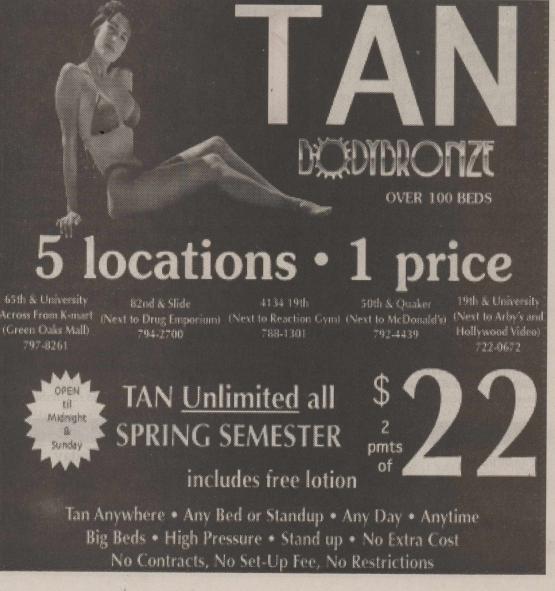
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Committee selects Kirk as 2005-2006 UD editor

By Brittany Barrientos/ The University Daily

After an interview process that was nothing short of "Apprentice"-style, the hard wood chair and blazing interrogation-like lights, The University Daily named its new editors for summer and he does have the 2005-2006 academic year.

After weeks of application and in- the paper terview proceedings, the Student Media that includes Committee voted Joey Kirk the editor continuing to Kirk for the upcoming school year, and Nikki strive for objective and accurate report-Siegrist summer editor.

Kirk, a senior journalism major from Wylie, said he is both excited and apprehension over with.

"I'm relieved; I have a tough challenge on my hands, but I always love competition," he said. "I have plenty of days to get better, and I will be able to build on what (current editor Heidi Toth) has done."

Kirk said before being chosen as the new editor, he and the other candidates went through an application process, an interview with the management team and an intense interview with the Student Media Committee.

Jason Sifford, chairman of the comwas impressed with each candidate.

"This interview process is extremely difficult; being before such a large committee can be nerve-wrecking," he said. tinuing effort to better the newspaper. "All three candidates did a remarkable job and I don't think any of them will have a problem finding a job later."

Sifford said what particularly impressed him about Kirk was his positive attitude and knowledge of the importance of accuracy in reporting.

"One of the main things Joey spoke a lot about that was very important was that he sees credibility as being very important," he said. "There was not a particular vision; it is more of the strength of his convictions on the quality of the paper at large."

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said Kirk's experience made him a strong candidate for the position.

Kirk said a vision for

ing, and expanding the focus of the paper to include more.

"I want to make this place more relieved the process complete and the award-winning so the students can embrace it as a place to get their news," he said. "I also want to broaden our horizons and add more beats so we can get to the point where we cover fully."

> Kirk said he wants to make working for the newspaper more of a group experience, and allow employees to feel appreciated and useful.

> Beth Aaron, a senior journalism major from Belton and the other candidate for the 2005-2006 position, also said she is relieved the process is complete and believes Kirk will do a good job.

"He is very capable to handle the mittee, said the interview process was position," she said. "He cares a lot about The UD the top college newspaper extremely difficult and the committee the paper and I know it is in good hands - that's all I ever cared about."

had for the paper with Kirk, in a con-

Siegrist, a senior journalism major from Amarillo, was chosen as summer editor and said she is looking forward to making her mark at Tech.

"I'm very excited," she said. "I'm looking forward to making my hole in the Tech history book and maybe leave a mark.'



Siegrist said she wants to make sure the students are both informed and intrigued by the stories The UD has to offer.

"I want stories the people can connect to, so they want to find out who is this person, and why should I care," she said.

Toth, a graduate student from Roswell, N.M., studying business, said she believes Kirk will be able to handle the responsibilities.

"I've worked with Joey for two years, and he's always been gung-ho about the paper," he said. "It should be a pretty easy transition for him."

Toth said some of the responsibilities of being editor include dealing with questions, complaints and concerns, working on editing and layout, and doing things from an administrative standpoint.

"It's a lot tougher than it looks on the outside. It is a great experience that prepares you for the real world," she said. "I think he will do

Toth said she hopes Kirk can continue to work on and complete projects she started.

"My original goal was to make in the country," she said. "I hope he can continue to strive for that so it Aaron said she will share ideas she can eventually be the top college newspaper in America."

> Siegrist said she has the same goals in mind for herself and Kirk.

> "I have no doubt he will take the paper to higher standards and he will win awards," she said. "Though that's not the ultimate goal, when you strive for excellence, they normally come with the territory."

Neugebauer discusses war, Social Security at community meeting



LINC ARMES/The University Daily

U.S. REP. RANDY Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, speaks to Lubbock residents at the Mae Simmons Community Center Thursday night.

By Travis Cram/The University Daily

Randy Neugebauer returned to Lubbock Thursday to address concerns and find reactions to national news from the people of District 2 at the Mae Simmons Community Center.

Neugebauer expressed his concern for not just the people of Lubbock but everyone in the United

"My representation is important, and I understand that," Neugebauer said. "I love this district, and I love the people in it: My job is to preserve and protect the constitution of the United States by protecting the rights for everyone, individually and collectively."

He addressed issues such as the war in Iraq, Social Security and Terry Schiavo. "Life is precious," he said. "Terry could not speak

Members of the Lubbock City Council were in forward," he said. attendance for questioning and discussing issues with Neugebauer and those in attendance. Tom Martin sat to stick it out. in as Mayor pro temp as Mayor McDougal was unable to attend the meeting because of prior engagements. going to stay," he said. "We have to keep our nation

stand up to," Martin said.

City Councilman Floyd Price, among others in attendance, discussed that some of the main issues have to do with local funding for programs such as Community Block Grant, which is a fund used for local projects within the community.

"It allows people to come in and help low-income communities and revitalize them," Price said.

Neugebauer spent time discussing the social security fund and its future. He used an analogy that if the captain of the Titanic had heard 24 hours before they set out there would be a huge iceberg in the ocean that could sink the ship, he would have probably taken a different course.

"Instead he had to deal with what to do about the iceberg after he had already hit it," Neugebauer

The congressman said the problem does not lie with just funding, but with spending money.

"Congress doesn't have an income problem, it has a spending problem," he said. "We need to look at how we are spending our money more carefully. Reduce the deficit, reduce spending, and look at our budget process."

This is how he sees trying to deal with social security today and in the next 40 years. According to Neugebauer, when Social Security started it was at a 40-to-1 ratio, with 40 people supporting every one person. Today, he says, it is at a 3-to-1 ratio and by the time this generation will be looking at retirement, it will be at a two to one ratio.

He also commented on remarks made by Winston Churchill III the day before about the only way to say "victory" is for an Iraqi government to be able to

"We can't provide their freedom forever but it is a slow process," he said. "The people of Iraq are for herself. She had less rights than prisoners on death realizing what they can do but also find themselves with a target painted on their chest once they step

Neugebauer then stated the fact that we are there

"We have put our sword in the ground and we are "Randy fulfills a job that very, very few of us could strong and it comes with a cost."



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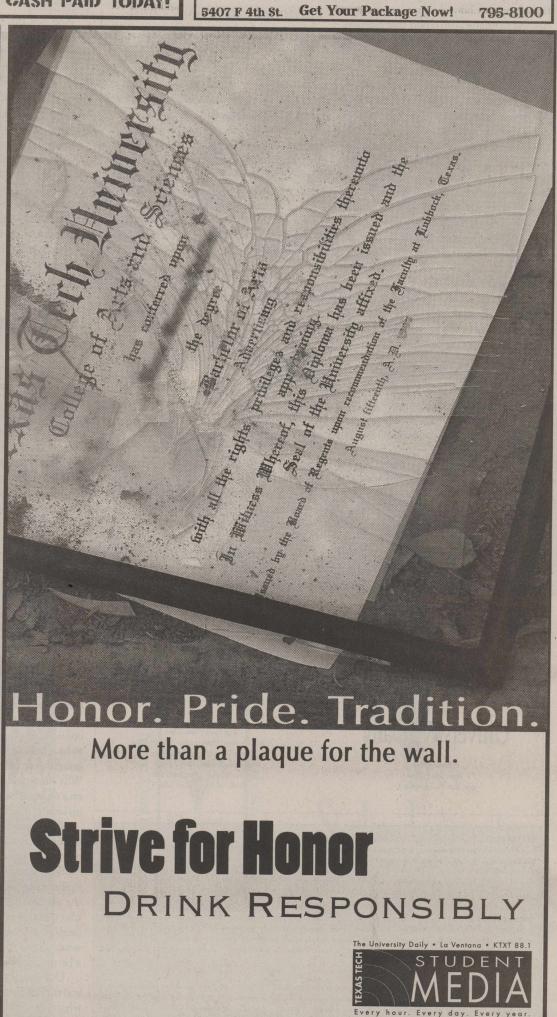
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Testing tears down students

Since the dawn of education, many a pencil pusher and professor of knowledge made rules to ensure pupils would gain necessary know-how. Textbooks trembled, binders parted and the calculators divided. For many years, students were the focus of the mighty teacher, but one day standardized testing rose from the dusty crevice of locker hell and doomed the system forever.

oK, maybe that took the perspective a wee bit out of proportion, but no more so than the government places on ridiculous measures of public learning. I'm not saying political leaders disregard the educational future of children (debatable, though). However, the situation regarding success or failure remains at a resolution geared in the wrong direction.

Instead of crusading about the evils of standardized testing, the focus should fall on the incorrect use of such a method. As a tool of measuring how a group of students performs in a certain area, standardized testing works. The downfall occurs when this evaluation determines whether a child passes, a school shuts down or a principal obtains rewards. If this continues, educators will have to practice an "every child left behind" doctrine

If we want standardized testing to fulfill a useful application, problems need to be recognized, funds should be correctly applied and focus should be toward student needs.

Problems with standardized testing can be overcome if they receive recognition. Since our state and federal representatives refuse to acknowledge what ails their solution, both the public and journalists must make known the concerns. People can bug the journalists and make them see the worries and journalists can report that message. If the general population and journalists sit idly by, the same ignorance about the truth will prevail.

One difficulty that will not surprise anyone deals with the garbage most standardized test use will not prepare students for college or life in the real world. In Texas, the TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) and TASP (Texas Academic Skills Program) tests take up a young student's time by forcing questions that would be helpful only to a second or third grader. Children and teenagers spend so much time preparing for these "exams" that they miss out on essential learning elements. Instead of learning enough about music, art, foreign cultures and even the history of their own government, students suffer the fate of mind numbing hogwash.

If the forced baloney seems tame because standardized testing determines so much about the school's future, many educational institutions will hold back underachieving students so drop out rates will seem nonexistent. Those children officials assume fit in with the measurement will accomplish statistics, while the others flip burgers regardless.

Of course, regardless if the school reaches the students in a way which teachers feel comfortable, if set standards continue unmet, the school will lose out. Lubbock can relate to this dilemma because Dunbar Junior High and Ramirez Elementary both started out exceptionally well in their programs, but the current state of testing resulted in one of the primary reasons both



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schools have since fell.

Furthermore, we can fix standardized testing by taking away a sizable amount of funding and applying it to the schools. Instead of being used to improve infrastructure, buy supplies and hire proper educators more than \$2 billion dollars burns with required exams. If you are in a low-income bracket, forget about it. You may as well fit your children to be the next stars on a degrading reality TV show.

Finally, we can give the future a chance by focusing on the children more than the test results. We cannot expect young people to succeed if one way of doing things controls the outcome. All children learn differently. Whether they start without trouble or suffer a learning disability, children fail if they lack separate attention. Instead of being a single unit, give the youth a chance to be individuals.

At the end of the day, we must ask ourselves how much we really care about those who will next take the world. We cannot ignore the problems with standardized testing. Take a stand and let the government know you want the funds to help improve the schools and focus on the children who attend. Ask yourself one question: Will we do something, or is standardized testing more important than the students?

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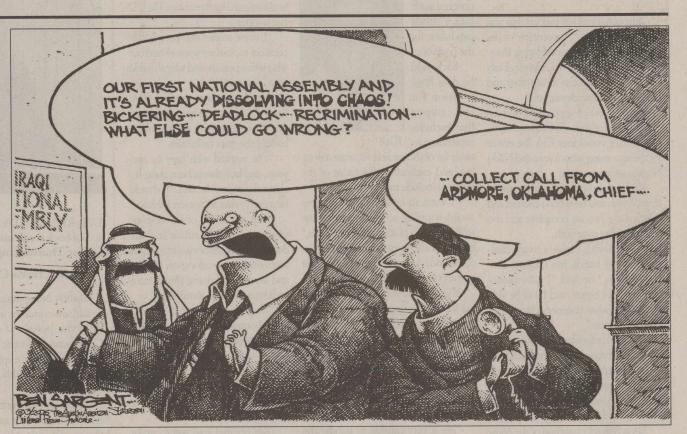
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Tone of article misses the meaning of quotes

This letter is in regard to the article printed in Tuesday's paper titled "Culture

It is not a topic that lends itself easily to representation with limitations on paper space. I also appreciate the effort that went into writing the article; it is a volatile subject.

I can't help feeling, though, that the tone of the article was an inadequate representation of my beliefs and especially my organization — it is not to be held responsible for my personal beliefs.

Peg me as a Christian who is, once again, disappointed with the approach taken toward homosexuality by other Christians. The appalling protests that took place last year by the Christian group down from Kansas were disgusting and embarrassing.

And now this emergence of a "reconciling" church. If the notion of reconciliation is narrowly restricted to homosexuals in leadership, then yes, I disagree with it. My idea of reconciliation is hardly limited to a single group of people, though, rather to everyone who has not found or has forgotten the peace and the freedom that comes with knowing Jesus.

I apologize to those who have been victims of condemnation — that is our sin as Christians. Raining hellfire and brimstone is hardly an acceptable approach. I don't appreciate being lumped in with that point of view. There is a world of difference between condemning and condoning and I believe that between the two

a godly approach can be found — one that involves love and acceptance and respect without encouraging sin in anyone.

TECH TALKS BACK

— Abby Andrews, senior architecture major from Fort Worth

Thanks for keying my car

I would just like to thank the prick who keyed my car in the commuter lot on Wednesday. I really appreciate it.

I feel like I should apologize to you for parking between the white lines next to your car. I felt bad all day for doing so. Now that the apologies are out of the way, I would like to reiterate my thanks.

Seriously, at least I parked my car between the lines, which is more than I can say for some people at Tech. So I would just like to thank you for making my Wednesday so much better.

Nothing says have a great day like your "Tech buddy" keying your car while you are in class.

Hell, you might even have increased my resale value, I can just claim it's a racing stripe now. It makes the car go

Faster — sweet. Thanks a lot, you prick.

— Trey Urech, junior mechanical engineering major from Katy

Get up off my grill — and my English

In response to Heidi Toth's Wednesday column about the English language:
What is a word? Where does it come from?

What's unique about language, especially English, is it always is growing, changing and evolving.

Words we might see today as slang or poor grammar might be the standard in years to come. And what's wrong with that? Words have been coming in and out of the English language since its inception.

Why should we now be stuck in a rut of

"Krunk" has the same legitimacy in our language as "truck." Krunk is a type of music; "truck" is a type of automobile.

There was no "truck" until someone said it and there was no "krunk" either until someone said it. And now just as you can "keep on truckin," something can be krunk. To reject this adaptation is to deny English of the one aspect that makes it so interesting: diversity.

What you call deterioration I call embellishment. Synonyms, antonyms, metaphors, similes, personification, alliteration — none of this would exist without a constantly growing vocabulary. You say you are mad. Are you angry or are you insane? Is insane an acceptable definition for mentally unstable?

What about "chemistry?" When two people have good chemistry, it is not that they have some sort of molecular attachment but rather their personalities work well together. What about "sweet?" If a boy is sweet to a girl does that mean he tastes good?

Many of our words today came out of the so-called slang of past generations. Why stop now? Is our current slang any less worthy than the slang of our forefathers? I disagree. Words are my paint too, and I want as many colors on my palette as I can get.

— Tim Barnett, senior advertising major from Kingwood

Churchill: Hypocrite hiding under the guise of free speech proponent

ne of the greatest attributes of our country is the freedom to speak your mind on any number of issues you feel compelled. It's one of the very reasons our country is so great. However, every once in awhile along comes a person or group who makes you question the idea of free speech. Of course, I'm kidding, but there really are some people who would be better off keeping their mouths shut.

One such person happens to be Ward Churchill. For those of you who may be unaware, he's a Native American who believes our country and the victims of Sept. 11, 2001, deserved what they received. He is of the opinion that employees in the Pentagon and the World Trade Center were capitalists and merely got a taste of their own medicine.

Churchill was allowed to express his opinion, so allow me to openly express mine. I believe he's a hateful lunatic who gets pleasure out of other people's misery. Why else would you write a 20-page paper on a topic such as this, two years after the incident?

Why would you preach this at various universities, especially in New York, nearly four years after this tragedy?

Why would someone do this? Simple. Ruffle some feathers, shock people and stir up hate. It's people like Churchill who incite riots and start fights. Without people comparable to Churchill, there would be no 9/11s. The world would be a better place.

Unfortunately, these people do exist and they do have an open forum to preach whatever pops into their warped minds.

Some of you reading this may think



Why would someone do this? Simple. Ruffle some feathers, shock people and stir up hate. It's people like Churchill who incite riots and start fights. Without people comparable to Churchill, there would be no 9/11s. The world would be a better place.

I am being too harsh. However, there is a saying along the lines of actions speak louder than words. Let's examine one of Churchill's recent actions and then you can decipher, for yourself, whether he deserves such vehement criticism.

Churchill was arrested, and later acquitted, for disturbing of the peace during a Columbus Day. This man, who yells at his detractors about the right to free speech was at a Columbus Day parade, a symbol of free

speech, attempting to disrupt it — because of the hate toward Native Americans it represents.

I guess, in Churchill's mind, it's allright to condemn innocent victims of a terrorist attack and call our president a terrorist, but if you toss out a couple of floats and a fun atmosphere, you're crossing the line.

This man is a hypocrite, plain and simple. He seems to want to bend the law to whichever side best suits him. If freedom of speech can protect him, then he'll use it to its fullest extent.

However, if this very same freedom conflicts with what he believes, then he'll simply ignore it and create some ridiculous excuse of how it didn't apply to him at the time.

of how it didn't apply to him at the time.

I don't know what's scarier: the fact this man's views are so heavily publicized or he's a tenured professor at a public university.

There's no telling how many topics this man spun to his disturbing train of thought while

he taught college students.

One can only hope his students had judgment enough to separate fact from lunacy.

The good news is, it appears Churchill may lose his job and we, just like those students of his, have the ability to dismiss his ravings as those of a mad man.

The Churchills of this world always will disappear in time, because this country is too great to let them drag us down. The memories of those lost on that tragic September day will far outlive hate-filled activists.

It's that very reason the United States is where it is today: at the top of the social food chain.

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Night

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this year.

The alliance has sponsored the protest consistently for the past four years; however, the protest has taken place at Tech on and off since sign they acknowledge it's a probit began in 1978.

Lichti said while the march problem," he said. makes a statement about violence against women, it also is a reminder rights.

"We're still here. Thirty someing," Lichti said. "Things haven't vital to community awareness. changed."

The alliance raised \$3,500 for the Lubbock Rape Crisis Center, which was presented in Memorial Circle at the end of the march and received by Kelly Whitman, a volfor the center.

"It is a symbolic gesture; it's symbolic for zero tolerance against violent crimes," Whitman said. "The Lubbock community will stand zero tolerance for violent crime, especially sexual assault."

Whitman said the center averages 28 cases per month and 48 children less than the age of 17.

ical engineering technology major daughter, to live without fear of from Grapevine and a member of Students for Social Justice, was one of the few men among the crowd.

you know. You know at least one not going to put up with violence. person who has suffered violence. We made a statement to stand up - domestic violence or sexual vio- for our rights, used our voice and lence," Lancaster said. "Most people it's empowering."

don't realize it, but it is someone you know. Of course I think (violence against women and children) is a problem in Lubbock. It is a problem everywhere."

Lancaster said he was glad he could participate in the protest.

"If more males show up, it is a lem and they're willing to stop the

According to the Women's Protective Services Web site, battering of the work women have left before is the most common crime in the they achieve equity in women's United States; every nine seconds, a woman is battered.

Hattie Heiner, coordinator of odd years ago, Take Back the Night community development and edustarted, and we're still march- cation for the services, said protest is

"(The protest) definitely has a positive impact and raises awareness to the whole community," she said. "Violence doesn't just affect women and children; it affects everybody. Whether they know it or not, evunteer coordinator and fund-raiser erybody knows somebody affected by domestic violence."

For information regarding services countering violence against women and children in Lubbock, contact WPS at (806) 747-6491, the Center at (806) 763-7273 or the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network at (800) 656-HOPE.

Meanwhile, Lonis said she hopes percent of last year's cases involved participating in the protest today will pave the way for women of Kyle Lancaster, a senior mechan- a new generation, and for her

"I am a strong believer in women's rights and I am against violence "Think about all the people against women," Lonis said. "We're

Mother of child who shot brother charged

police said Thursday.

Tameka Michelle Jones, 29, is scheduled to answer the misdemeanor charge before Harris County Criminal Court Judge and receiving counseling. Mike Fields on Friday. She was

The 2-year-old was shot in be found. mother of a 4-year-old boy who the head after an argument with been charged with making a gun 12, and he remains in critical available to a minor, Houston condition. He has shown signs of improvement this week, said Child Protective Services spokeswoman negligence," Harbach said of the Gwen Carter. The 4-year-old is mother. being cared for by his grandparents

charged March 22, Houston has not been informed whether an after his 2-year-old brother threw police spokesman John Can- attorney is representing Jones. A a toy at him and bit him, but that for delinquent conduct charges phone listing for Jones could not may be all he understands, Carter is 10.

Prosecutor David Harbach said ages of the children involved.

"The crime with which she

The 4-year-old knows he got his mother's gun — a .25 caliber Fields' court said Thursday it automatic pistol — from her purse

CPS is investigating whether shot his 2-year-old brother has his brother over a toy on March the case is very unusual given the his parents provided a safe environment for the children.

Carter said the boys' mother got has been charged is a crime of the gun because of some burglaries in the neighborhood. The mother told investigators the gun was always out of the children's reach except the day of the shooting.

The 4-year-old will not face charges; the minimum age in Texas

Family mourns loss of children to alleged drunken driver

long day laboring in the fields.

It's all he has of them now. room. The children — ages 9, 8, 6 and 1 Easter weekend:

"They were so healthy," he quietly recalled. "The doctors, the dentists always said so."

The story is numbingly familiar in Texas, which leads the nation in alcohol-related driving fatalities. It's even more familiar in the Rio Grande Valley, which leads the state in such deaths, according to 2003 federal statistics examined by Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

At the home of Garcia and

DONNA (AP) — Rodolfo mother, the house was strangely bons hung outside. Teachers came Garcia clings to the memory of quiet this week. In a small back room, his four children racing up to meet Garcia, 29, stared at the tile floor him, climbing all over him after a Tuesday. Pacheco, 28, lay quivering back from visiting relatives Saturday on the bed; her back to those in the

— were killed in a car wreck with of how the children would bounce the car. It was unclear whether the an alleged drunken driver over on the bed, run around in the small children were wearing seatbelts or in yard and do their homework.

"So happy," Felipa said. The oldest, 9-year-old Stephanie Pacheco, was popular, studious, and helpful. Her teacher called her "her

right hand," Felipa said. The two boys, 8-year-old Rodolfo Garcia and 6-year-old Hector Manuel, were remembered as bright, energetic, and mischievous. One-year-old Angel and three counts of intoxication Jesus Garcia liked to laugh.

At nearby B.G. Guzman Elementary School, where the three oldest \$570,000 bond. Anna Pacheco, the children's children went to school, black rib-

by the house to offer comfort.

The children were on the way when a truck slammed into the passafety seats, Donna police Investigator Rick Balli said.

Texas law requires children under 17 to wear seat belts and children less than 4 years old or less than 36 inches tall with a child safety seat.

The driver of the truck, Juan Jose Garza, was charged with four counts of intoxication manslaughter assault. He remained in the Hidalgo County Jail on Thursday on

Blood tests showed Garza, a 29- about \$4,000.

year-old self-employed construction worker from Weslaco who has no criminal record, had a blood alcohol level of .268. That's more than three times the legal limit of .08. Police senger side of their minivan, sending said he admitted to spending the day Pacheco's mother, Felipa, spoke them and their uncle flying from drinking beer and had no memory of how he lost control of his truck.

Speaking softly in Spanish, Garcia wondered why Garza's bail wasn't

"For all four children?" said Garcia, his broken arm in a sling and a scab of dried blood in his right eyelid. "Don't the officials know? You can't get them back."

The 15,000-population city of Donna, a mix of old and new subdivisions filling former ranch and farm land about 10 miles north of the Mexican border offered four plots in the city cemetery, saving the family

Accident

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"Certainly it can affect their licensing," she said. "It doesn't mean them to disclose the arrest, which they can't get a Texas license, but will provide a flag. (The applicant it will certainly put a flag on their in question) will then be brought application for a license."

are of particular concern, because it can impair a person and their ability to practice medicine.

She said on licensing applica- much bigger problem to face."

tions, people with criminal violations must disclose the violation if they want a chance of being

"The application will allow before a committee on a board and Wiggins said alcohol violations they will ultimately decide if the person can be a licensed doctor in Texas," she said. "And if they don't disclose the arrest, well there's a

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Blockbuster CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

the corporate stores," he said. "Because we are a privately owned to participate in certain promotions by the corporation."

Store managers from Blockbuster stores surrounding the Dallas/Fort Worth area, which are part of the corporate system and the late fees promotion, refused to comment on the ruling.

\$5.5 billion in 2002. The group changes. has more than 8,500 stores in the United States, its territories and 28 other countries.

Blockbuster responded with store, we choose whether or not company will augment consumer program," he said. "More people and the company stated Blockbuster 'popular" program.

resentatives from 47 states and the District of Colombia in resolv-According to Blockbuster.com, Fees" program. Nick Shepherd, ful plan Blockbuster offers. the company was founded in Dal- president of U.S. store operations

our 'No Late Fees' program, but we are adding some additional com- switch them out." a press release announcing the munications pieces to support the communications supporting its are renting from us more often, promised to provide a full refund or The company also says in the Fees. They like the flexibility, the converted to a sale under the "No release they are working with rep- convenience and the value that No Late Fees" program upon the return Late Fees offers."

Houston native Cassie Cone, a ing some of the questions raised sophomore business major, believes fees. Customers who believe they about advertising for the "No Late the program is not the most success-

las in 1985 and generated around for Blockbuster, commented on the is being able to pay a monthly fee for owned stores.

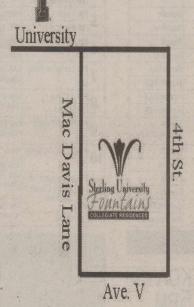
renting as many movies or games as "Our customers will be glad to you want to," she said. "That way know that we are not changing you can keep them as long as you want to and just take them back and

The agreement between Abbott so customers clearly like No Late credit for any rental item that was in condition of the items rented as well as refunds for "restocking" qualify for these refunds may obtain complaint forms at any company-"I think the best deal they have owned or participating franchise



and get a FREE iPod.







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Pope's health declines sharply, setback with high fever

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope brought on by a urinary tract Paul turned ghostly pale and his Press by telephone that "the Holy infection, Italian news agencies blood pressure reported. The pontiff's health had declined sharply and rapidly a day the newspaper after he began receiving nutrition reported. through a feeding tube.

At the edge of St. Peter's Square, tibiotics were hundreds of people gathered early administered, Friday, concerned about the fragile the Italian pope. A few knelt on the cobble- news agency stones to pray, others wrapped Apcom reblankets around themselves as they ported withkept vigil through the night.

"There's nothing we can do but sources, John pray. We're all upset," said Agriculture Minister Giovanni Alemanno, tion was "stable." ANSA, another strictly controlled by the Vatican dependent on one who was in the crowd.

There were reports that the pope received the sacrament for reaction" to antibiotic therapy. the sick and dying, formerly called the last rites. The sacrament is emergency room chief said there until about 11 p.m. Thursday, shutting down. often misunderstood as signaling imminent death. It is performed, however, not only for patients at the point of death, but also for deteriorated suddenly, the Vatican on the same floor as the pope's healthy person may recover from those who are very sick — and it medical staff appeared confident apartment. may be repeated.

reported Friday the sacrament was installed for the pontiff. administered by John Paul's closest pontiff the same sacrament on Feb. 24 just before the pope underwent a tracheotomy to insert a tube in his the radio about the grave condition is probably enlarged — debilitated

According to its account, John Antonio Ceresa, a Roman. John Paul II was responding to Paul had attended Mass Thursday treatment with antibiotics Friday morning in his private chapel, health crisis swept the world, the spond well to antibiotics, and "I and described as stable after he then did paperwork from an arm-pontiff's spokesman, Joaquin Nasuddenly developed a high fever chair. Abruptly, at 6:45 p.m., John varro-Valls, told The Associated chance he's going to recover well,"

> plummeted, After an-

out citing any

There's

We're all upset. - GIOVANNI ALEMANNO Agriculture Minister

can do but pray.

nothing we

Paul's condi-Italian news agency, said the pope medical team that is taking care another and if one "seems to showing a first positive of him."

were no plans to admit John Paul generally well past the papal bed-

it could handle the crisis with the The Rome daily La Repubblica sophisticated medical equipment fever and a drop in blood pressure with neurological disorders such as order two weeks ago to remove a the aged and to respect the sick,

aide, Polish Archbishop Stanislaw vigil near the pope, police kept medicine at the New York Univer- Some Parkinson's patients who can woman who died Thursday. Dziwisz, who serves as his private them off St. Peter's Square, forcing sity Medical Center. secretary. Dziwisz had given the them to congregate at the edges of the giant plaza.

I would come to St. Peter's," said recently sent him to the hospital,

As news of the pope's latest

Father today was fever caused by a confirmed infection of the urinary tract."

The pontiff was started on "an appropriate" course of antibiotics, Navarro-Valls said. "The ation is being

Lights in the papal apartment cause a "cascade ef-At the Gemelli hospital, an above St. Peter's Square were on fect" of other systems "at the moment," ANSA reported. time. The light remained on in the sell, an internist at UCLA While the pope's condition Apostolic Palace's nursing station School of Medicine, said a

A urinary infection can produce as reported in the pope, said Dr. As the crowd gathered to keep Marc Siegel, a specialist in internal

The pope's risk of such an infection is heightened because of his "I was in the car and I heard on age — which suggests his prostate tion," Ansell said.

Urinary infections tend to re-

Other physicians offered far the pope's overall condition.

"His body has come to a standstill," said Dr. Zab Mosenifar, who sive care unit at Cedars-

Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. "Usually, these people go in a downhill course."

Mosenifar notmedical situ- ed that the body's organs are intersystem fails, it could

Dr. Benjamin Andevelop a fever may turn catatonic, Ansell said.

Hospitalized twice last month against God.' throat at Gemelli Polyclinic, the of the pope. I immediately thought and run down from the illness that following two breathing crises and with a tube placed in his throat parallels in the two cases.

to help him breathe, John Paul has become a picture of suffering. teaching on the final stages of life When he appeared at his apartwould suspect there's a very good ment window Wednesday to bless pilgrims in St. Peter's Square, he managed to utter only a rasp.

Later that day, the Vatican anstruck by a high more guarded assessments, given nounced he had been fitted with boost his nutritional intake.

The use of the feeding tube treats elderly patients at the inten- illustrates a key point of Roman Catholic policy John Paul

has proclaimed: It is morally necessary to give patients food and water, no matter their

left him in-

dignity in all its fullness.'

The Vatican's attitude to the and as such morally obligatory." a high fever with no problem, but chronically ill has been apparent in it could be devastating for those its bitter condemnation of a judge's been marked by its call to value Parkinson's disease, which the pope feeding tube from Terri Schiavo, has suffered for at least a decade. the severely brain-damaged Ameri-

Vatican Cardinal Jose Saraiva "It's not a very promising situa- death, denounced the removal of her feeding tube as "an attack

Although different, some see

Under John Paul, Vatican includes a firm rejection of euthanasia, insistence on treatments that help people bear ailments with dignity and encouragement of research to enhance and prolong life.

A 1980 Vatican document a feeding tube in his nose to help makes the distinction between "proportionate" and "disproportionate" means of prolonging life. While it gives room for refusal of some forms of aggressive medical intervention for terminally ill patients, it insists that "normal care" must not be interrupted.

John Paul set down exactly what that meant in a speech last As Parkinson's year to an international conference disease and other on treatments for patients in a soailments have called persistent vegetative state.

"I should like particularly to creasingly frail, underline how the administration of the pope has been water and food, even when provided emphasizing that by artificial means, always represents the chronically ill, a natural means of preserving life, "prisoners of their con- not a medical act. Its use, furtherdition ... retain their human more, should be considered, in principle, ordinary and proportionate,

John Paul's 26-year papacy has subjects the pope has turned to as he battles Parkinson's disease and crippling knee and hip ailments.

It is not clear who would be Martins, reacting to Schiavo's empowered to make medical decisions for an unconscious pope. The pope has no close relatives, but the Vatican has officially declined to comment whether John Paul has

Rescuers abandon survivor search in main city of island hit by quake

brunt of a powerful earthquake four under the rubble.

magnitude-8.7 quake.

here," said Olaf Lingjerde, a U.N. search to help. and rescue official. "We found one person alive yesterday morning, that was Desruisseauz said that a ship carrying the last person. It's been 24 hours since then and there's been nothing."

13-year-old girl was pulled out alive tributed to hungry survivors Friday. from a collapsed five-story building 52 hours after the quake.

spent the days since the quake combing the wreckage of about 200 collapsed houses in the city of Gunung Sitoli but have only managed to pull a few people alive from the rubble.

GUNUNG SITOLI, Indonesia rate goes down, especially when you and the final toll would likely be (AP) — International rescuers on have this weather," Lingjerde said, between 400-500 across the disaster Friday abandoned their search for referring to heavy rain that has fallen zone. Earlier in the week, gave death survivors in the main city of the in recent days. "There are no reports toll estimates ranging from 1,000 to Indonesian island that bore the from locals of any more sounds" from

Some of the rescuers were taking A U.N. official said teams would helicopters to remote parts of the move to other Nias island towns that island to resume searching there and suffered damage in Monday night's the Antara news agency reported that Hungary was sending a team bang Yudhoyono toured the island "There are no (more) survivors of searchers with special sniffer dogs Thursday and at one point officials

U.N. relief coordinator François and angry survivors. 350 tons of rice, water, tinned fish In the early hours of Thursday, a Thursday and the food was being dis-

The rice was shipped from warehouses in Aceh province, where it Four international teams have was being stored to give to victims of the Dec. 26 quake and tsunami catastrophe that killed more than 126,000 in Indonesia and left about half a million homeless.

The government said that so "After three days the survivor far 279 bodies had been recovered

Angry and hungry survivors have been demanding help from Indonesia's government to speed up delivery of aid.

Indonesian President Susilo Bamwere confronted by a group of hungry

"Bad damage to roads and bridges and bad weather are disturbing disand other supplies arrived at Nias late tribution of aid and the relief effort," Yudhoyono admitted. Across the island, a search he-

licopter discovered a group of 11 Western surfers who had been missing since the quake, the Swedish Foreign Ministry said. "They're feeling well, considering

the circumstances," Swedish Foreign Ministry spokesman Christian Karlsson said. He said the surfers had slept outside since the quake.

Rape lawsuit against University of Colorado dismissed Thursday

DENVER (AP) — A federal sexual assaults described by the plainits decision," the statement said. "Lisa against the University of Colorado filed by two women whose allegations of sexual abuse sparked a scandal last year over its football team's recruiting practices.

The plaintiffs say they were above." raped by football players or recruits, to meet two key criteria in claiming lawsuit withdrew it earlier. the school violated federal Title IX led to their alleged assaults. Police investigated, but no sexual assault charges were filed.

The judge said Lisa Simpson — who has agreed to be identified in media reports - and the other woman failed to prove the university had actual knowledge of sexual harassment. He also said they did indifferent to any known sexual ha- appeal.

"There is no dispute that the not have critical evidence before it in women to come forward.

offensive sexual harassment," Blackburn said. "However, I conclude that ... no rational trier of fact could conclude that the plaintiffs have established the first and second elements listed

but U.S. District Judge Robert lawsuits that were later combined. A District Attorney Mary Keenan was Blackburn said the plaintiffs failed third woman who had filed a similar made public. In it, she said the uni-

law by fostering an atmosphere that gin in two months. Under Blackburn's knew it. decision, the case cannot be refiled, and the school was awarded court costs.

"This ruling supports what we've always known, that this university has never acted with indifference toward its students," University President Elizabeth Hoffman said.

Simpson's attorneys issued a statement saying they disagreed with the that nine women since 1997 had been not show the school was deliberately ruling and were deciding whether to

judge Thursday dismissed a lawsuit tiffs constitute severe and objectively is disappointed with this setback, but she is committed to having her day

> The dismissal was an abrupt end to a case that grabbed the state's attention

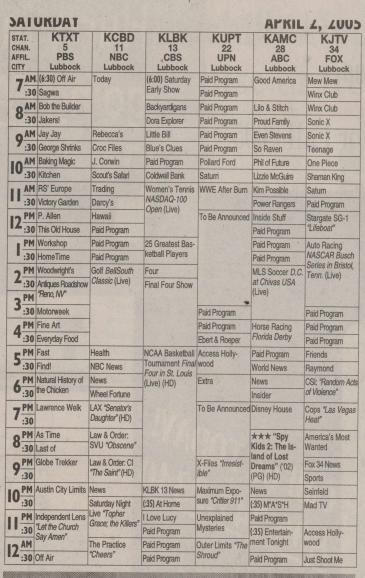
The scandal erupted last year when The women had filed separate a deposition quoting Boulder County versity used sex and alcohol to lure The trial had been scheduled to be- top recruits and that school officials

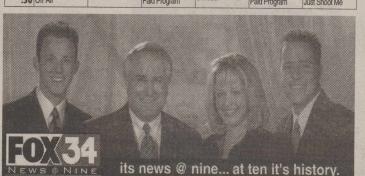
> The allegations led to a grand jury investigation and a Board of Regentsbacked probe that concluded drugs, alcohol and sex were used to entice recruits to the Boulder campus, though none of practices were sanctioned by university officials.

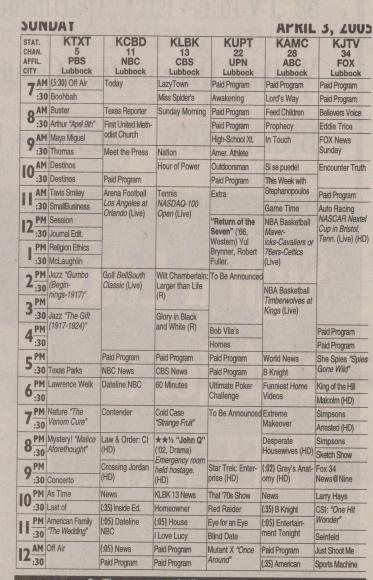
The grand jury investigated claims assaulted by football players or recruits, but declined to file charges in part "We are concerned the court did because of the reluctance of any of the

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By Jeremy Martin/ The University Daily **Students share April Fools gags**

that I got my

girlfriend preg-

said. "I said that

ing about the weather report or need to confess the time of day, some will give their — the summer victim a slap on the back or a punch after her graduon the arm and have a good hearty ation. laugh in the name of the April fool.

Others try to make their practical chanan, a freshjokes a little more creative.

In high school, Shannon Jetton administration had a teacher who picked on her in major from New class every day. The teacher was a Braunfels, also coach and his mother also taught at used a high the school. Jetton, a sophomore pre-school prank as nursing major from Junction, decided an excuse for reshe was tired of the coach's abuse, venge. Buchanso she retaliated in the best way she an's target was could imagine. She set live chickens an unfaithful loose in his mother's classroom.

"She was pretty upset," Jetton said. "Chickens are filthy animals. and I was mad at

Though the teacher was angry flagpole."

For some people, April 1 is an about the free-range poultry in her

Grant Buman business girlfriend.

"I was drunk,

her underwear and ran them up the my grandfather was getting so mad

Sometimes the victims of practiexcuse for lame jokes. After ly- classroom, Jetton said she felt the cal jokes are innocent bystanders,

> like Clay Styles' I told them that advertising ma-I got my girlfriend jor from Lubbock, decided pregnant. I said to have a little that I was going to at the expense have to drop out of of grandma and grandpa.

school and get a job to support her. - CLAY SYLES A Senior Advertising Major

from Lubbock

Faking pregnancy seems to be a popular prank for students. Josh Mullins, a senior communication studies grandparents. major from Buna, found himself Styles, a senior the butt of this kind of joke when his girlfriend and friends conspired against him.

"I went home for a week and they all get online and tell me how she was preg-April Fool's fun nant," he said. "It really scared me."

popular with students is to tell their a joke on my mom.' parents they have been arrested. "I told them Stu Spendlove a doctoral student in clinical psychology from Ventura, Calif., said he once made the mistake nant," Styles of pulling this joke on his mother.

"I called my mom once after a I was going to basketball game in high school and ted theft. have to drop told her there was a fight after the

Another practical joke that seems that's the last time I ever tried to play April Fool's."

prank that borders on actual illegal activities. For a practical joke on bock, said he remembers when he a co-worker, Josh Mantooth, a was 10 years old and a friend's parents sophomore advertising major from San Antonio, technically commit- Fool's Day slumber party.

played on it. I lost any chance to go crying in the manager's office, and I it was just a joke."

anywhere else that weekend, and just brought the money in and said

But sometimes, parents get the And then there is the occasional last laugh on April 1. Sean Pace, a sophomore music major from Lubplayed the final joke at an April

"They set the smoke alarm off at like "I worked at a restaurant and 3 o'clock in the morning," Pace said. out of school game and I got arrested," he said. I stole \$100 out of this girl's cash "They ran us out of the house screaming She came in the class and there her cause she cheated on me," he and get a job to support her. I only let "She started crying, so I told her it register," he said. "At the end of 'Fire! Fire!' We were all standing out was chicken crap everywhere, also said. "So I got about three pairs of it go on for like 10 minutes because was a joke. That's one of her biggest the day we had to make up for any there in the front yard in our underwear fears that I would get arrested and I money we were missing. She was without any shoes on when they told us

Relay for Life fund-raiser this weekend

signature fund-raising event will once said. "We read their names and apagain illuminate R.P. Fuller Track at plaud their survivorship. It is a really the third annual Texas Tech Relay for great kick-off." Life. The 12-hour relay will be on April 2, from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. on April 3.

of between 10-15 people and each person is encouraged to raise \$100.

Teams will continue to circle the around the track is a survivor's lap.

of the Lubbock American Cancer students raising awareness. Emily Curtis, co-chair of the relay Society said at around 10 p.m. the relost their battle with cancer and to unite to fund finding a cure." celebrate those who have survived.

"We ask all the cancer survivors the ceremony, the lights come back cancer org

The American Cancer Society's take the first lap together," Curtis up, walking resumes and everybody just goes all night long."

Curtis said the relay event includes games, bands, contests, tour-Kathy Winn, executive director naments, prizes and lots of Tech

"The whole concept behind it said more than 60 teams are particible and event has a luminaries ceremony. Being an all-night event is the fact pating in this year's event, making the She said that the ceremony was a cancer never sleeps," Curtis said. "So, donation goal \$60,000. Teams consist time to remember those who have for one night, we are not either, as we

For more information about "It reminds us why we're out there," Relay for Life or to get involved, track for 12 hours straight. The first lap Winn said. "Usually, it is about 30 min-contact the American Cancer Sociutes and it is very moving. Then, after ety at (806) 792-7128 or visit www.

Some kind words for Dan Rather from Fox News

NEW YORK (AP) — Fox News military service. Rather stepped said Thursday he'd have no problem chor on March 9. hiring Dan Rather — except the

embattled Rather, whose unpopularity with many of Fox's Republican fans was sealed by the network's discredited story about President Bush's

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Ailes had some kind words for the on Thursday, Ailes was asked if he'd unless it's so egregious and so bad that ever hire Rather.

Channel chief executive Roger Ailes down as "CBS Evening News" an replied. "Dan is a very controversial

"I wouldn't not hire him," Ailes guy but Dan does a lot of very good At a media forum sponsored by journalism and I'm one of those former CBS anchorman makes too Syracuse University's Newhouse guys who thinks you can't wipe out School of Public Communications a person's career over one moment you don't have any choice.'

Agency backs plan for NYC Jets stadium; could help city's chances of 2012 Olympics

\$1.9 billion stadium designed to lure York's bid. The International Olymblevision, the company that owns the 2012 Olympics to the city cleared pic Committee will award the Games Madison Square Garden. It fears the its biggest hurdle yet Thursday, winning the blessing of the state agency Moscow are the other finalists. that owns the land and handing a major victory to Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority board unanimously accepted a \$720 million offer from the New York Jets to develop the site over a remote railyard on Manhattan's West Side, turning down two competing proposals worth more

The 75,000-seat stadium is backed by the city and state and would allow the Jets to play in New York for the first time in a quartercentury. The Jets currently play home games at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

Jets President Jay Cross said he hoped construction could begin in July, noting the NFL recently awarded the city the 2010 Super Bowl on the condition of a new stadium.

Bloomberg, a Republican, has made the stadium the early centerpiece of his re-election campaign, growth for years to come in a largely underdeveloped frontier along the Hudson River.

In a statement, the mayor praised the Jets for investing in the city's future and added, "But ultimately, New Yorkers will be the big winners if this project becomes reality."

Many New Yorkers do not share his zeal, opposing the plan by 53 percent to 38 percent, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released before the vote. Some residents have said the stadium will cause too much congestion and cost too much money

"Why are you doing this?" City Council speaker and Democratic mayoral hopeful Gifford Miller asked the MTA board during public comment before the vote. "This is not over. This is a terrible mistake."

Outside the hearing, anti-stadium demonstrators began chanting "Sweetheart deal!" after the vote was finished, while union workers backing the plan replied, "Jobs! Jobs!"

Olympic officials have said build-

NEW YORK (AP) — A proposed ing the stadium is critical to New competing bids for the site was Cain July. Paris, London, Madrid and new facility, just a few blocks away,

Among those who submitted drain its revenue.

would compete with the Garden and

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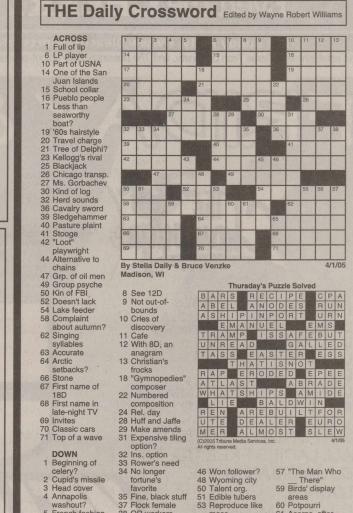
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orget about "Miss Congeniality 2" for smart, feisty, girl-power fun. "Beauty Shop" has it all and some to spare. It's a chilled-out comedy that must never work too hard for a laugh because it's too busy enjoying itself.

The fun is contagious.

While more of a spin-off than a sequel to the "Barbershop" films, "Beauty Shop" retains the same attitude of the two previous films, but injects with its own style that works better than the other films at times.

We first met Gina (Queen Latifah) as the owner of a Chicago salon down the street from Calvin's (Ice Cube) barbershop in "Barbershop 2." Latifah brought enough of her signature sass to that film to make a spin-off with her character worthwhile.

Yet "Beauty Shop" is not a mere stab at a spin-off. It has its own identity and sense of humor that consistently yields big laughs.

In "Beauty Shop," Queen Latifah moves her Gina to Atlanta. We learn Gina is a widow and working hard to keep her daughter in a fine arts private school

To pay for it, Gina is working as a hairstylist for Jorge Christophe (a hilarious Kevin Bacon), a queen of

Gina is Jorge's prized possession, as she brings in a variety of upscale clientele. But therein lies the problem: Gina doesn't like being seen as property. So she quits, and decides to open her own beauty shop.

The only shop she can afford, though, is smack in

It is of little use to delve much into the film's plot, because the film itself is unconcerned with it.

Actually, the film works best when it forgets all about plot. The focus and success of the film is found in the people, as Gina fills her shop with a wide collection of colorful

characters.

the middle of the ghetto. But Gina finds she has the preference is somewhat of a mystery. opportunity to thrive there.

(Andie MacDowell and Mena Suvari), who start making the trip across town.

Jorge, naturally, gets his highlighted locks in a tangle, and plots to cripple Gina's

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Fans of the "Barbershop" movies will, no doubt, recognize similarities in some of the characters.

Alfre Woodard as Miss Josephine could give Cedric the Entertainer's Eddie a run for his money in terms of loud-mouthed, opinionated banter, and Alicia Silverstone is adorable as the token white hairstylist, even if she does sport one of the worst southern accents of

Watch, also, for an all-grown-up Keshia Knight Pulliam (sweet little Rudy from "The Cosby Show") as Darnelle, Gina's sultry niece.

Gina also hires an ex-convict truck driver (Bryce Williams), who has a skill for doing hair and whose sexual

There's no mystery, however, about Joe (Djimon When she does, she starts filling her salon with Hounsou from "In America"), a piano-playing electrineighborhood regulars and even some of Jorge's clientele cian who lives above the beauty shop and has the hots

> Reigning over all of this is Latifah, who has become a formidable comedic talent. She is the soul of "Beauty Shop," and gives it a free-flowing groove.

> So what if each plot turn is predictable? Who wants to nitpick the shoddy editing or the stereotypical portrayal of race relations the film upholds?

That's how I know I truly enjoyed the - when I am willing to overlook all of these

"Beauty Shop" makes you feel like a participating on-looker, waiting for the next joke, the next slam. You

won't be waiting long between laughs. The film works so well because it is never forced. It never feels like it has to be about anything except individuality within a community, fearlessly speaking

your mind and ghetto-fabulous hair. **EPPLER'S RATING:**



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Nickelodeon's 'Kids Choice Awards' comes of age, green slime and all

years ago, Nickelodeon discovered the answer to that age-old question: annual "Kids Choice Awards," Nick-What if you gave out awards and nobody showed up to collect them?

Ballot," which would eventuala little peashooter of a program that nobody paid much attention to.

"We awarded a lot of prizes, but nobody came to pick them up," Nickelodeon Television President Cyma song from his forthcoming album Zarghami recalls with a laugh. "It was a little bit pathetic, but it made us feel

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Twenty like we were getting in the game." On the eve of Saturday's 18th

elodeon is clearly in the game.

Chris Rock, who hosted Febru-The show was called "The Big ary's Academy Awards is scheduled to make an appearance at this year's ly morph into the "Kids Choice "Kids Choice Awards." So is Oscar Awards." But back then it was just winner Halle Berry and Cameron Diaz, last year's co-host. The 2002 "Kids Choice Awards" burping contest champion, plans to be there, as does Will Smith, who will debut a

> "Lost and Found." At some point in the show, when

awards in such categories as favorite real about it. I think that's the whole that connection. ... You can actually years in a row. He won during his last handed out, some celebrity will have a huge bucket of green slime dumped on his head — as much to their surprise as that of the audience. Past p.m.) in front of recipients of that dubious honor have included Tom Cruise, Jim Carrey, the University of Pink, the Olsen twins, Mike Myers California, Los

and Adam Sandler. "Jim Carrey hugged me the year after he got slimed," Zarghami nect with kids

So why do celebrities line up to movies you're in, expose themselves to such silliness? "I think there's something very

actor, actress, singer and athlete are thing," says Ben Stiller, who will have fun and be a part of something season on the children's variety show

host the show this year when it's 10,000 kids from Angeles.

"If you conwho have seen you can feel that connection they have to you and it's a very real thing," Stiller

Host, 'Kids Choice Awards' adds. "The en-

Maybe in a couple years I'll be able to show her the tape and say, 'Hey, look what I

> did once.' - BEN STILLER

that is very not cynical." It's safe to say

that the award, a large orange blimp, looks like no other piece of Hollywood hard-"I've still got

it at home," Kenan Thompson of one he collected TV actor.

"Oh yeah, it thusiasm kids have for what they was nice," the star of the movie "Fat like is very genuine. In that way it Albert" remembers about finally getjust feels very good to be a part of ting one after coming up short four

"All That!"

"I was old and ready to leave and they finally gave me one," he adds, laughing. "And I was like 'Thank you. Now I can go. Now I have my blimp. I've been waiting for five years."

Award winners are picked by fans who vote online, by phone and through Nickelodeon's magazine. Last year, according to the network, 17 million ballots were cast.

The show is broadcast around the "Saturday Night world, and that kind of exposure, Live" says of the network officials say, has helped make it a popular draw for young as 2000's favorite celebrities, particularly those building an audience among the teen set. Thus Hilary Duff of the rival Disney Channel's "Lizzie McGuire" and Amber Tamblyn of CBS' "Joan of Arcadia" are slated to appear this year, along with rapper Lil' Romeo, actress Amanda Bynes and TV and

film star Frankie Muniz. Stiller says he's fascinated by the bond fans establish with stars such as Muniz, who was only 14 when his show "Malcolm in the Middle" debuted in 2000.

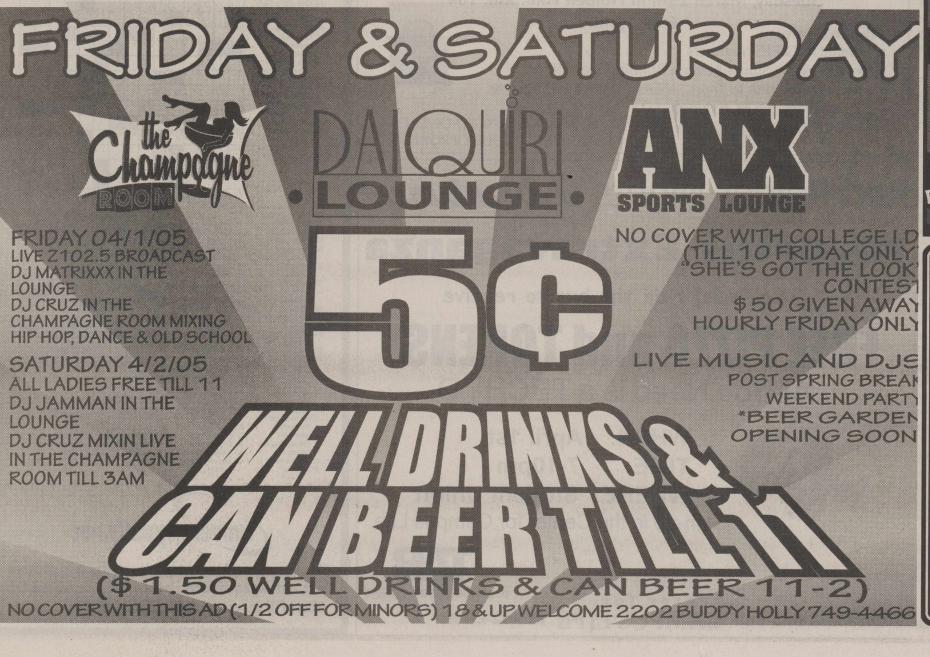
Stiller's wife, Christine Taylor, was a teen star herself when she appeared in the series "Hey Dude" in the late 1980s. He says people still approach her to talk about the show.

For himself, the 39-year-old star of "Meet the Fockers" is hoping his brush with kid celebrity will give him some cachet with his 3-year-old

"Maybe in a couple years I'll be able to show her the tape and say, 'Hey, look at what I did once," he









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Tech fans: Steroids have not diminished love of baseball

By David Wiechmann/ The University Daily

Major League Baseball will swing ing Day on Sunday, and baseball fans season short. at Texas Tech have mixed feel- ings as to what type of reaction the

national pastime can expect from fans.

The steroid scandal surrounding the game has kept baseball in the news throughout the offseason.

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Congress has intervened on the issue, and now MLB has a testing policy, but the effect on fan loyalty still

"It hasn't tainted my image of major from Dallas and a Boston Red Sox average fan might be.

fan. "Baseball as a whole still is a strong that watch it."

into action with the first pitch of Open- 1994 when a strike by players cut the everybody. The fans felt betrayed by the has brought awareness of steroids to a

ping what many argued to be still being played." possibly the greatest baseball season of all time.

Players were on and the Montreal team. Expos were on the fast track to a chance ruined it for her. at a World Series.

bitter and the steroids issue pos- from Sugarland and sibly could do the same thing. Alex Weaver, a junior music per- going to let the

baseball, just my image of certain players formance major from Muscatine, Iowa, rounding steroids keep her from my favorite days of the year, absolutely, like Jason Giambi and Barry Bonds," said said he will not be pushed away by the watching baseball this year. Ralph Pettingwell, a junior architecture bad press baseball has received, but the

sport. It holds strong values for the fans the casual fan now questions every event in the game," he said. "The season of players," she said. Baseball took a hit with the fans in the strike was worse because it alienated The strike resulted in stop- worse because at least now the game is athletes

Baseball fans said they are excited about Opening Day.

April Herrin, a junior public relations pace to break the re- major from Arlington and a Texas Rangcord of every major ers fan, said she will watch the season offensive statistic, progress and root for her favorite

The steroids scandal has not

Lyndsay Pullen, a senior But the strike left fans public relations maa Houston Astros fan, also is not hoopla sur-

she simply enjoys watching baseball and the national pastime for a reason."

"I think it damaged it for some. I think tries not to get caught up in the drama. "I just watch it for the sport, not the

Herrin said she believed the issue players and the owners. The strike was national level and could help young realize the dangers of taking

She said she knows some high school athletes who are taking steroids.

Weaver, a self-proclaimed diehard Chicago Cubs fan, said baseball will survive its latest challenge because the sport has been around so long and been an integral part of American society.

He no doubt will be glued to the television Sunday.

"My life will begin again. It's one of bar none. It's better than my birthday," he Her view of players has not changed, as said. "It's an all-American day. Baseball is

Baseball faces Missouri

No. 25 Texas Tech faces conference foe Missouri in a series beginning today in Columbia, Mo.

The first pitch Friday and Saturday is 6:30 p.m., followed by a 1 p.m. start Sunday.

Each game will be broadcast locally on KKAM-1340 or online at www.texastech.

Tech is coming off a 5-4 win against Texas-Arlington Tuesday, which ended a threegame losing streak by the Red Raiders.

Tech is 18-8 on the season and 2-3 in Big 12 play, while Missouri is undefeated in Big 12 action.

The Raiders have not won a series at Missouri since the 1999 season when the Raiders rebounded from a Friday night loss to win the next two contests. Tech's last win at Missouri was a 10-1 victory on March 31, 2001.

The Tigers boast an overall record of 21-4 but will face their first ranked opponent of

Following the weekend series, Tech will most likely host a non-conference game at Dan Law Field on Tuesday, according to the media department for the team. The opponent has not been determined.

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Final Four coaches: The free advice is over

(AP) — All those treys being launched from all over college basketball.

But North Carolina coach Roy Williams admitted absolutely no Final Four experience. Wednesday they made him jumpy.

He has got Sean May, the best big man still standing in the Final Four, and he would prefer to keep running his offense from the inside out. He does not even want to think about getting caught up in a shootout.

"The first thing I start looking for," Williams said, "is the closest exit I can sneak out."

Michigan State coach Tom Izzo would volunteer to escort him when their teams meet in Saturday night's semi-Weber, whose teams play the opening semifinal. All three advice from me. would welcome the chance, even if none came out and made the offer during an hour-long teleconference.

air controller's grid.

"I like it," said Weber, whose team put up almost three overtime. "When it first became a rule, it became a thing has been an upset-filled, last-gasp tournament. where it was used too much. I think last week was just

The good news is that the coaches, except for Weber, the NCAA tournament map last weekend did wonders for are as experienced at Final Fours as experienced gets. The bad news is that the players, with one exception, have

> Pitino, who won a national title at Kentucky, is back for the fifth time with his third program. Izzo, who won in 2000, is back for the fourth time in the last seven years. The long-suffering Williams, who brought Kansas to the closing weekend four times, is making appearance No. 5 as well.

> Only Weber, at 48, is a newcomer. So naturally, he spent the last few days calling friends in the business for tips on what to expect. But the free advice stopped Wednesday.

"He's a 3-point shot at the buzzer from being perfect final. Ditto for Louisville's Rick Pitino and Illinois' Bruce this season," Pitino said jokingly. "He doesn't need any

Besides, all four coaches expect to be occupied just giving advice to their own squads. After scanning all four But there was little doubt all three would not mind rosters, Izzo could find only one player who's even been to seeing enough traffic beyond the arc in St. Louis to fill an a Final Four, and that's his own Tim Bograkos, a fifth-year senior and former walk-on.

But all four teams are led by upperclassmen, which the dozen 3s in a furious comeback win against Arizona in coaches agreed was the difference in getting through what

And if your team doesn't have one of those, well, there

Cast in St. Louis not exactly what experts forecasted

The invitations have been passed out, the tables are set and all is ready for the world's greatest dance to take center stage during one of the most invigorating weekends in sports.

All are present and accounted for in what is expected to be ...wait a second — I see Roy Williams and his highflying Tar Heels have made their appearance. And I think I can make out Illinois boasting its record, with only one blemish, sitting comfortably in the seat that prepared for them for months.

But where is superstar Chris Paul and his Demon Deacons; where is Coach K and his little buddy J.J., and Jim Boeheim alangemen, watching from afar?

These so-called favorites, the everywhere scratching their heads. Wake Forests, the Dukes and the

weeks ago, all have found themselves on the outside looking in.

When the tango ensues this weekend, two teams experts thought had as much chance of making it to St. Louis as getting Mark McGwire to talk about the past will take the

both have ridden four and five seeds with a minute left and a game on ready is on the links with his Or- all the way to the Mecca of college the line? basketball, leaving fans and analysts

So why is it everyone doubted the Syracuses, that were granted their two squads who have put themselves

The Cardinals, who compete in the typically below-average Conference USA, were considered a team that simply could have been great in the beginning of the season.

They lost two star recruits, including Sebastian Telfair, who opted to jump to the NBA, and were plagued early in the season by multiple injuries to a frontcourt already considered weak.

Supposedly, the key to success in the tournament is the ability to work the inside-out game. The Cards have plenty of guys who can knock it down, but where was Louisville and Michigan State that inside force they could go to

Under the wizardry of coaching legend Rick Pitino, Louisville has proven every surefire success theory wrong by taking their "let it fly" strategy and knocking down shots.

The Cardinals are led by the sharp shooting of Fransisco Garcia, Taguan Dean and Larry O'Bannon. Dean and O'Bannon both shoot over 40 percent from beyond the arc, while Garcia has averaged 15 points a contest and has been the player off of which the entire team seems to feed.

When all three are on their game, there may not be a team in the country that can stop them.

As for Tom Izzo and his Spartans, I look at their track record and find it hard to fathom why they are an "underdog."

Izzo has led five teams to regional finals in the last six years, including three Final Four appearances and a national championship in 2000.

All of those teams were said to have more talent than the one set to take on North Carolina Saturday.

They have made their run this year by playing fundamental team basketball. You don't see them giving the ball to one guy and telling him to "get us the win." They have 10 guys who average 9.6 minutes per game and none that average more than 30.

Not to go against the grain, but the Spartans actually do have one of the experts' ingredients for success in that all five of their starters shoot over 80 percent from the free-throw line.

If Michigan State gets in a freethrow battle in the final minutes of a close ballgame, the odds are certainly in the Spartans' favor.

So as we all sit down this weekend to watch David take on Goliath, remember that David isn't necessarily a young Sheppard boy. The Illini and Carolina earned their tickets to the celebration as expected, but watch out for the outcasts that have come to crash the party.

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