



Helicopter crash kills 2 in north Baghdad

By Bushra Juhi/
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - A U.S. Apache attack helicopter crashed Monday north of Baghdad, killing both pilots, a day after a series of suicide attacks left nearly three dozen people dead in northern Iraq.

Later Monday, a car bomb exploded between a movie house and Sunni Arab mosque in east-

ern Baghdad, killing at least four people and injuring 16, authorities said. The New Baghdad area is packed with small shops and markets selling everything from vegetables to clothes, and it usually is crowded with shoppers in the hours before curfew.

The AH-64 crashed in Mishahda, 20 miles north of the capital, and was in flames on the ground, an Associated Press reporter at the scene said. Witness Mohammed

Naji told Associated Press Television News he saw two helicopters flying toward Mishahda when "a rocket hit one of them and destroyed it completely in the air."

The two pilots were killed in the crash, which is under investigation, said Lt. Col. Clifford Kent, spokesman for the 3rd Infantry Division.

Heavy gunfire was heard at the time of the crash and shots also were heard afterward, the AP re-

porter said.

In Baghdad, two people were killed when a roadside bomb exploded near a police patrol in the northern Azamiyah neighborhood, police 1st Lt. Mohammed al-Hayali said.

The attack came hours after three suicide bombers struck a police headquarters, an army base and a hospital around Mosul on Sunday, killing 33 people in a setback to rebuilding the northern

city's police force that was riven by intimidation from insurgents seven months ago.

The group al-Qaida in Iraq, headed by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, claimed responsibility for the attacks in Iraq's third-largest city. The claim, which was made on an Internet site used by militants, could not be verified.

The relentless carnage has

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JOHNNY WELDE, HOST of Welde's Big Bear Show from Myakka City Fla., leads his domestic bear, Bambi, around the cage on her scooter during the show. The show was performed at the Science Spectrum on Sunday afternoon. Spectators watched through a fence.

HIV day promotes testing

By Jeremy Reynolds/
The Daily Toreador

Doctors recommend everyone get a physical examination once a year. Greg Beets, HIV/STD public information coordinator for the Texas Health Department, said everyone who is sexually active should get tested for HIV more than that.

Monday was HIV Testing Day, when programs such as the student health program at Texas Tech make an extra effort to promote HIV testing. Every year, Lynne Franke, nurse manager for student health, said they put up posters for the testing day.

"We get a lot of people in here for testing," Franke said.

Texas ranks fourth in the United States behind New York, California and Florida in the number of HIV and AIDS cases.

"Part of the reason for the number is because Texas has such a big population," Beets said.

According to the surveillance report done by the Texas Department of Health in 2003, there are 126 reported cases of HIV or AIDS in Lubbock County. In 2002, 15 new cases were reported. In Dallas County, there are a little over 4,200 cases of HIV or AIDS.

As of Dec. 31, 2004, there were 51,600 reported cases of HIV in Texas, Beets said.

"It's likely there are a lot of other people who have HIV, but don't know they have it," Beets said. "They don't have any symptoms and feel fine, but the reason they don't know is because they've never been tested. They're out infecting other people either through sex or shared needles."

Beets said that the health department is aiming to get the ones who do not know they are infected to go to a clinic and get tested. For those who do get tested, there are treatments and counselors who anyone who tests positive. For the ones who are negative, there is risk management counseling, which evaluates the risk the person takes and how likely they are to eventually obtain HIV.

"It's a wake-up call for those who test negative," Beets said. "It gives them a chance to evaluate their behavior and make changes."

Beets said getting tested is important.

"When a person has put themselves at risk, the only way to get past it is getting tested," Beets said.

Nathan Langford, a senior

engineering major from Midland, said students need to get tested.

"It's a safety issue, people need to know what they're doing and their consequences," Langford said.

The national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 280,000 people in the United States are infected with HIV and do not know it.

"It's better to get tested sooner rather than later," Beets said. "That way you do not put others at risk."

Once a person tests positive for HIV, the center he or she tests at can contact others the infected person has been sexually active with in order to get them tested as soon as possible.

"There's definitely a fair amount of people who are affected," Beets said. "I'd say we do have a problem here in Texas."

In the coming years, Beets said he expected the number of HIV cases to go up. The new anti-retroviral medication is allowing HIV patients to live longer without getting AIDS. Beets said this is both good and bad.

"People are living longer with HIV," Beets said. "But they're

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sexually active and sometimes not using protection."

Because of this, the number of HIV patients is still rising gradually. In the future, Beets said, it would take more effort from clinics to draw people in to get tested, and more of an effort to get the message out for those who do not want to be tested.

"I think a lot of people are scared of being tested," Beets said.

The challenge now is to reach the people who have it and get them in to be tested.

The Tech testing center at Thompson Hall is open on Wednesdays during the summer from 1-5 p.m. During the school year, the center is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Information about HIV testing sites in Texas is available by calling the toll-free Texas HIV/STD InfoLine at 1-800-299-2437.

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killed at least 1,338 people since April 28, when Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari announced his Shiite-dominated government. With the Sunni Arab-dominated insurgency targeting the Shiite majority, the wave of killings has raised fears of a possible civil war.

The violence has continued despite crackdowns and U.S.-led offensives on insurgent strongholds, showing that militants have the depth and resilience to pin down a large U.S. military contingent as well as a fledgling Iraqi security force. Several of the campaigns have targeted foreign fighters along the Syrian border.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said it may take as long as 12 years to defeat the insurgents. He said Iraq's security forces will have to finish the job because American and foreign troops will have left the country by then.

Rumsfeld also acknowledged that U.S. officials have met with

insurgents in Iraq, after a British newspaper reported two recent meetings took place at a villa north of Baghdad.

Insurgent commanders "apparently came face to face" with four American officials during meetings on June 3 and June 13 at a villa near Balad, about 25 miles north of Baghdad, The Sunday Times reported.

When asked Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press" about the two meetings, Rumsfeld said, "I think there have probably been many more than that."

He insisted the talks did not involve negotiations with al-Zarqawi and other suspected terrorists but were rather facilitating efforts by the Shiite-led government to reach out to minority Sunni Arabs. Three insurgent groups denied that meetings took place.

In London, Prime Minister Tony Blair said Monday it was sensible for Britain and its allies to engage elements of the insurgency to promote stability.

"It's our job politically to pull as many people into the political pro-

cess. That is an engagement not just by the Iraqi government, but by the Americans, ourselves, others. Everybody," Blair told a news conference.

"We are not compromising our position with terrorism or any of the rest of it. We are simply trying, perfectly sensibly, to pull as many people into the democratic fold as possible."

Former interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi said militants crossing into Iraq from Syria are not backed by the government in Damascus.

"There are infiltrators, but that does not necessarily mean that they are supported by the Syrian government," he said Monday in Egypt. "(The infiltrators) are misusing Syria's hospitality and cross into Iraq."

Allawi said Syrian and Iraqi officials were discussing setting up a buffer zone along the border to stop infiltration.

Last week, the United States and Iraq reiterated that Syria was not doing enough to stop foreign fighters from entering Iraq. Syria rejected the allegations, arguing it is impossible to seal its 360-mile border with Iraq.

At least 18 people were killed in attacks elsewhere in Iraq on Sunday, including a U.S. soldier whose convoy was hit by a roadside bomb

in Baghdad and six Iraqi soldiers who were gunned down outside their base north of the capital.

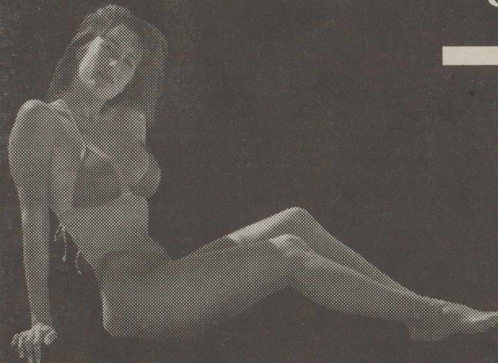
On Monday, police detained 48 suspected insurgents in Iskandariyah, Jibbala and Haswa in northern Hillah, police Capt. Muthana Khalid said. The three-day raid, which ended early Monday, took place south of Baghdad, part of "Operation Lightning." Police also seized weapons and a potential car bomb.

The attacks in Mosul, 225 miles northwest of Baghdad, began early Sunday when a suicide bomber with explosives hidden under watermelons in a pickup truck slammed into a downtown police station near a market. U.S. Army Capt. Mark Walter said 10 policemen and two civilians were killed.

Less than two hours later, a suicide bomber blew himself outside an Iraqi army base on Mosul's outskirts, killing 16 people, Walter said. Most were civilian workers, he said.

A third attacker walked into Mosul's Jumhuri Teaching Hospital in the afternoon and blew himself up, killing five policemen. The blast blew a hole in the building and injured some police officers outside. Smoke and flames then poured out.

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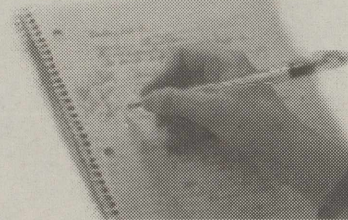
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City council could change in-town speed limits

By Jay Langley/
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Texas Tech students and other Lubbock residents may need to get acquainted with new speed limit signs around town. Last week the Lubbock City Council approved speed limit changes to several roads around Lubbock.

The speed limit changes came at the recommendation of the Texas Department of Transportation. Some of the changes include setting all of the South Loop 289 access roads to 50 mph and upping the speed limit 10 mph on the southbound Interstate 27 frontage road where it crosses the Loop.

The council did not change any of the speed limits in Lubbock school zones, but at the recommendation of the school district, eliminated a school zone on Avenue A.

Jere Hart, the city traffic engineer, said every three to five years, the department studies traffic patterns in each Texas city.

"(The department of transportation) requires speed limits that reflect the speeds that 85 percent of motorists are traveling in each city," Hart said.

The increasing speed limits, Hart said, are because of wider roads and not as much traffic. The decreasing speed limits are a result of more traffic, collisions and driveways, he said.

"On some Lubbock roads the speed limit will increase up to 10 mph, while on other roads the speed limit will decrease up to 5 mph."

According to the department's Web site, nearly 115,000 speeding tickets are written every day in the United States. In one year that is nearly 42 million tickets, or 21 percent of the registered motor vehicle drivers in this country.

The Web site also reports that higher speed limits do not necessarily result in people driving faster. Studies show that despite changing speed limits, motorists drive at what the Web site calls a "comfortable rate."

Bill Powell, a public information officer for the department said accident rates are not necessarily a result of high speeds, but more of high traffic volume.

"The speed limits are dependant on how many people travel on a particular road," he said. "If there is not a lot of people, the speed limits are higher. Right now, (the department) is recommending a speed limit of 85 mph on the Trans Texas Corridor."

Powell said the rate of speed could increase the likelihood of accidents in highly populated areas.

"At 80 mph you're not really driving, you are basically aiming your car," he said.

The change in the speed limit on the Interstate 27 frontage roads is a result of not a lot of drivers in that area of town, Powell said.

"I've been on 27," he said. "There is not a whole lot out there. Not a lot of traffic on those roads."

Speed limit changes are not a new thing, Powell said.

"In 1917, when (the department) first got started, the maximum speed limit in the U.S. was 25 mph."

Tom Combs, the Lubbock City

Secretary said the new speed limit changes were passed by the city council on the first reading. In order for the changes to become official, Combs said, they must be passed on second reading to be held in July.



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TRAFFIC CRUISES PAST a speed limit sign at 15th street and University. Some speed limits in Lubbock could change.



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Poll shows Americans misinformed about Iraq

A recent Gallup poll shows six in 10 Americans would support withdrawing some or all of the troops from Iraq. I'm reminded of a quote from the movie "Dodgeball." "It looks like they're going to forfeit, Cotton! Bold strategy; let's see if it pays off!"

This trend disturbs me. Not only is it a negative reflection on our cultural values, it also reinforces negative perceptions of American willpower broadcast to terrorists by every president since Jimmy Carter.

Forget the "blame America first" drivel you've heard from your professors. Why did the September 11th terrorist attacks occur? Because Carter negotiated with Ayatollah Khomeini. Because

Ronald Reagan traded arms for hostages. Because George H.W. Bush allowed Saddam Hussein to slaughter vulnerable Kurds and Shiites while American military helicopters hovered idle overhead. Because Bill Clinton responded feebly or not at all to terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, embassies in Africa, and service members in Saudi Arabia and Yemen. American fecklessness sent Bin Laden the message that we were, as he himself put it to ABC's John Miller in 1998, a "paper tiger."

A pullout from Iraq now would leave that country in the hands of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and only send the message that Americans can be defeated on the cheap. All this has historical precedent. Everyone compares Iraq to Vietnam, but I think they are learning the

wrong lesson.

As Professor John Gaddis of Yale recently wrote in "Foreign Affairs," "Historians now acknowledge that American counterinsurgency operations in Vietnam were succeeding during the final years of that conflict." We lost because the American people lacked the will to carry on the fight.

The immediate result was the fall of South Vietnam and the deaths of 100,000 South Vietnamese in "re-education camps." The more lasting result of our loss in Vietnam was the loss of America's credibility in the struggle against communism.

After Vietnam it became customary to hear our leaders talk about "exit strategies" for any potential conflict. I think we need to begin discussing victory strategies. Wars have to be fought toward a particular objective — to fight them

any other way is needless slaughter. To say freeing Iraq was worth 1,600 lives but not 1,700 is to cheapen the lives of all American service members.

The way I see it, we've screwed up big time in Iraq in two important ways. The first is that we went in with too few troops to secure the peace after the initial invasion. The second screw-up was that we went to war to defend our credibility in the face of Saddam's defiance of his United Nations obligations and didn't find any weapons of mass destruction.

The fault for the first lies with the Bush administration; the



Joe Biles

fault for the second lies with the string of presidents from Carter to Clinton that weakened our intelligence agencies. That failure also belongs to our allies whose intelligence supported ours, and with government officials at all levels that failed to question conventional wisdom.

Neither of these failures will be redeemed by a retreat strategy. The only thing what was ever going to make the war worthwhile — even had the Bush administration had done everything perfectly from Day One — is leaving Iraq better than we found it. The world rightly distrusts American intentions because we have a tendency not to keep our word about such things.

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Bush, political parties should work to unite 'two Americas'

"A house divided against itself cannot stand." These words by President Abraham Lincoln, inspired by Matthew 12:25, were meant as a warning to an America whose internal disagreements were destined to spark the devastating Civil War.

Americans can and should hold different views. Those views ought to be discussed and debated until a compromise is reached, but at the end of the day, Americans should remember we are allies trying to achieve our core goal — to keep America safe, free and prosperous.

Recently, President Bush's senior advisor Karl Rove spoke at a fundraiser for New York's Conservative Party.

At this event, he said, "Conservatives saw the savagery of 9/11 and the attacks and prepared for war. Liberals saw the savagery of the 9/11 attacks and wanted to prepare indictments and offer therapy and understanding for our attackers."

Of course, anyone with a functional memory realizes how hyperbolic and inaccurate his statement is. Congress almost unanimously endorsed war in Afghanistan with a vote of 98-0 in the Senate, 420-1 in the House. What alarms me more than Rove preaching fibs to his own choir is what this signals about the state of American unity.

Fierce bi-partisan disharmony is erupting all over the country.

It is present on the senate floor, with members of both parties making ludicrous comparisons of their opponents to the Nazis as Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Illinois) did on the topic of the treatment of Guantanamo Bay prisoners and Sen. Rick Santorum, (R-Pennsylvania) did about the Democrats using filibuster to block the President's judicial nominees.

It is even seen on Texas Tech's own www.thefacebook.com network. Students of opposite political persuasions create and join groups that progressively become more

and more offensive to the other side. "Bush is the Anti-Christ and he will end up killing us all" and "Democrats are about as cool as a ripped condom, that's really not cool" are just a couple of groups Tech students have started to display their distaste for different viewpoints.

It can be argued that these facebook groups are meant in good fun. But I wonder if some of this activity is maliciously motivated to some extent and, even if it is lighthearted, still inspires acrimony.

It is amazing that the country went from being as unified as it was right after 9-11 with Congress singing "God Bless America" together, to this intense us vs. them insult trading. Could this animosity de-



James Hershberger

velop into something more serious?

These divisive affronts need to be recognized for what they are: a danger to our country. I believe that President Bush should ask Karl Rove to resign, as an example of the unacceptability of such inflammatory comments.

George Bush campaigned in 2000 saying he was a "uniter, not a divider" and while his time in office has indicated the contrary, he should take steps to coalesce the so-called "two Americas."

By helping us to recognize each other as fellow Americans and patriots first and Democrats and Republicans as a distant second, he will do a far greater service to this country than he would by keeping an aggressive and destructively partisan advisor on board.

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West Nile threat low, caution still needed

By Carlos Bergfeld/
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Students may have forgotten about West Nile Virus, but the risk of exposure in Lubbock could be higher than expected.

Although no mosquitoes have tested positive in Lubbock County for West Nile Virus this year, Dr. Ron Warner said Lubbock residents should be cautious.

Warner, a veterinarian and epidemiologist at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, said various factors contribute to making the South Plains area a dangerous West Nile Virus zone.

"In the human epidemic in 2003, people here in the South Plains and the Panhandle were at seven times greater risk of getting West Nile than anywhere else in Texas," he said.

The most effective way of

preventing the virus, Warner said, is to follow four steps -- dress appropriately for outdoor conditions, avoid being outside from dusk to dawn, wear insect repellent with DEET and drain standing water.

The virus is most harmful to those with weaker immune systems, so the elderly are more at-risk to the virus.

On average, a higher percentage of South Plains residents, 12.5 percent of the population is 65 or older, Warner said, whereas this statistic is 9.6 percent for the rest of the state.

Steven Presley, who holds a doctorate in entomology and works in Texas Tech's Institute of Environmental and Human Health, says the decrease in viral infections last year and this year involves the spreading of immunity.

"You develop a kind of herd

immunity, and it won't occur for a while," he said. "It's a cycle, and then that immunity starts to wane and you have more cases."

The Institute of Environmental and Human Health screens mosquitoes for West Nile for all of Lubbock County.

To combat the spread of the virus, Tech and city of Lubbock employees have done their share to eliminate mosquitoes, the vectors that carry the virus.

Joe Vargas, the Vector Control Coordinator for the City of Lubbock, said his team has already sprayed the city once and will probably be repeating the procedure.

"We have 26 different kinds of mosquitoes here in Lubbock, and six can transmit West Nile Virus," he said.

The city sprays with permethrin, a neurotoxin, which kills adult mosquitoes on contact,

Vargas said.

Tim Riojas, Tech's health inspector, said Tech has been spraying larvacides and doing other preventative measures in anticipation of mosquito season.

"We set up traps for mosquitoes around the university baited with dry ice," Riojas said. "This releases carbon dioxide which attracts mosquitoes."

After catching mosquitoes, the insects are passed on to labs in Tech's Institute for Environmental and Human Health to test for West Nile Virus.

Another factor contributing to the South Plains' increased risk for West Nile is the predominant type of mosquito in the panhandle area: Culex tarsalis.

"That mosquito is the most effective vector in the United States," Warner said.

In the '30s, '40s and '50s,

Warner said, Culex tarsalis gained the nickname "The Encephalitis Mosquito" for its involvement in the spreading of western equine and St. Louis encephalitis.

Encephalitis is an inflammation of the brain, and Warner said this condition only occurs in the most severe cases of West Nile Virus infection.

"Most people who are infected never skip a beat, and they develop antibodies and are protected," he said.

Many others develop a relatively mild condition known as West Nile fever, Warner said, which lasts only a few days, and many people describe as having flu-like symptoms.

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Students, bridal shops get ready for summer weddings

By Jeremy Reynolds/
The Daily Toreador

Texas Tech graduates Christina McGough and David Gray are taking a non-traditional approach for the theme of their upcoming wedding – bridesmaids and gangsters. While most grooms sport a tuxedo, Gray will wear a fedora hat and a suit that reflects the 1940s era.

"It's going to be traditional for the most part," Gray said.

McGough's dress will not echo the era, but her bridesmaids will wear red and black dresses that have more of a period feel to them.

The theme of the wedding came about while Gray was sitting at home one day watching a History Channel special on mobsters. McGough was an easy sell when Gray pitched her the idea of a gangster wedding.

"We both like things that are different and cool," Gray said.

Gray met McGough in their freshmen year at his fraternity's Valentine's Day after party at the United Spirit Arena. He walked

into the arena escorting one lady on each arm. McGough was on one of the women he escorted. After the party the two stayed up until midnight watching "Spaceballs" at a friends house.

Gray said that it takes a lot to stay with someone for three-and-a-half years.

"I knew she was my soul mate as soon as I met her," Gray said. "There was something there. I knew she was special."

Every day Gray reminded himself of all the reasons why he loved McGough, and in that he said he build a deeper connection with her.

"Sometimes we sit and talk about what we love about each other," Gray said.

When they first met, Gray said he could not get a word out of her.

"She sat there smiling but not talking," Gray said. "After about a month she opened up."

Gray proposed twice to McGough. The first time, he went to Wal-Mart and bought a 99-cent ring. When he asked her, he kneeled down

outside her car, but she would not get out because it was too cold.

The second time, Gray said he bought her a diamond ring and did it at his parents' house in Dallas. He kneeled down beside the pool in the backyard in a scene he described as "very romantic."

While in school, Gray said, balancing schoolwork and a relationship could get hard at times.

"We had to set aside a day every week when we would hang out with only each other, Gray said. Both he and McGough worked in hospitality services for their last semester at school and occasionally were able to see each other then.

McGough said she and Gray went to the library to study sometimes because it gave them a chance to see each other and get their work done.

"He's goofy," McGough said. "Whenever I'm in a bad mood, he'll

do whatever it takes to put me in a good one."

Planning for the wedding started a year ago. The theme, Gray said, varied from straight traditional to a barn wedding. The two decided

to have a summer wedding because they could not wait to get married.

Sonia Esquize, sales manager of The Bridal Shop, said she gets between 100 and 200 college students coming into the store every month.



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BRIDE-TO-BE, Rebecca Kalous, a senior Accounting major from Schulenburg, poses for her wedding portraits with her Maid of Honor, Brittany Franks, a 2004 Tech graduate from Amarillo, in the garden of the Agricultural Sciences building.

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Students to compete in Ireland

By Jay Langley/
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The Emerald Isle will soon see some scarlet and black.

Texas Tech School of Law students Joy Gibbs of Pampa and Mandy Gundlach of Birney, Mont., have been invited to represent the United States in the 2005 International Negotiation Competition.

The competition, held July 2-4 in Dublin, Ireland, is sponsored by the Law School of the Law Society of Ireland and the Honorable Society of King's Inns in Dublin. Gibbs and Gundlach are the first team from Texas Tech to be invited to the International Competition, which began in 1998.

In March the Tech team placed second in the American Bar Association's Negotiation Competition. Gundlach, who hopes to practice agricultural law after law school, said she looks forward to the challenge of facing teams from around the world.

"I'm sure we will run into both laid-back and extremely aggressive teams," Gundlach said.

Gundlach said she loves having Gibbs as a partner.

"Joy is really good at calling people out. She is really aggressive," Gundlach said. "Joy has a great talent for reading people."

Gundlach said her and Gibbs compliment each other's talents.

"I play the mediator more," she said. "But we can switch roles if we need to. I can be aggressive if need be."

The team continuity, Gundlach said, comes from being best friends for a long time.

"I admire Joy," she said. "She has a husband and a 2-year-old. Law school is hard enough without outside distractions."

Gibbs and Gundlach will face off against teams from Ireland, Canada, England, Denmark, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Singapore, Puerto Rico, South Korea and Scotland. The duo is coached by Law School associate deans Brian Shannon and Nancy Soonpaa.

Shannon said he looks forward to the trip.

"With a name like Shannon, you know I'm excited to go to Ireland," he said.

The competition, Shannon said, consists of three rounds of teams facing off against each other in head to head negotiation

competition. For the first round the teams must have skill and knowledge of business law.

The themes for the second and third rounds are property and employment law, Shannon said.

Both teams are given the basic facts of the case, Shannon said. Each team is given its own secret scenario which the team must try to negotiate on behalf of their client's needs.

Shannon said he is confident in the Tech team.

"The girls know each other so well. They have a great sense of teamwork," Shannon said. "They are both quick on their feet and react well to all situations."

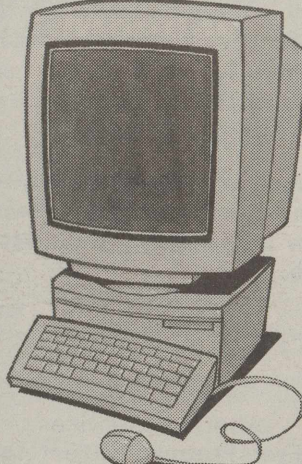
Shannon said the trip to Ireland will not be all work.

"There will be one day when we can sightsee," he said. "And we are going to sit down and have tea with the president of Ireland."



Photo by Steve Lewis

J O Y GIBBS, A 2nd year law student from P a m p a , and Mandy Gundlach, a 2nd year law student from Birney M o n t . , stand outside the Texas Tech School of Law. The two will compete in Ireland July 2-4 in the 2005 International Negotiation Competition.

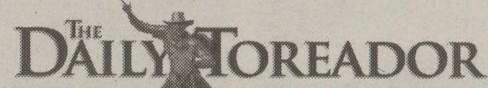


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Ferrell's performance not 'bewitching'

"Bewitched" is a film that might be too creative for its own good.

Writer-director Nora Ephron ("Sleepless in Seattle") packs the script full of her trademark witty dialogue, and leaves some room to allow Will Ferrell ("Old School") to display his own trademark characteristics; however, the two do not mix.

Ephron's writing is tailor-made for a clever, romantic comedy film, while Ferrell's acting is strictly for the slapstick, "watch me fall down and hit my head" audience. It is a weak link in an otherwise-flawless romance film by Ephron.

Ferrell stars as Jack Wyatt, an actor who has reached the end of his yellow brick road and now does not know where to go. His last two movies have bombed and his wife has left him for another man. As a last ditch effort to save his career, he agrees to star in a television remake of the classic sitcom "Bewitched."

Nicole Kidman ("The Interpreter") gives Ferrell's character more than he asks for when

he casts her as the witch in the remake. She's an actual witch but, like her character on the show, she is trying to quit.

Michael Caine ("Batman Begins") stars as Kidman's father — a warlock who does not have much faith in his daughter's ability to quit witchcraft cold turkey.

Much of his scenes are of him either being critical of his daughter, or attempting to woo someone she knows. His antics to get women are amusing and are kept at a level where it does not get old.

The real star of the movie, despite the comedic backgrounds of some of the other actors, is Kidman. Her performance is one of a down-to-earth, stranger in a strange land. Kidman contributes the real laughs with her out-of-place character. With everything she



Jeremy Reynolds

does, from laughing at the jokes on the reruns of the original "Bewitched" to her efforts of trying with no prevail to quit witchcraft, the audience never stops smiling.

She moves to Los Angeles to get away from her past and her gifts. She wants to be a "normal person." But, Ferrell wants to turn her into anything but a normal person; he wants her to become a television star.

What Kidman's character does not know is Ferrell is redoing the show to revolve only around him. When Kidman finds out that she is suppose to play a back-seat role, she forgets about her vow of quitting witchcraft and concentrates on getting even.

The film becomes too creative when it starts to add twists and turns to the plot, such as another character on the show being a witch.

Steve Carell ("The Office") plays Uncle Arthur, but the film does not describe who he is, or why he is a warlock. All the audience knows is that he was Ferrell's favorite character from the original television show.

In supporting roles, Shirley MacLaine ("Steel Magnolias") is another actor on the show who does not have a good relationship with Ferrell, though once again the film lacks any explanation why.

Jason Schwartzman ("I Heart Huckabees") plays Ferrell's agent. His character is a little cliché, but adds dimension to Ferrell's overall performance.

Ephron should get an award for the most creative television-to-screen movie. She knows how to combine witty dialogue with situational comedy, but casting Ferrell was a mistake on the part of the studio.

A more mature actor with a wider range could have pulled off the character much better than Ferrell, who should probably never be cast in a romance movie. He is better in the silly comedic roles that have made him famous and not romantic comedies.

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Jay-Z documentary a must-have, 112, Pimp C can wait

Jay-Z

Fade To Black

If you don't have this DVD yet, you don't know what you're missing. Anyone remotely important to the rap, hip-hop and R&B music industry is in this movie and they all have one thing in common — they all have love and respect for Jay-Z. The documentary contains footage of everything Jay went through to finally record the Black Album and his last concert at Madison Square Garden where tickets sold out within hours, something never done by a rapper. Guest appearances at the concert included Beyoncé, Kanye West, P. Diddy and Foxy Brown.

Pimp C

The Sweet James Jones Stories

This CD is more of a mix-tape, so people haven't really heard about it. Pimp C was put in jail about four years ago so we haven't heard much from his group, UGK. This album is basically put together to calm down the fans and give them a sign of things to come. C's counterpart Bun B, salvages the album, and Z-Ro, Twista, and Lil' Flip give it a little bit of life. I wouldn't spend money on it. I would wait until C gets out.



Bradley Gibson

112

Pleasure & Pain

Once again this is one of those album's that is definitely worth a purchase...if you're a girl. Since we were little, 112 has been delivering hit after hit and this album is no different. This is their first album since leaving the Bad Boy record label and signing with Def Soul, but P. Diddy had his hand in this album and the members really show off their different sides. Upbeat songs like "Closing the Club" show off their crunk side while "God Knows" shows they haven't strayed from their softer side.

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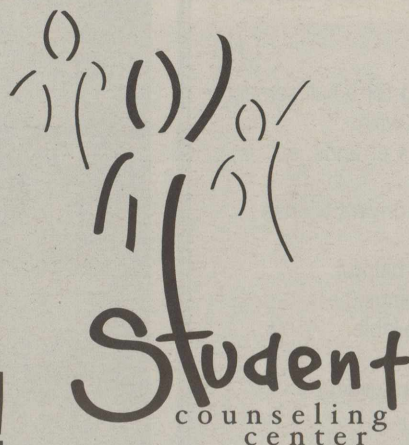
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Fireworks sales explode as July 4 approaches

By Andrew Wood/
The Daily Toreador

With the 4th of July around the corner, many people are already making plans for the upcoming festivities. For many people, an Independence Day would not be complete without fireworks.

Ever since the stand opened summer of 2000, Angie and Markey Valdez of Lubbock said they have built a loyal group of customers in Lubbock and Wolf-orth who keep coming to Mr. W's Firework Stand.

"We've got some people who eagerly wait for us to open every year. It's always the same people at the same location. They can't wait for us to open," Angie Valdez said.

Jan Johnson, General Manager of Plains Wholesale Fireworks, said that the season of firework sales is much anticipated.

"We're used to the stress, it's a seasonal business, and we can always take what comes and goes," Johnson said.

Plains Wholesale Fireworks distributes to firework vendors through Louisiana, New Mexico and Texas.

Johnson expressed pride in her role as a distributor.

"We're proud to be such a very big distributor to retail vendors," Johnson said.

Even though Mr. W's is one of the first stands to open for the summer, Valdez said that it provides little advantage to open their doors at an earlier time; however, she is confident about the customers who will arrive for the first four days in July.

"The first few days are slow," she said. "Our main customers come around the first, third or fourth."

Although people may find a job at a fireworks stand to be an enjoyable way to earn money in the summer, Valdez said that there is much work and sacrifice for the few days of selling fireworks.

"Management is much tougher than it looks, there's no doubt about it," she said.

Valdez said there are several negative factors to working at a firework stand.

"The heat, along with being out here all day can make it boring. We are constantly running out of the products which the people want to buy."

With the firework sales at surrounding retail stores, Dustin Hagan, Assistant Manager at Sam's Club in Lubbock, Texas has confidence in the seasonal firework sales.

"Our's are doing good," Hagan said. "Our sales are so good, that were always running out. We're almost out right now."

Valdez said that she doesn't feel threatened.

"We don't feel threatened by it at all, they're not allowed to sell the

big stuff, and that's what the people have come to buy," she said.

Competition plays a small role in the firework business," Valdez said.

"Sometimes, the competition is a great deal, but we really don't try to outsell one another," she said.

Valdez said that the people even buy from one another, all depending on who has the most profitable deals.

"There is an officer who runs a firework stand right down the street from us," she said, "if he's got something that is cheaper, we'll go and buy some fireworks. Vice versa."

Valdez also gave advice to the people who are considering a job at a firework stand. She insisted that they may have a tough time during the first year, but perseverance will pay off.

"If they decide to work at one, don't give up," she said. "First year will always be tough, but if they come back, they will be lucky and have an advantage over the others."

Valdez said that not only does a loyalty exist with the customers, but with the employees as well.

"I like for them to come back," she said. "The same people return, and they truly enjoy it. It gets funner and funner, every year."

Along with the purchase of fireworks, Valdez said that she always gives advice to the customers for safety and city law.

Hagan said his fireworks cater to a younger clientele.

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Venus Williams avenges sister's Wimbledon defeat

By Steven Wine/
Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Two Williams sisters turned out to be one too many for Jill Craybas.

Stung by younger sister Serena's loss at Wimbledon, two-time champion Venus Williams advanced to the quarterfinals Monday by beating Craybas 6-0, 6-2.

Craybas upset Serena in the third round, then returned less than 48 hours later to the same stage - cozy Court 2, known as the Graveyard of Champions. This time Craybas lost the first six games and the last six.

"It's probably a really big chal-

lenge mentally to play Serena and me in a row," Venus said. "I guess I had a good position to be second sister."

In the past six years, the sisters have lost to the same player at only three Grand Slam events. Averting such a sweep was motivation, Venus said.

"A little bit for my sister," she said, "but mostly for me."

Defending champion Maria Sharapova, seeded second, never faced a break point and beat No. 16 Nathalie Dechy 6-4, 6-2. Sharapova was one of four Russian women to reach the final eight, a Grand Slam record.

Top-ranked Lindsay Davenport, the 1999 champion, beat No. 15 Kim Clijsters 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-3. Cli-

jsters double-faulted three times in the final game, including on match point, then slammed her racket to the grass.

Clijsters also lost to Davenport in the same round at the French Open.

In men's play, two-time defending champion Roger Federer swept No. 23 Juan Carlos Ferrero 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (6). The next opponent for the top-ranked Swiss will be No. 21 Fernando Gonzalez, the first Chilean to reach the men's quarterfinals since Ricardo Acuna in 1985. Gonzalez defeated No. 31 Mikhail Youzhny 7-6 (3), 7-6 (5), 6-3.

No. 2-seeded Andy Roddick beat No. 15 Guillermo Coria 6-3, 7-6 (1), 6-4. Roddick will next play

two-time semifinalist Sebastien Grosjean, who beat Dmitry Tursunov 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

"He has proven that he's one of the top five grass-courtiers in the world," Roddick said. "But I'm playing pretty well. I feel confident."

No. 3 Lleyton Hewitt defeated No. 24-seeded Taylor Dent 6-4, 6-4, 6-7 (7), 6-3. Hewitt, the 2002 champion, will next play No. 26 Feliciano Lopez, the first Spaniard to reach the men's quarterfinals since Manuel Orantes in 1972. Lopez beat No. 10 Mario Ancic 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.

The second week of the tournament began with sunny, 75-degree weather and a victory by Mary

Pierce, who reached the quarterfinals for the first time in nine years by beating Flavia Pennetta 6-3, 6-1. She'll face Williams next.

"She's definitely playing quite well," Williams said. "I'm playing quite well also."

Williams had expected to renew her sibling rivalry with two-time champion Serena, but instead she cruised to an easy victory over Craybas. Venus had 28 winners and just 15 errors and won 13 of 14 points at the net.

"My strategy was to move forward and just to make my shots," she said. "Serena rushed some shots and I wanted just to go out there and make mine."

Mississippi State's Roberts remains hopeful as NBA draft prospect

STARKVILLE, Miss. (AP) — Lawrence Roberts is in the NBA draft to stay, and the former Mississippi State forward hopes pro scouts notice his across-the-board athletic ability - not just his rebounding.

"They know I can rebound," Roberts said. "But it's everything else that's been a surprise to them - the skill level I have, the athleti-

cism I showed."

Roberts, a Houston native and transfer from Baylor who flirted with the NBA last year before ultimately deciding to stay in school for his senior season, has worked out for at least nine teams in preparation for Tuesday's draft.

He is trying to break the mold of a traditional power forward by improv-

ing his floor game, brushing up on his long-range jumper and being more productive when facing the basket.

"When you see a guy come into a workout and show that he has improved in an area, that's impressive," said Tony Barone Jr., director of scouting for the Memphis Grizzlies.

It's unclear when, or even if, Roberts will be drafted. The leading

rebounder last year in the Southeastern Conference and one-time league player of the year is hit-or-miss in several mock drafts.

This past season, Roberts overcame a broken nose and constant attention in the low post, averaging 16.9 points and 11 rebounds in leading the Bulldogs to the NCAA tournament.

"I doubt very seriously that I

would go undrafted," Roberts said. "I'm not trying to sound (cocky). But going through workouts, you can't line up the top half of the (forwards) in the draft and tell me they're doing much better than me."

Added Bulldogs coach Rick Stansbury: "If there are 50 better players than Lawrence Roberts in this draft, I don't know them."

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3 BEDROOM home 3 block off campus on 22nd. Large rooms. Appliances. W/D hookups. 1 bath. Private parking. Elegant decor. Lovely wood floors. \$695 + pet fee. 795-2011. See Ann at 4211 34th afternoons 1-5.

3 BEDROOM/3 BATH DUPLEX

Brand New! Please call 806-793-1050 for more information or for a showing.

3/1&1/2 TWO STORY HOUSE

large rooms, great layout, close to Tech, appliances, wWD hookups, yard maintained, security system. 1904 28th, \$900/mo \$75/dep. (806) 441-0611.

3/2 HOUSE with central heat/air, appliances, W/D connections. Nice, big rooms. Huge back yard. 1908 28th - \$810. Aug. 1. Come SEE! Call 792-4173.

3/2 HOUSE, CH/CA, hardwood, basement. Appliances, w/d connections. 2203 25th \$825/400. 787-2323, 789-9713.

3/2 TWO STORY HOUSE.

Currently remodeling, large rooms, great layout, close to Tech, appliances, w/d hookups, yard maintained, security system, 1904 28th. \$900/mo. \$750/dep. 806-441-0611.

3/2/1 DUPLEX in Northwest Lubbock, next to golf course. Yard maintained. \$900/mo plus deposit. 2 units available. Howard 925-785-1617, Justin 806-632-2114.

3/2/2 nice brick homes. Starting at \$900/mo. 214-543-8545.

814 DOVER. 3/2/2. Ch/ca. W/D hookups. Out pet okay. July 8. \$800 or \$850 with new carpet. John Nelson Realtors. 794-7471.

AUGUST 1 - MAY 1

2 bedroom, 1 bath home on 24th. Seven block off campus. Newly decorated. Appliances. Wood floors. Hookups. Garage. Large fenced yard. \$600 + pet fee, 795-2011.

BEAR CREEK

1 bedroom, all bills paid except water. 2 bedroom, with w/d connects. Remodeled, new windows, new doors, storm doors, ceramic tile and saltillo tile flooring. Beautiful landscaping. Approved pets welcome. Virtual tour at www.lubbockapartments.com. 4203 18th, 791-3773.

BEAR FLATS

4204 17th. New 2002. Loft style 1 bedroom. Hardwood floors, metal ceilings, stucco walls. Washer/dryer connections. Exterior: stucco, iron rails, metal roof. Virtual tour at www.lubbockapartments.com. 791-3773. 18 new units under construction available this fall.

BIG & NICE

2212 22nd; 3/2 + 3 LR, all extra's, \$1050 +; 2817 38th; 3/1/1, all new, \$990 +, 793-8759.

BRICK HOME ON 26TH.

3 bedroom, 2 baths. 10 blocks off campus. Appliances, hookups. 2 living areas. Large fenced yard. \$795+ pet fee. 795-2011.

COMING UP!

Near Tech: we have some wonderful 1-2-3-4 bedroom homes. Nice appliances & lovely yards. Close to campus. Short leases available on some properties. Pet fee. See Ann at 4211 34th (near 34th & Quaker) afternoon between 1-5. 795-2011.

DEERFIELD VILLAGE

3424 Frankford. Green fields, trees, shrubs, and flowers. New Stucco walls, metal roofs, and red tile porches. New ceramic tile flooring. W/D connects in some. Approved pets welcome. New fenced pet park under construction. 792-3288. Like nothing else in Lubbock! Ask about specials. Take a virtual tour at www.lubbockapartments.com.

FANTASTIC!

Tech Terrace Area: spacious 2 bedroom home. 2 bath. Sunroom. Hardwood floors. Nice appliances. W/D. Garage. Storage. Lovely fenced yard. \$800 + pet fee. Lease today for August 15th. Call Ann 795-2011.

FIRST MONTH FREE.

2/2/1 duplex with many extras. \$795/month. Call 789-8028 to see.

FREE RENT!!!

3/3/2, Brand new Town Homes. Minutes from Tech. Open house 2-5p.m. 602 B North Englewood Call now! 241-7055, 441-0069.

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When you sign your lease! 3/3/2, brand new! Quiet neighborhood. Open today from 2-5p.m. 602B North Englewood.- 241-7055, 441-0069

HOMES FOR RENT

2 & 3 bedrooms. Arena, stalls, round pen, horse walker on site. Ten minutes from campus. Available now. 470-6185.

IDEAL LOCATION

Tech Terrace Area. 2 bedroom home. 4 blocks off campus near 23rd & Boston. Appliances. Lovely wood floors. Lease today for July 15th. \$695 + pet fee. 2605-23rd. 795-2011.

LARGE 1 bedroom duplex. Hardwood, isolated bedroom, appliances, W/D connection. Parking. 2010 26th #A. \$375/\$250. 787-2323, 789-9713.

MOVE FOR FREE!!!

3/3/2. Brand new Town Homes. Open today 2-5p.m. Call now to guarantee your lease. 602B North Englewood. 241-7055, 441-0069.

MOVE IN special: 2 bedroom townhomes. Huge private patio. Call or come by, Lakeshore at Maxey Park Apartments, 4345 28th, 795-6583.

MOVE IN today! 2 bedroom home. 1 bath. All wood floors. Appliances. Large fenced yard. 3 block off campus. \$695 + pet fee. 795-2011.

NEW 3/3/2. Yard maintained. Northwest Lubbock close to Tech. \$1300/mo plus deposit. Howard 925-785-1617, Justin 806-632-2114.

NEW MANAGEMENT

Great locations: Sacramento Apartments, 4312 17th, 792-0828; Jackson Square Apartments, 4304 18th, 791-3773; Whispering Oaks Apartments, 4301 16th, 799-1821; Moderate rents. Excellent units. 1's & 2's.

NICE 2/1 duplex. CH/CA, yard, carport. 2401 A 22nd. \$600/300. 787-2323, 789-9713.

NICE HOUSES

1, 2 & 3 bedroom houses near campus. 796-0774. Check our new website at www.toadstoolproperties.com.

NICE NEIGHBOR . 2811 38th. 3/2. Carport. Central H/A. \$900/mo. \$600 deposit. Large back yard. Call 793-8069.

NIFTY 1 bedroom garage apartment on 21st. Separate bedroom. Appliances. Alley entrance. W/D hookups. Fenced yard. Private parking. \$295 + pet fee. Lease today for August 1st. 795-2011.

NOW AVAILABLE! 3/2. New paint, hardwoods, washer, dryer, refrigerator. \$900/mo. 2009 29th. Call Greg 786-2556.

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2 bedroom townhome. New ceramic tile flooring. Ceiling fans, patios, beautiful landscaping. 16th & Quaker. 799-1821.

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Three bedroom and two bedroom available. Beautiful trees, great location, pool, laundry, some fireplaces. Ask about specials. Take a virtual tour at www.lubbockapartments.com. 5302 11th. 795-8086.

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Free first month. 4/2. \$995/mo., \$800 deposit. 1910 21st. Call 544-7820.

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TECH TERRACE, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom houses for rent. Hardwood floors, central h/ac. 797-6358.

THE VILLAGE TOWNHOME

New 3/3/2. Yard Maintained. Extremely Nice. Call Amy 773-2543 or Joel 773-2544.

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Two bedroom, two-story townhouse. 2020 5th St., close to Tech. Over 800 sq ft. Security fence, private backyard. \$375/mo. Pets welcome. Also, please call for 1 or 2 bedroom apartments on 14th street. Ask about our new carpet deal, 441-6866 or 762-3726.

FOR SALE

2/1/1 GORGEOUS house, completely renovated, custom tile in kitchen and bath, hardwood floors, cntral h/a, new appliances, close to Tech. 2417 25th. \$63,500 806-438-8746.

CLOSE TO TECH. 2429 21st. \$62,900. Key & lock box. 787-0756.

FOR SALE by owner. 2430 21st. \$89,000. Looking for a good investment property close to Tech? Very cute 2/1 with two rear rentals that bring in \$625/mo. Also available in July, August 3/2 house close to Tech for \$89,000. Call 470-7037.

RANDOM STUFF-BAR \$75, Wash+dryer \$225, Dishwash \$40, dinning set \$135, 91 Bayliner Capri Boat w/90hp motor, 806-441-8973.

SUMMER SALE!! Authentic Polo shirts, 1/15 or 2/ \$25, Super Bargain! Pressed and dry cleaned. Must Sell. 806-543-8681.

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1 FEMALE roommate needed. Nice neighborhood. \$400/mo + 1/2 bills. Call Landi 778-6692.

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FEMALE ROOMMATE to share 2/1 house. 1 block from Tech. \$410+1/2 bills. Move in July or August. Contact Trisha 806-543-4054.

FEMALE ROOMMATE wanted to share 3bed, 2 bath, 2 car garage townhouse. Newly built townhouse with new washer, dryer, stove, oven, central heat & air & balcony and wireless internet. \$450 including bills. We study and have jobs so need someone clean and responsible. Across from super Wal-mart & 10 min. from Tech. Call soon! 5845 7th St. 806-535-1956.

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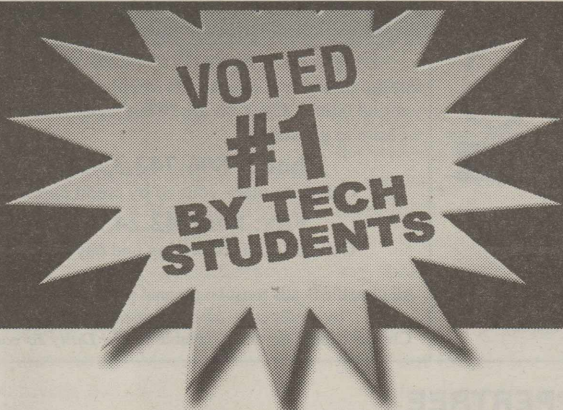
ROOMMATE NEEDED Male or Female for 3/2 house. 2319 21st. \$265 + 1/3 bills No deposit. Move in ASAP. Call Ted 469-569-2340 or 806-712-3025.

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