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Burleson Police, U.S. Marshals arrest Gilmore

SEIZING THE SUSPECT: Lubbock PD in search of, others apprehend man in possible connection with recent homicide of McGuire.

By Brittany Barrientos/The University Daily

Local authorities hope the capture of a suspect wanted for questioning in connection with a recent homicide will be the conclusion of a busy and tragic month for Lubbock residents.

At about 5 p.m. Sunday, a bail bondsman from Cleburne called the Lubbock Police Department and reported Vernon Ray Gilmore was located in a motel in Burleson.

According to police reports, the officer on duty dispatched the information to the Burleson Police Department, who along with U.S. Marshals arrested

Gilmore at about 9 p.m. A firearm was recovered from Gilmore's room.

Gilmore was being apprehended by Lubbock police for allegedly trying to cash a check at a Wolforth-area American Bank of Commerce on the account of Rex McGuire.

According to police reports, McGuire was found dead in his home Wednesday after apparently suffering multiple gunshot wounds.

Sgt. Chris Havens of the Burleson Police Department said Gilmore was arrested by the department and U.S. Marshals for federal parole violation regarding selling cocaine. He said once in custody Gilmore was charged

with other offenses, as well.

"He was charged with possession of a controlled substance, which was methamphetamine, four-to 200-grams, and illegal possession of a firearm by a felon," he said. "(He also was) charged with murder, which was the confession he gave me in an interview after our arrest. That was the one in Lubbock, where the victim was Mr. McGuire."

Following the arrest by the Burleson Police Department and the U.S. Marshals, it was discovered Gilmore had checked in to the hotel under McGuire's name and also had rented a storage space in the victim's name, according to the police report.

Lt. Roy Bassett with the Lubbock Police Department said when Gilmore was trying to cash a check in McGuire's account, police were notified not because of the forgery, but because McGuire's account had been frozen.

"Rex McGuire's account had been red-flagged," he said. "We don't know if the police froze the funds or if it was something the bank did."

Bassett said when Gilmore came in and tried to use the account, tellers contacted police immediately.

Bassett said Gilmore was picked up on a parole

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KAELI KLAUS, A junior history major from Knippa, picks out the shirt she wants while Taylor Cann, (left) a petroleum land management major from Corpus Christi, Ben Hubbard, a junior mechanical engineering major from Plano, and Nick Rench, a junior exercise and sport sciences major from Arlington, sell T-shirts for their fraternity, Delta Chi, at the free speech area Monday afternoon.

New legislation will make filing bankruptcy difficult

By Meghann Lora/The University Daily

America's college students control more money than the national debt of some small countries. College students spend more than \$19 billion each year, and much of that spending generates debt. New bankruptcy laws will make it tougher for college students to erase debt through bankruptcy.

President George W. Bush signed the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act April 20, a law that will affect 180 days later on October 17. This landmark bankruptcy bill is the first major revision of bankruptcy law in 25 years.

Ryan Halley, assistant director of Tech's financial counseling

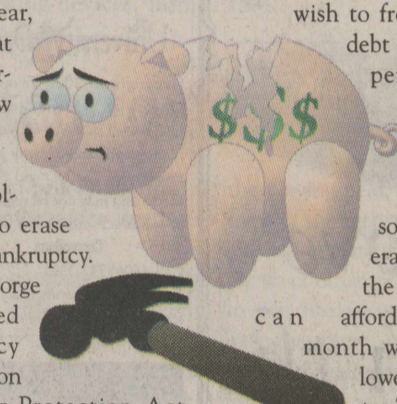
service Red to Black, said the new law includes more restrictions on who is eligible to file for Chapter 7 bankruptcy.

According to www.thebankruptcysite.com, Chapter 7 bankruptcy is primarily used by individuals who wish to free themselves of debt simply and inexpensively through the liquidation of property.

Under the new law, any person who has an average income above the state median and can afford to pay \$100 per month would not be allowed to file for Chapter 7 bankruptcy.

People denied Chapter 7 bankruptcy either have to file for Chapter 13 bankruptcy and come up with a three-to-five-year repayment plan or keep

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South Korea warns North Korea of nuclear testing

By Soo-Jeong Lee/Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea warned North Korea on Monday against conducting a nuclear test, saying one would further isolate the communist state and undermine its security. The United States called the North's resistance to international disarmament talks unacceptable.

Concerns that the isolated North is trying to develop a nuclear arsenal have escalated after it apparently shut down a nuclear reactor recently.

South Korea's foreign minister, Ban Ki-moon, said in a speech on Monday that North Korea "cannot have its future guaranteed" if it conducts a nuclear test.

"Nuclear weapons can never guarantee North Korea's security and will only bring about and worsen the isolation of its politics and economy," Ban said, according to South Korea's Yonhap news agency.

The South Korean warning came

after U.S. media reported over the weekend that Pyongyang might be preparing for its first nuclear test and North Korea threatened to bolster its "nuclear deterrent."

North Korea lashed out at Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice for recently saying that Washington was willing to take the nuclear issue to the United Nations.

"If the United States wants

to the U.N. Security Council, it may do so," North Korea's Foreign Ministry spokesman said, according to the North's official Korean Central News Agency. "However, we want to make clear that we will regard sanctions as a declaration of war."

North Korea declared in February that it had nuclear weapons and was boycotting international disarmament talks, which also involve the United States, China,

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BUBBLING BABIES



STEVE LEWIS/The University Daily

THIRTEEN-MONTH-OLD Mary Kate Hughes tries to catch bubbles made by Kristi Olabode, a freshman pre-medicine major from Grand Prairie, Monday morning in the College of Human Sciences daycare center.

RAIDER REMEMBRANCE



STEVE LEWIS/The University Daily

FLAGS FLY AT half-staff at Memorial Circle Monday in honor of Brian Douglas Willis, who died April 9 from injuries received in a four-wheeler accident, and Cody Hughes, who died April 18 after a motorcycle accident.

Bush seeks relief from oil surge in meeting with Saudi leader

By Jennifer Loven/Associated Press

CRAWFORD (AP) — President Bush on Monday pressed Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Abdullah to help curb skyrocketing oil prices that are hurting American families and businesses, and a top adviser said a Saudi plan to increase production would have an impact.

"When you increase the capacity by a significant amount, which they are talking about, that can't help but have a positive downward effect on prices," said Bush's national security adviser, Steve Hadley.

As Bush and Abdullah met for several hours at the president's ranch, the Saudis presented a plan — outlined last week in a speech by Saudi Oil Minister Ali Naimi — to increase production capacity to 12.5 million barrels per day by 2009 from the current 11 million limit.

If necessary, Saudi Arabia would eventually develop a capacity of

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Constitutional change would ban gay marriage

AUSTIN (AP) — Same-sex couples in Texas would be banned from marriage under a constitutional amendment House lawmakers approved Monday.

The measure, sponsored by Republican Rep. Warren Chisum of Pampa, aims to stem possible court challenges to an existing Texas law making same-sex marriages illegal. It passed with a vote of 101-29, more than the 100 needed for approval of a constitutional amendment in the House.

"I think marriage is important enough to the people of this state that it deserves the highest level of protection," Chisum said.

The measure still must win approval in the Senate and from Texas voters to become part of the state constitution.

The smattering of Democrats who opposed the measure said it would constitutionalize discrimination.

"This amendment is blowing smoke to fuel the hell fire flames of bigotry," said Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston.

The debate comes less than a week after House members approved a measure that would ban same-sex couples from becoming foster parents.

Gay and lesbian rights advocates criticized both measures, saying the Legislature needs to prioritize building up Texas families with public education and social services, rather than discriminating against the state's 43,000 gay couples.

"What they're doing really flies in face of family values," said Heath

Riddles, Lesbian Gay Rights Lobby of Texas spokesman.

The marriage ban, Riddles said, also would hurt unmarried heterosexual couples, making it difficult for them to enter into end-of-life contractual agreements or give a partner power of attorney.

Chisum added a measure he said is meant to give gay and straight Texans the same contractual rights they currently have. It allows private contracts for guardianship, hospital visitation rights, insurance benefits and property ownership.

"It doesn't change anything that anybody can do today," Chisum said, addressing questions about whether the amendment could curtail heterosexual common law marriages.

Rep. Rafael Anchia, D-Dallas, called the measure the "Chisum gay

ban to be incorporated in the Texas Constitution, it must next be approved by 21 of 31 senators. Chisum said no senator has agreed to sponsor the bill in the upper chamber. If approved by the Legislature, the ban also must be approved by a majority of Texas voters Nov. 8.

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Nationally, President Bush supports conservative advocacy groups pushing for congressional approval of a federal constitutional amendment banning gay marriage. The measure, which would need ratification by 38 states, last year failed to win the necessary two-thirds support in the U.S. House and Senate.

Chisum has said he hopes the constitutional amendment in Texas would send a message to Congress that Texans support a similar amendment on the federal level.

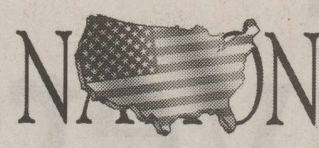
Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick voted for the ban. He abstains from voting on most bills.

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Lesbian Gay Rights Lobby of Texas Spokesman

The Rundown



Four die in wreck on Interstate 40

GM recalling more than 2 million cars

Train derailment in Japan kills 57

AMARILLO (AP) — Four men were killed and two others injured over the weekend after their vehicle was hit from behind on Interstate 40, according to the Department of Public Safety.

The men, all residents of Mexico, were traveling east in a 1997 Chevrolet Cavalier about 7:45 p.m. Saturday when a motor home passed several trucks and was moving back to the highway's outside lane east of Amarillo in Carson County, according to a DPS report.

The Cavalier either was stopped or moving very slowly in the outside lane. The motor home, driven by Kathleen Rennie of Rosemond, Calif., struck the back of the car, according to the report.

Two men were transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. One was in critical condition, and the other was in fair condition Monday, said Duane Barnett, a DPS communications operator in Amarillo.

None of the four people in the motor home was injured, the report said.

The accident remains under investigation.

The names of those killed were unavailable pending notification of next of kin, Barnett said. They ranged in age from 23 to 31, he said.

WASHINGTON (AP) — General Motors Corp. is recalling more than 2 million vehicles, including nearly 1.5 million sport utility vans and pickup trucks that have problems with their seat belts.

The company said Monday a few minor injuries were associated with the six separate recalls and owners would be notified of the problems by mail.

Among the vehicles affected were 1.48 million SUVs and pickups from the 2003-2005 model years, including the Chevrolet Silverado Crew Cab, Suburban, Tahoe, Avalanche; Cadillac Escalade, Escalade ESV, Escalade EXT; GMC Sierra Crew Cab, Yukon XL, Yukon; and the Hummer H2s.

The recalls represented the latest challenge for the world's largest automaker, which last week reported \$1.1 billion in losses in the first quarter, its largest quarterly loss in more than a decade.

GM has cited the financial burdens of providing health coverage for its workers and retirees amid lackluster car sales. Sales of the automaker's popular SUVs and large trucks have been off, in part because of high gas prices.

AMAGASAKI, Japan (AP) — A packed commuter train that was behind schedule and may have been speeding jumped the tracks Monday and hurtled into an apartment complex, killing 57 people and injuring 440.

Investigators focused on whether excessive speed or the actions of the inexperienced, 23-year-old driver caused the crash in an urban area near Amagasaki, about 250 miles west of Tokyo. The driver overshot the last station before the wreck, and a crew member and several passengers speculated the train was speeding to make up time.

Floodlights were trained on one of the worst-damaged cars as rescuers tried to free at least three people still alive in the wreckage more than 11 hours after the 9:18 a.m. crash, said Yoshiki Nishiyama of the Amagasaki fire department.

The fate of the driver was unknown.

The seven-car commuter train was carrying 580 passengers when it derailed, wrecking an auto in its path before slamming into the parking garage of a nine-story apartment building. Two of the five derailed cars were flattened against the building, and hundreds of rescuers and police swarmed the wreckage and tended to the injured.

Politicians discuss new Iraqi cabinet

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi politicians, pressured by the United States, tried again Monday to end a nearly three-month deadlock over forming a new transitional government, with insurgents emboldened by the impasse launching well-coordinated weekend attacks that killed 29.

Three road bombs aimed at U.S. military convoys exploded in the capital Monday, including one in western Baghdad that killed an American soldier, said Army Lt. Col. Clifford Kent.

Another roadside bomb hit a

convoy in eastern Baghdad on Sunday, killing one American soldier and wounding two, the U.S. military said. Iraqi police said two civilians also were wounded.

At least 1,569 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

Militants also launched two separate attacks Monday aimed at Iraq's oil industry in the north, setting fire to pumps near Kirkuk and opening fire on police guarding a convoy of tanker trucks, officials

said. Two policemen were wounded and three insurgents arrested in a one-hour gunbattle over the convoy, police said.

On Sunday, lawmakers loyal to Prime Minister-designate Ibrahim al-Jaafari said he was ready to announce a Cabinet that would exclude his interim predecessor, Ayad Allawi. Al-Jaafari had decided to shun further attempts to include members of the party headed by Allawi, the secular Shiite politician who was prime minister as the country prepared for elections Jan. 30.

Members of Allawi's Iraqi List said his party had not been officially informed of the development. Allawi loyalists were bidding for at least four ministries, including a senior government post and a deputy premiership.

"Whoever says the Iraqi List has withdrawn from the negotiations about the Cabinet is not right. We haven't done that," Iraqi List legislator Hussein al-Fadr said Monday.

Al-Jaafari's list could be submitted to parliament Monday, some officials said, but others indicated Tuesday was more likely.

"I don't see how it can be national unity government without our participation," Iraqi List legislator Hussein al-Sadr told reporters.

Members of al-Jaafari's United Iraqi Alliance were holding several rounds of talks Monday.

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Tech Fresh informs students about health

By Lindsay Wharton/
The University Daily

Texas Tech health employees hope to give students important health information through a popular student pastime — the Internet. Students interested in local entertainment and food establishments also can find health information through the Web site www.tech-fresh.org.

Kerren McDougal, unit associate director for the Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, said her department conducted research to learn the best way to attract the students' attention.

"We found that a Web site is the most efficient and economical way

to reach students," she said.

The Web site features information about entertainment events on campus and in the city's area to catch the attention of students so they can receive valuable health and campus information, she said.

Scott Taylor, a sophomore management major from Plano, said he uses the Internet about four times a week and probably will visit the Tech Fresh Web site in the future.

"I think it's a good plan," he said.

Students who visit the site will have the opportunity to learn about health issues, including diets, nutrition, stress, tobacco and high-risk behaviors, McDougal said. Some

of the hazardous behaviors are not using a seat belt, binge-drinking and lack of sleep.

The creators of the Web site hope to make the information readily available for students, McDougal

help they need.

For instance, some students believe they will be reported if they use the Safe-Ride option, which is not true, McDougal said.

Health infor-

interest students.

The site was created by a group of art students, McDougal said. An art class was asked to find a concept that would excite Tech students.

The students created three choices, which were tested by a student focus group. The Tech Fresh option was chosen.

The preliminary Tech Fresh Web site began in November but it was not implemented for the student population until mid-February, she said.

Since the Web site's debut, McDougal said her department has been brainstorming ways to advertise the site so more students know about it.

Information about the Tech

Fresh Web site has been posted on www.thefacebook.com, a popular Web site where students post their information to meet other students with similar interests, McDougal said.

Libby Camp, assistant director of marketing for the HSC, said the HSC has done some advertisement through ads in The University Daily and a promotional event, but are planning to spend more time promoting Tech Fresh in the fall.

The department also plans to have more promotional events and will pass out fliers to new freshmen, Camp said.

So far, the Web site has had 2,739 hits, Camp said.

"Were getting really positive feedback," she said.



said. "We wanted it to be appealing, simple and really easy to use," she said.

Another purpose of the site is to combat false information, McDougal said. There are many campus rumors preventing students from getting the

information is displayed prominently in the banner portion of the Web site. There is an article about stress written by a Tech student, McDougal said.

The information is the most important, she said, but the site needed to be visually appealing to

Murdough flood deemed accident

By Kelly Gooch/
The University Daily

The Texas Tech Police Department has been interviewing witnesses to determine if the detonation of a fire sprinkler head, causing a flood in Murdough residence hall the night of April 14, was intentional.

Maj. Gordon Hoffman, assistant chief of the Tech Police Department, said three suspects were interviewed.

He said these three suspects are scheduled to go in front of judicial affairs.

After interviewing the three suspects, Hoffman said the incident is believed to be an accident.

Intentionally causing a fire sprinkler head to go off is considered a violation of student conduct, Hoffman said.

Part nine, section B of the Student Handbook states damage to university property is considered misconduct, Hoffman said.

D'aun Green, associate director for Residence Life, said approximately \$5,000 worth of damage was done to Murdough residence hall as a result of the flooding.

There is not much employees at Murdough residence hall can do to prevent a fire sprinkler head from detonating if students break them, Green said.

Drew Canham, assistant director of conduct and integrity within judicial affairs at Tech, said generally when a Tech student is accused of violating student conduct, they are sent a letter letting them know what violation occurred. The student then has five days to respond to the letter, he said.

The accused student, Canham said, has the option of having an administrative hearing, in front of one person, or a committee hearing, in front of faculty, staff and students.

During the hearing, the student would be asked to tell his side of the story, he said.

The person doing an administrative hearing decides if the student is responsible for the act, Canham said.

Students should be careful around fixtures such as fire sprinkler heads, Hoffman said, because messing with them can cause damage to personal property as well as university property.

Two toddlers found dead in pond in Georgia

WARRENTON, Ga. (AP) — Two toddlers who were reported missing from their home over the weekend were found dead in an algae-covered sewage pond a few hundred yards away Monday after a two-day search.

The cause of death was not immediately disclosed, and Georgia Bureau of Investigation spokesman John Bankhead said it was not known whether the youngsters were the victims of foul play. Autopsies were planned.

Nicole Payne, 2, and her brother, Jonah, 3, were reported missing Saturday from their lake-side house about 100 miles east

of Atlanta. The children's mother called authorities to report that the toddlers vanished after she went into another room. Police said their mother found the front door open and the children gone.

Bankhead said green algae made seeing difficult when authorities first searched the 1 1/2-acre pond, situated at the end of road behind the family's house.

The pond — part of the city's sanitation system — is surrounded by a fence, but has several holes where a child could easily get through.

Police Chief Jim McClain said earlier in the day Saturday, the children got out of the house. He

said Nicole figured out how to unlock the front door and gate and left with Jonah at around 4 p.m. A neighbor returned the children a half-hour later, he said.

Authorities said Nicole needed a breathing machine daily and her brother was on medication for an unspecified condition.

On Sunday, agents from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation questioned the children's mother, Lottie Kain. Authorities said more than one person was given a polygraph test. They would not comment on the tests.

Up to 100 law enforcement officers searched for the youngsters, using heat-seeking devices, infra-

red radar at night and cadaver dogs. Searchers combed the woods, and divers looked in a lake.

The children's disappearance shocked and saddened people in Warrenton, a town of narrow, two-lane roads known mostly for the sweet potatoes at Jane's Restaurant.

Stephanie Johnson, walking with her 22-month old daughter, Ella, said she had been praying for the family.

"There's a part of me that wants to stay inside all day, but then I remember that this kind of thing doesn't happen in a small town like this," Johnson said.

Girls abusing steroids too — often to get toned look

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — An alarming number of American girls, some as young as 9, are using body-building steroids — not necessarily to get an edge on the playing field, but to get the toned, sculpted look of models and movie stars, experts say.

Girls are getting their hands on the same dangerous testosterone pills, shots and creams that have created a scandal in Major League Baseball and other sports. Often, these are the

same girls who have eating disorders, according to some research.

"There's been a substantial increase for girls during the 1990s, and it's at an all-time high right now," said Charles Yesalis, a professor of health and human development at Pennsylvania State University.

Lloyd Johnston, a University of Michigan professor who heads an annual government-sponsored survey on risky behavior by young people,

said: "Other than pedophilia, this is the most secret behavior I've ever encountered."

Overall, up to about 5 percent of high school girls and 7 percent of middle-school girls admit trying anabolic steroids at least once, with use rising steadily since 1991, various government and university studies have shown.

Researchers say most girls are using steroids to get bigger and stronger on

the playing field, and they attribute some of the increase in steroid use to girls' rising participation in sports. But plenty of other girls are using steroids to give themselves a slightly muscular look, they say.

"With young women, you see them using it more as a weight control and body fat reduction" method, said Jeff Hoerger, who runs the staff counseling program at Rutgers University in New Jersey.

Firefighter dies after fall

AMARILLO (AP) — A firefighter who fell out of a speeding fire truck while putting on his emergency gear died from his injuries Monday, officials said.

Brian Hunton, 24, hit the pavement after being thrown from the back seat behind the driver when the truck made a sharp turn Saturday night, firefighters said. He never regained

consciousness after sustaining a severe head injury, department spokesman Bob Johnson said.

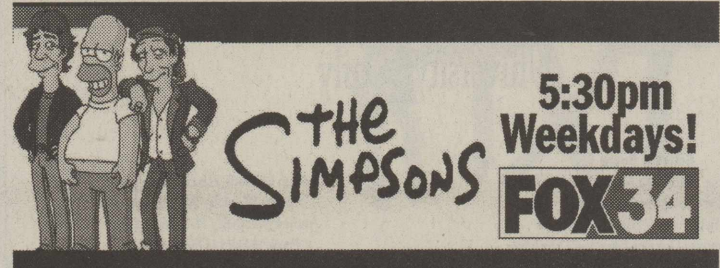
The truck was traveling at a relatively low speed and the door may have come open, according to police reports.

Authorities are investigating.

"We just want to make sure that this doesn't happen again to our people," Johnson said.

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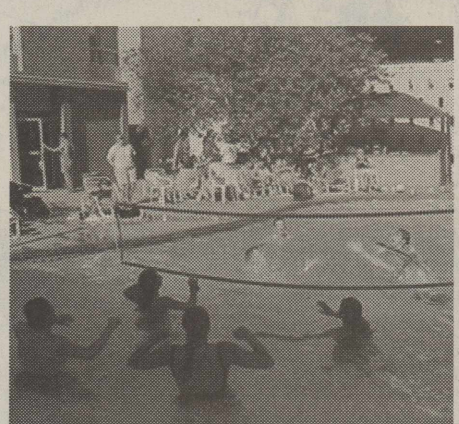
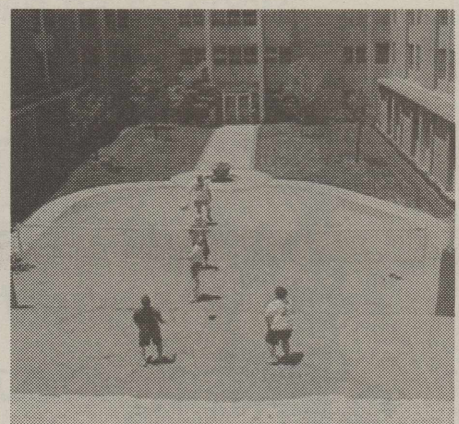
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You can't always get what you want

The GOP works against itself with initiatives that exploit the citizenry

After a near nationwide implosion of the Democratic Party in November, the GOP found itself in explicit control of the executive and legislative branches.

With seven of the Supreme Court justices being appointed by Republican presidents, one would imagine the right finally is satisfied with its position representing its view of mainstream America.

So why is the conservative leadership in Washington still up in arms?

Because despite their apparent appeal to "fly over" states on issues such as gay marriage and abortion, at the heart of the neo-conservative juggernaut is an exclusive group of elites not looking out for the moral wellness of the country, but the girth of their pockets and egos.

This has become more apparent in the past few months; unfortunately, these revelations are about half a year too late.

Bush's once "historic" plans to become savior of Social Security have petered out during his 60-day trip under criticisms from political opponents and economic experts.

The president's "personalization" of wages into government-controlled accounts went from solving the problems of an "archaic" welfare program to being exposed as doing little to actually alleviate the system's troubles.

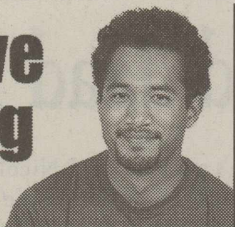
Similarly, the administration maintains the U.S. economy is "booming" because of Bush's tax cuts to the rich and industry.

True, profits for many businesses are growing, but the number of citizens whose income is even affected by such market trends is small.

Most Americans, much like me, earn wages on a paycheck, not portions of stock.

It is deceiving to say Americans are doing well financially, when the truth is, millions of Americans are out of work, millions earning below what their abilities and education warrant and the only living more comfortably are the ones who

Dave Ring



By disguising the debate at hand as an attack on the faithful by the faithless, leaders like Frist and Dobson are playing politics with people's genuine belief in Christianity. Criticisms of such blatant abuses of influence have come from church leaders and politicians alike, but the monster is yet to be slain.

don't even know the price of milk.

The exploitation of the American citizenry, particularly those who supported Republican officials in the last election, doesn't stop at the checkbook.

Lately, Republicans in the Senate have been trying desperately to get anyone on their side to do away with the filibuster.

On Sunday, there was a coordinated nationwide propaganda production starring such civil minds as Dr. Bill "AIDS-Might-Be-Transmitted-Through-Tears" Frist and Dr. James "You-Only-Think-You're-Gay-Because-of-Your-Spineless-Father" Dobson.

The fabrication played six degrees of separation of church and state:

- 1) Churches are where the faithful go.
- 2) Gay marriage and abortion are hot issues in churches.
- 3) Ultra-conservative activist judges are against gay marriage and abortion.
- 4) Democrats want to filibuster seven ultra-conservative activist judges.
- 5) The filibuster is a tool to be used by the minority to retard a majority issue.
- 6) Voila! The filibuster hates the faithful.

This type of thinking typifies the way in which the top of the neo-con/religious right cohort has misconstrued the facts and consequently gained unprecedented power in the American government; however, by disguising the debate at hand as an attack on the faithful by the faithless, leaders like Frist and Dobson are playing politics with people's genuine belief in Christianity.

Criticisms of such blatant abuses of influence have come from church leaders and politicians alike, but the monster is yet to be slain.

In the long run, the "culture of life" movement championed by such groups as the Family Research Council and the Christian Coalition will find their wedge-driving "you're-either-with-us-or-against-us" crusade losing its zeal among the common voter.

The problem with witch hunts is regardless of the premises, you're going to find your witch. Today's extreme right leadership is trying to flush out all its opponents in an effort to purify the government's ranks of any sort of rivalry.

This is because despite all our faults as Americans, we still hold a bit of common sense when it comes to our leaders.

These trends may not be apparent today, but with a step back we can see those whose ideas are meant to divide and exploit will find themselves historical pariahs akin to Joseph McCarthy.

Amen to that.

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TECH TALKS BACK

Tech Traffic and Parking traps students with plans

Traffic and Parking's decision to create parking zones is seriously flawed and will only serve to increase the complexity in an already confusing system.

There seem to be a lot of unanswered questions relating to this new system. The biggest problem is whether or not more permits will be sold than available spaces. This has been a standard of the department from the logical conclusion that not everyone is on campus at the same time.

There are always spots available, just perhaps not where you want to park. You go to another commuter lot and park. What if all of the west lots are full? I will not be able to park in the north lots or satellite parking because that is not my zone. The student has basically lost two-thirds of the available parking.

What about special events at the United Spirit Arena? Half of the C4 lot will get taken out when Motley Crue comes to town. Will the Westerners get to cross the DMZ into the Northerners' lots?

Here's another problem: Many students park in different areas depending on class schedule and day of the week.

Convenience is again sacrificed with the new plan as you are forced to stay in your zone. Make sure you left time for the bus, unless of course you park in C4 or C13. The walk to the bus stop is as long as the walk to class.

Again, the non-traditional and/or married student is left out of the equation. My wife and I both are full-time students, work, have to take children to school and such. We have permits for both cars and often swap them depending on that day's need. The only problem is she normally parks in the north zone while I am in the west. The new system will mean we will have to park according to what sticker is on our car, not which car best suits our needs.

This new system does nothing to generate more spaces or answer student concerns. It simply is a means to further penalize commuters, increase bureaucracy (can we say added costs for different stickers and tracking) and the most important reason, provide greater revenue from tickets.

— Sean Kelley, graduate part-time instructor in the Department of Theatre and Dance and Lubbock resident

VIEW FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSITY

Genocide in Darfur needs attention

By Tom Moosbrugger/
The Lantern

(U-WIRE) COLUMBUS, Ohio — Darfur. This word should strike you deep in the soul, and make you feel remorse and outrage. Unfortunately, for most Americans, it means nothing. It is a land far away, with which we have very little in common, and whose people are total strangers. Yet, they need someone, desperately.

Here in America, we are horribly ill-informed as to the events of the world around us.

As we sit captivated by stories of ped-erast pop stars, celebrity breakups, vegetative Floridians and papal conclaves, we are avoiding the news that the millions of innocent victims need us to hear.

Our Congress spent hours debating a law about one American, yet we do nothing to help millions of Africans. There is genocide afoot, our government has labeled it as such — and yet we are standing idly by once again.

If ever there was a time for genocide to be on our minds, it should be now. Anniversaries for the last century of bloodshed are all aligning as a sign of the cost of our mutual indifference.

Ninety years ago, on April 24, 1915, forces of the

Ottoman Empire started their brutal slaughter and deportation of Armenians.

For three years during World War I, these crimes against humanity raged, and in their wake, more than a million corpses were left. The international community was busy with the machinations of war, and there was little relief for the Armenians.

Starting only 30 years later, the scourge of genocide once again struck, with terrifying results of staggering proportions.

The story of the Holocaust is well publicized, through books and films and recently in the news. Just earlier this month, April 15, the world commemo-

rated the liberation of the death camp of Bergen-Belsen by British troops. This was the place where Anne Frank died, along with at least 70,000 others.

As tragic as that number is, it is the merest of portions of the nearly 6 million Jews killed, and millions of other religious, ethnic and minority groups that were systematically liquidated.

Lastly, the Rwandan genocide, which occurred only 10 years ago. In addition to memorials, there is even a film, "Hotel Rwanda," which details much of this slaughter.

This barbaric slaughter took the lives of 800,000 people. Despite all of the words said about never letting a genocide like the Holocaust occur again, that is exactly what we did. The world sat on its hands and watched.

And so, here we are again. In 2005, we are letting genocide happen again. The total so far is 340,000 men, women and children dead, with millions starving and displaced. Rapes, mutilations and butchery are common.

We know genocide is happening, we know we can stop it. Yet, we do nothing.

There is food relief being sent into Darfur, but humanitarian groups, without the protection of peacekeeping troops, are just targets for the Janjaweed militias who commit these atrocities.

These militias are sanctioned by the Sudanese government. The International Criminal Court wants to try these murderers, but the United States is hesitant, for fear that the court might at sometime also try Americans.

Our stance on this, delaying justice, is aiding in the systematic murder of thousands.

What is more nauseating: the fact that there are people capable of such butchery, or the fact that "righteous" individuals like ourselves can stand as indifferent bystanders to murder?

Again and again, the words "never again" are uttered, but nothing happens. Action is needed. We talk about a "culture of life," and Darfur is where we should start.

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Bankruptcy

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slipping further behind on their debts, according to the bankruptcy Web site.

Halley said that since most students have relatively low incomes, the new bankruptcy law would not have a huge impact while students were still in college.

"I would assume for students who are in lower incomes, it won't have as much an impact," he said.

The credit industry lobbied for the new bankruptcy bill because of the cost of an increasing number of personal bankruptcies — about 1.6 million in 2004, up from about 900,000 in 1995.

According to the bankruptcy Web site, credit card industry profits more than tripled in the same period from \$12.9 billion in 1995 to \$31.6 billion in 2004. The Web site estimates the new law will net the credit card industry an additional \$5 billion.

Halley said bankruptcy is not common with students because there are other options to handle debt. Bankruptcy should be a last resort because of the lasting effects of filing.

"It really hurts your credit score and it'll stay on there for 10 years," he said. "It's a pretty big impact and it's immediate."

People who have filed for bankruptcy often find increasing their credit score difficult. Once a person has filed for bankruptcy, banks may give them credit but at a much higher rate, Halley said.

Another disadvantage of filing for bankruptcy is that it is a matter of public record, which means employers have access to the information. Jobs that require security clearance such as federal jobs are difficult to obtain once a person has filed for bankruptcy, Halley said.

The new bankruptcy law will require a credit card warning label on monthly bills. The minimum payment warning will warn consumers that making only

the required minimum payment will increase the interest paid and the time it takes to repay the balance.

According to www.nelliemae.com, undergraduates had an average credit card balance of \$2,748 in 2000.

Halley said he discusses credit card payments with students who have credit card debt. Paying the minimum balance is better than not paying anything, but paying a little extra would decrease the amount of interest a person has to pay over time, he said. Putting a warning label on credit card bills could help people with debt if they read the warning and follow the guidelines.

Jose Salazar, a senior political science major from Mission, said he does not believe the minimum payment warning will affect students because most students have a steady income.

"People are still going to have the same amount of money they earn," he said. "They're going to send off what they have."

He said most people understand sending the minimum amount possible increases the amount of money paid in the long run.

"A lot of people try to send off more than what the minimum payment is," he said.

The new law will make it more difficult for debtors with automobile loans to keep their car. They will be required to pay the full loan amount on car loans, rather than just the current value of the car. The new rule applies to all car loans less than two and a half years old as of the date you file.

Before filing for bankruptcy, the new law requires consumers to get financial counseling before they are allowed to file for bankruptcy.

Halley said financial counseling could serve two purposes for people who are thinking of filing for bankruptcy.

"I think it serves multiple purposes," he said. "One — it will hopefully get at the cause. Two — it can help find other options besides bankruptcy."

Homicide

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tion by U.S. Marshals and at this point he is a suspect in McGuire's murder.

"He is certainly a suspect," he said. "An arrest warrant is being filed so (Gilmore) can be extradited (from Burleson), back here."

Bassett said Gilmore could be back in Lubbock as early as today. He said Gilmore would be questioned by police upon arrival in Lubbock.

"Obviously he has given us some good breaks in this case," he said. "Now we need to get his side of the events."

Despite the crime spree in Lubbock recently — including five shootings in the last week and more than one dozen burglaries and thefts of local businesses since April began — Tech students are still inconsistent with their views on the safety status of Lubbock.

Shannon Harmon, a senior early childhood education major from Arlington, said she is at ease living in Lubbock despite the recent crime.

"I still feel safe now," she said. "I know that there's violence that goes on everyday, everywhere."

Harmon said being from the Dallas-area has broadened her perspective on crime and she realizes the numerous factors that can go into both high-crime periods and how publicized crime is.

"I've always felt safe living here," she said. "I trust the police force, they're pretty good. I think (the hype) might just be from the media."

Harmon said she is aware of the local crime, but does not believe her safety is at risk.

"It's sad, but it does happen," she said.

According to the Area Connect Web site, Lubbock's overall crime index is above the national average. In 2002, the total crime in Lubbock per 100,000 people was 6,894, while the national average was 4,118 per 100,000 people.

Noor Alfar, a senior psychology major from Dallas, said she has not felt safe in Lubbock in a long time and believes all people should be aware of

the incidents going on around them.

"I did feel safe when I first got here, but now that I watch the news, not so much," she said. "I do feel safe with the police department, but at the same time, I volunteer at the Rape Crisis Center so I know how behind they can get."

Alfar said her volunteer experiences have also made her weary of the safety conditions in Lubbock. She said she sees first-hand how hurt people can get when violent crimes are committed.

"Right now I am extra aware of what's going on," she said. "My parents are scared for me, too. They are extra aware of what's going on."

Alfar said although she realizes crime is present everywhere, she does not believe enough people are aware of their surroundings as they should be.

"I have had bad experiences in Lubbock," she said. "But it can happen outside of a club or on the way to class."

Alfar said she is skeptical of some of the people in Lubbock.

"People can be obnoxious, rude and perverted," she said. "You have to wonder if (police) can't stop them in the afternoon, what else are they going to be able to do later in the day?"

Alfar said she has learned to simply be suspicious of strangers.

"I try not to trust strangers anymore," she said.

Havens said Gilmore also had a Dawson County misdemeanor warrant for a fictitious motor-vehicle inspection sticker.

Gilmore was indicted and convicted of murder in Lubbock in 1980 and was sentenced to 99 years in prison. The ruling later was overturned, allegedly because invasive articles were printed in a local newspaper. He was tried a second time and convicted again, this time for 15 years, in 1984. The second trial took place in Hays County after a change of venue was requested because the trial was so high profile.

In case of an emergency, Lubbock Police can be reached at (806) 775-2817.

FLYING HIGH



KELLY MATHERLY/The University Daily

BROOKE RODINE, A freshman photo communications major from Kingwood, helps Ian Wells, a freshman landscape architecture major from Sulphur Springs, untangle a kite at Urbanovsky Park Monday afternoon.

Oil

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15 million barrels per day. The kingdom now pumps about 9.5 million barrels daily.

The talks also included Middle East peace initiatives, the pace of democratic change in the desert kingdom and counterterrorism efforts.

But the president, aware that record-high gas prices are hurting his popularity, put that issue at the top of the agenda.

"The crown prince understands that it is very important ... to make sure that the price is reasonable," Bush told reporters as he and Vice President Dick Cheney awaited the arrival of the Saudi officials.

Bush said he would appeal to Abdullah's self-interest, telling him that persistent high crude prices could erode the long-term market for Saudi Arabia's biggest source of revenue. He said he would urge

Saudi Arabia to make the necessary investment to increase its production capacity, especially in light of the fast-growing, energy-gobbling markets in China and India.

"A high oil price will damage markets, and he knows that. I look forward to talking to him about that," the president said. "We'll talk about his country's capacity."

The president then pivoted to the domestic scene, prodding the Senate to follow the House and pass the comprehensive energy strategy he supports. "Now is the time for something to happen," Bush said.

Abdullah and his small entourage were nearly a half-hour late. Bush gave Saudi Arabia's de facto ruler a warm embrace and a kiss on both cheeks in welcome. Bush kept a firm, guiding grip on his guest's hand as they walked up the path, past a field of bluebonnets that the president took care to point out, to a new office building on a corner of the sprawling ranch.

Nuclear

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South Korea and Russia. Since then, efforts to get the North back to the bargaining table have floundered.

Washington's top envoy on the North Korean nuclear issue met with South Korean officials Monday and discussed ways to revive the negotiations.

"What we are focusing on is the

diplomatic track and the need to get the talks going, and more importantly, once they get going, to achieve progress in the talks," Christopher Hill, the U.S. assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, said following his meeting with his South Korean counterpart, Song Min-soon.

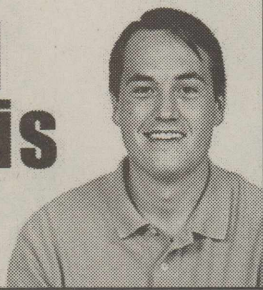
Washington is reportedly exploring other options in stopping North Korea from building up its alleged nuclear arsenal.

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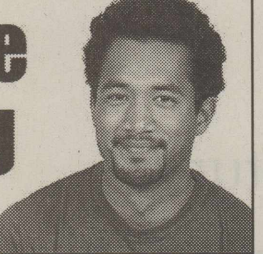
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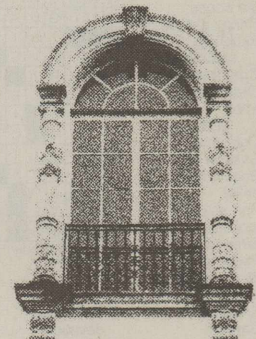
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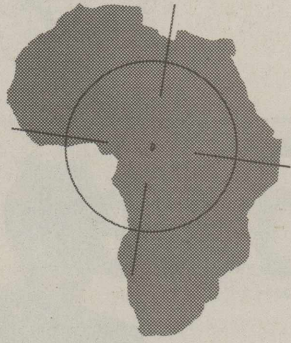
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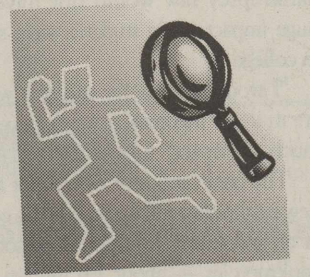
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LITTLE SPELLED OUT FOR AUDIENCES IN 'THE INTERPRETER'



Two of Hollywood's finest actors, Sean Penn and Nicole Kidman, work together for the first time in "The Interpreter," a Hitchcock-style political thriller.

James Eppler



Yet, despite its shortcomings, 'The Interpreter' still is a wonderfully acted, well-designed political thriller that has the nerve to require its audience to do something scary — think.

The great Hitchcock, however, never was permitted to shoot a film within the doors of the United Nations, despite his wishes to do so with my personal favorite of his films, "North by Northwest."

But director Sydney Pollock was granted permission to use the United Nations building on the weekends,

which makes "The Interpreter" the first film ever to be filmed there.

Pollock does not waste his big opportunity.

He takes his cameras throughout the halls and corridors of the United Nations, showing areas you won't see on the news.

Working from a smart, understated screenplay, Pollock has crafted a character-driven thriller that never caters to the conventions.

A U.N. interpreter, Sylvia Broome (Nicole Kidman), over-



SEAN PENN AND Nicole Kidman partner together for the first time in the mysterious political thriller "The Interpreter."

hears a plot to assassinate an embattled African leader in a native language she is in the unique position to understand because she hails from the African country in question. She reports the plan to the authorities, who are not sure if she is A. lying or B. in on the plot.

The plotters, however, know she overheard their plan, and will work hard to

scare her into keeping quiet.

Secret Service agent Tobin Keller (Sean Penn in a rare commercial film performance) is assigned to Sylvia, but not to protect her. He's investigating her.

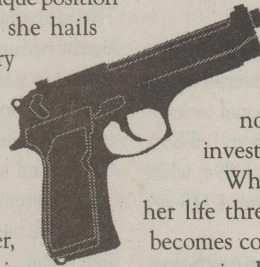
When Sylvia is soon having her life threatened, though, Tobin becomes convinced he needs to be protecting her instead.

The assassination of the African

leader is to take place in a matter of days when he is scheduled to deliver a speech at the United Nations. The killing likely will take place during the speech, leaving the Secret Service forced to explore every possible angle.

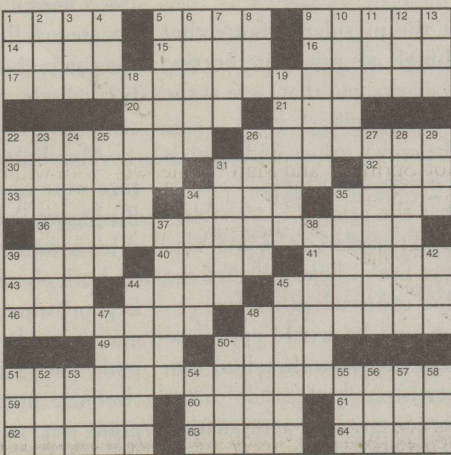
There's no "Manchurian Candidate" brainwashing going on here. This is a calculated plot with key players intent on getting the job done.

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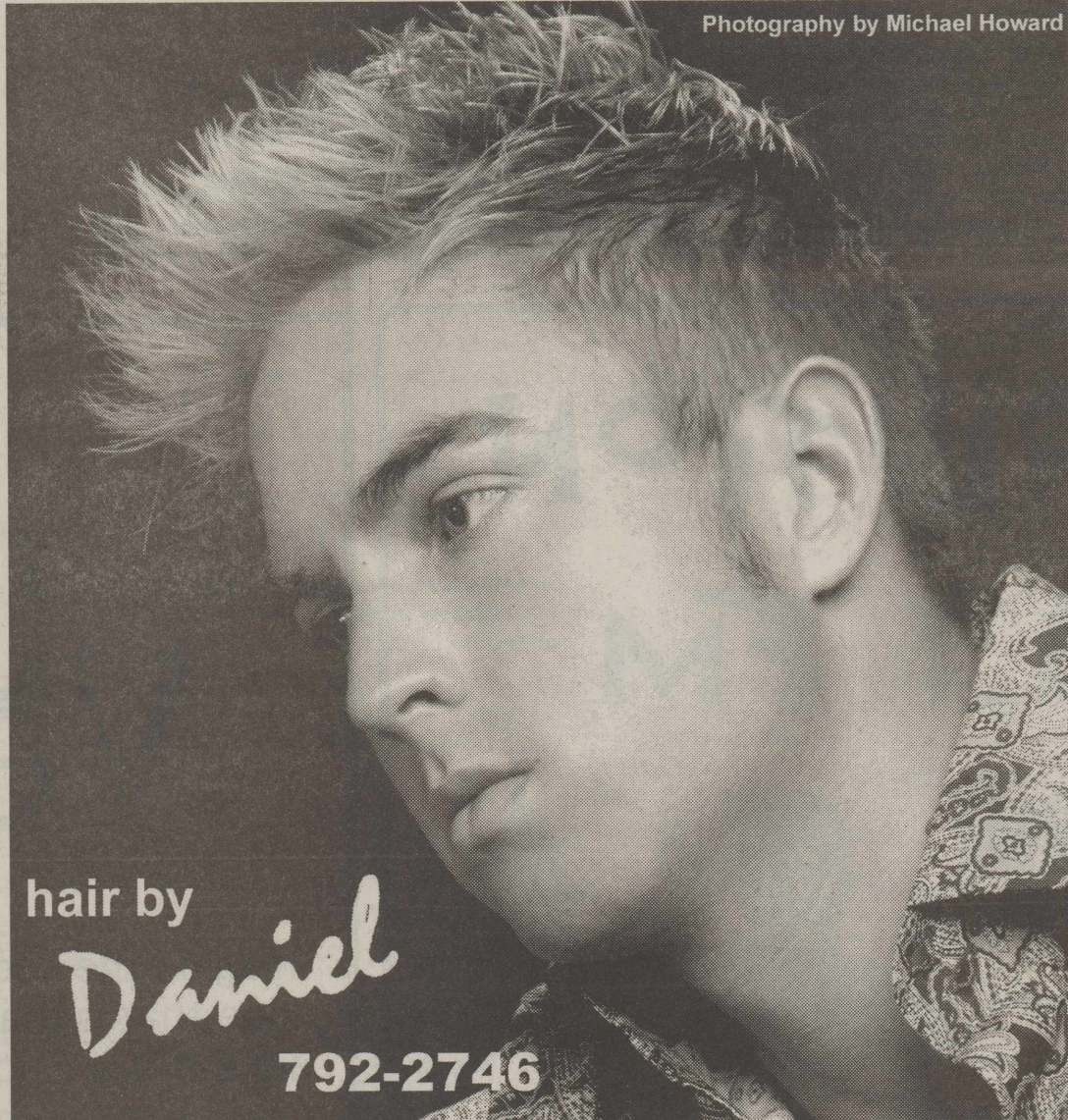
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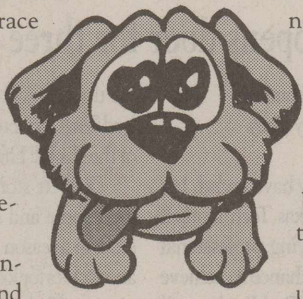
Animal Shelter hosts benefit race, dog walk this weekend

Strut for the Mutts, a one-mile dog walk and five-kilometer race benefiting the Haven Animal Care Shelter will take place on Saturday at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

The event is sponsored by the shelter and Texas Student Nursing Association.

The race begins at 9:30 a.m. and the dog walk will begin at 10 a.m.

Registration for the event begins at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$18 per person at the event. Each participant will receive a T-shirt,



a bandana for his or her dog and a raffle ticket. The winner of the raffle and the top male and female finishers in the five-kilometer race will receive a dog gift basket provided by the Pet Company.

Children 12 and under will be admitted for free, or they can register for \$10 if they want T-shirts. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Haven, a no-kill animal shelter.

Kate Talkington, the shelter's secretary, said the shelter will provide dogs to participants who do not

have a pet to walk. Currently the shelter is home to more than 300 abandoned dogs and cats, many of which could use some extra attention and recreation.

"We're making up a list of about 30 to 35 dogs to take out there for people to walk," she said. "It's kind of a constant need we have. We have a lot of volunteers who come in every week to walk the dogs and cats."

The shelter is overcrowded and no longer accepting new animals. Call (806) 763-0092 for more information about the event or the shelter. The Web site, which includes pictures of the animals up for adoption, is located at www.havenacs.org.

Judge allows testimony by Michael Jackson's ex-wife

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — The judge in Michael Jackson's child molestation trial said Monday he will allow the mother of two of the pop star's children to testify as a prosecution witness.

Prosecutors want Jackson's ex-wife Debbie Rowe to tell jurors she was compelled to appear on a videotape praising Jackson as a good father and a humanitarian.

Prosecutors say Rowe did the interview under duress, having been told by Jackson associates that if she did not do it she would risk losing visitation rights with her children, daughter Paris and son Prince Michael.

Rowe was a nurse for one of Jackson's plastic surgeons when they married in November 1996.

Their son was born in February 1997, followed by their daughter in April 1998. The couple filed for divorce in October 1999. Jackson has a third child, Prince Michael II, whose mother has remained anonymous.

The defense objected to the testimony on grounds that it was part of a prosecution "desperation"

tactic at the end of its case and had no relevance to the charges against Jackson.

In addition, the defense said if Rowe testified they would seek to present the entire three hours of her video interview with Jackson associates as well as a tape recording she made secretly.

Defense attorney Robert Sanger denied there were any threats to her denying what he called "a tremendous amount of taped material."

"I just plain don't see the relevance to these proceedings," he said.

Prosecutor Ron Zonen said Rowe would tell jurors she engaged in a "highly scripted interview and that the incentive was to suggest she would have visitation with her children if she did this."

Zonen said this would corroborate the testimony of the mother of the Jackson's young accuser who testified she also was pressured to appear in a video and speak from a script.

Jackson, 46, is accused of molesting a 13-year-old boy in February or March 2003, giving the boy alcohol and conspiring to hold the boy's

family captive to get them to rebut a TV documentary in which Jackson appeared with the boy and said he allowed children to sleep in his bed. Jackson called the sleeping arrangement non-sexual.

The jury was out of the courtroom most of the morning, but returned to hear testimony by former Jackson employee Kassim Abdool, who was called to corroborate part of an account by Ralph Chacon, another ex-employee who says he saw Jackson commit a sex act on a child in 1992 or 1993.

Abdool said he saw Jackson and the boy, who later received a multi-million-dollar settlement from the singer, leaving a Jacuzzi area where their swim suits were lying next to each other on the floor.

He said that Jackson, wearing a towel, gave a piggyback ride to the boy, who wore a bathrobe.

Abdool and Chacon were among former employees who lost a wrongful termination suit against Jackson in 1997 and were ordered to pay damages to the entertainer.

In another development, one of Jackson's attorneys, Brian Oxman, left the defense team Monday. Lead attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr. announced the departure in a statement that gave no explanation.

Mesereau and Oxman were seen talking and then giving each other a hug after court recessed for the day. Oxman did not return a call for comment.

"I just plain don't see the relevance to these proceedings."

— ROBERT SANGER
Jackson Defense Attorney

CELEBRITIES IN THE NEWS

Dean Cain marched with Armenians in Hollywood

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Dean Cain joined hundreds of Armenian-Americans marching in the streets of Hollywood to mark the 90th anniversary of the mass killings of Armenians by Turks.

Wearing black T-shirts emblazoned with the words "We've Had Enough," and hoisting signs saying "Truth Always Prevails," the crowd marched down Hollywood Boulevard in Little Armenia while leaders released doves into the sky.

Many expressed their desire to have the killings recognized by Turkey and the rest of the world as a genocide.

"People were talking about losing two-thirds of their family, or their entire extended family," Cain said Sunday. "So it's really inspired me to learn a lot more about it."

The Armenian government says up to 1.5 million Armenians ultimately died or were killed throughout several years as part of a campaign to force them out of Turkey. Turkey does not deny that many Armenians died, but says most were part of the general unrest during the collapse of the Ottoman Empire.

Bid to name street after Willie Mays struck out

HAGERSTOWN, Md. (AP) — The mayor has struck out in his bid to rename a city street for baseball great Willie Mays.

Mayor William M. Breichner had hoped to make up for the poor treatment Mays received in the early 1950s when he made his minor league debut here to catcalls and racial jeers. However, his plans to rename Memorial Boulevard ran afoul of war veterans.

The backlash prompted Breichner and the city council last week to drop plans for renaming the street Willie Mays Way.

Mays said he was not offended.

He told *The (Baltimore) Sun* he understands why the city heeded veterans' objections.

"I think veterans who go to war and come back have the right to say what's on their mind," Mays, 73, said in a phone interview from his home in Atherton, Calif., just south of San Francisco.

"I don't live there," he added. "They're the veterans who live there. If the veterans are saying a street shouldn't be in my name, that's fine."

The rejection came eight months after Mays returned to the western Maryland city.

Pets getting foster care while soldiers are away

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. (AP) — A Hot Springs group is finding temporary homes for the pets of soldiers on active duty.

The group calls itself Guardian Angels for Soldiers Pets, and recently accepted its first dog for foster care, even though the owner is not from Arkansas.

A couple at Fort Hood read about the group in the Army Times and contacted Guardian Angels. Julie

and Matt Richie, who both will be deployed in August, said they had just about given up hope of finding a home for their six-pound Chihuahua, Johnny Cash, until they read the article.

Arrangements are under way to have "Cash" brought to Hot Springs sometime in July.

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BASEBALL

Tech begins two-game break from Big 12

By Bryan Wendell/The University Daily

Don't worry — they won't need Lasik, because the Texas Tech baseball team is intentionally trying to be nearsighted.

Red Raider players and coaches have stressed throughout the entire campaign that looking past the game right in front of them could cause problems.

With Big 12 No. 1 Baylor in the distance for this weekend, the team is looking instead to turn its focus to the foreground and beat the New Mexico Lobos today. The game will be the first of two against non-conference opponents. Tech will host the College of the Southwest at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

"We have to make sure we look one game at a time," said senior shortstop Cameron Blair. "We have to find one game, and one game only, and that will start to turn everything around."

The Red Raiders play New Mexico at 6:30 p.m. today in the second of three games against the Lobos this season — all three games are at home at Dan Law Field and are scattered on the schedule on weekdays.

Tech and New Mexico are familiar foes after battling each year for the past six years, and senior second baseman Carey Avants said the Raiders will be rewarded with a win if they play their game.

"We know each other pretty well," he said. "We've gotta go out there and execute our game, and if we can do that, we'll have success."

Tech romped UNM 18-6 Feb. 8 in the Raiders' second game of the season, but both teams have had a chance to settle into their conference schedules and will provide much different looks.

New Mexico (19-22) comes in to Dan Law Field riding a four-game losing streak in which the Lobos gave up double-digit runs in each game.

Tech is looking to bounce back from a loss to Big 12 last-place Kansas Saturday; Sunday's game was rained out.

The canceled game will not be made up, and that potential conference win was something Tech coach Larry Hays said his team might miss down the road.

As a friend of Hays was leaving the locker room following the Sunday rainout, he said to Hays, "Wish we could've played 'em," to which Hays responded, "Yeah, we needed to."

Billy Carline was scheduled to get the start Sunday, but Hays said he may try to pitch him some today in order to give the junior right hander some work.

Blair said pitching is the part of his team that needs the most work right now, with hitting and defense both solidly in place.

"It's pitching that we still have left to overcome," he said. "We're starting to get two aspects of the game, and we have to add the third."

The Lobos will send freshman Tyler Cales to the mound today for his first start of the season; Cales has a 4.91 ERA.

The Red Raiders are 7-3 in the last 10 games of the series against UNM and have won the last three at home.

If Tech can put the future game against Baylor out of focus, the Red Raiders hope to find some positive non-conference play before readying for a tough three-game series in Waco.

"We have to key up for Tuesday's game against New Mexico and then get ready for Baylor this weekend," Blair said.

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FOOTBALL

Free agency opens door for three more Raiders

By David Wiechmann/
The University Daily

He threw for 32 touchdowns and helped lead Tech to victory and was named MVP of the Pacific Life Holiday Bowl.

Duckett stormed onto the field as a sophomore and set the school record for sacks in a season his junior season with 14 and tackles for loss with 23. He finished his career at Tech second on the sacks list.

Campbell joins Gandy and Cumbie in Indianapolis and will go from one of the NCAA's most dominant offenses to one of the NFL's best. "The greatest show on turf" will now claim four former Raiders as defensive end Montae Reagor has established himself on the team.

Duckett said he received a call from the Chargers during the sixth round of the draft and things got under way that way. Speaking with the team's defensive line coach was encouraging, and Duckett said the team seems happy to have him coming to workout this summer.

"It's every kid's dream that's ever played football, and I'm sure there's a lot of them that would love to be in my shoes right now," he said.

Other players did not return calls.

The NFL Draft may have ended, but that does not mean Texas Tech football players hopeful of playing professional football do not have a chance to achieve their goals. Three more Red Raiders will have a shot at playing in the NFL after signing free agent deals with teams.


Center Dylan Gandy was drafted by Indianapolis in the fourth round of the draft accompanied by offensive lineman Daniel Loper to Tennessee in the fifth. Linebacker Mike Smith was drafted by Baltimore in the seventh round.

Those three will be joined by quarterback Sonny Cumbie, offensive lineman Cody Campbell and defensive end Adell Duckett.

Cumbie and Campbell both will head to Indianapolis along with Gandy, and Duckett will head for the West Coast after signing with the San Diego Chargers.

Cumbie led the Big 12 Conference with 4,742 last season as starting QB for coach Mike Leach's high-powered offense.

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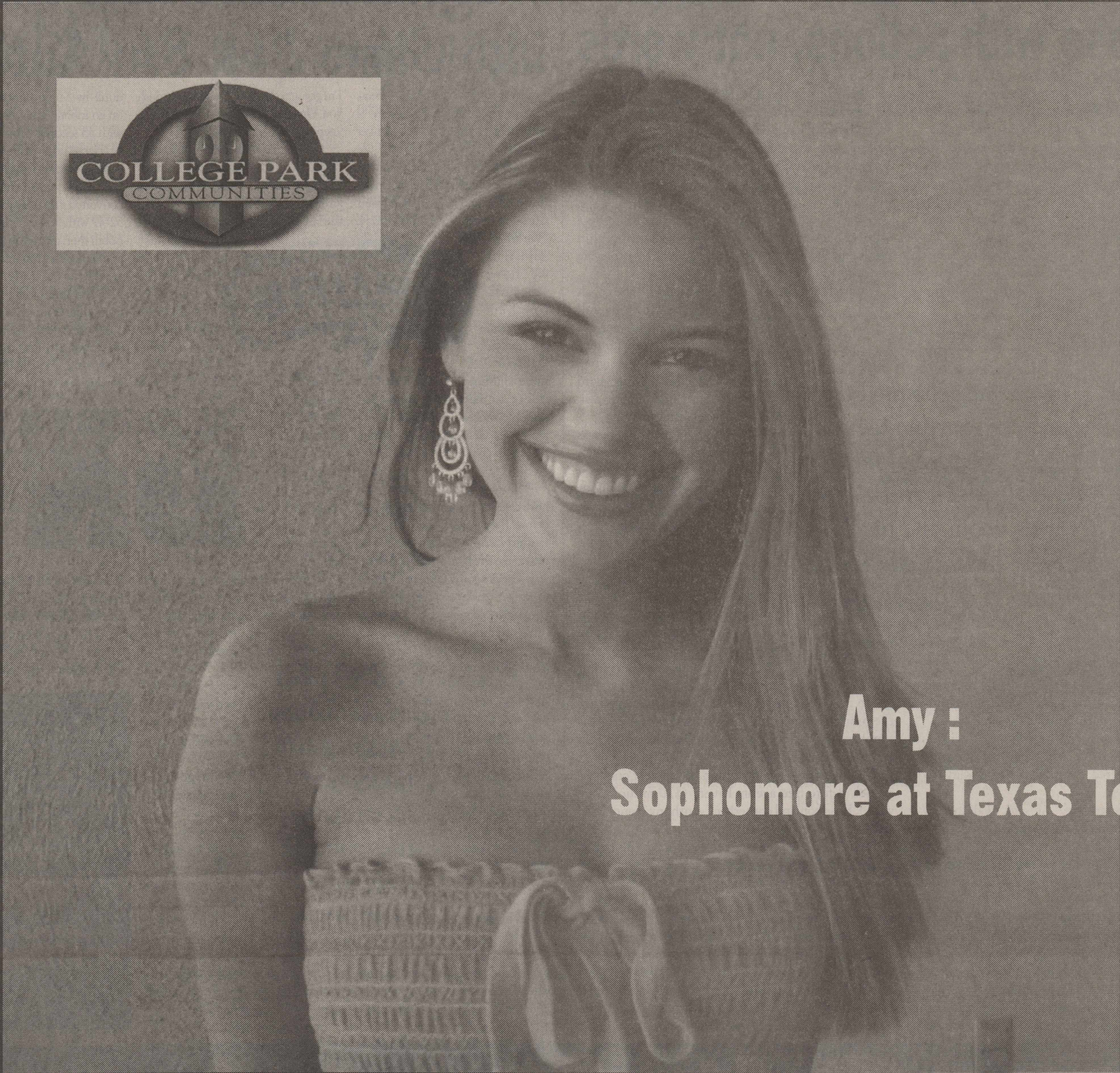
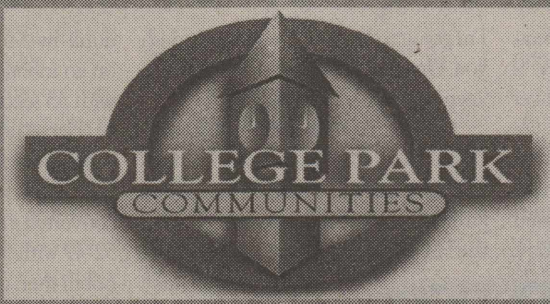
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