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**Bigfoot not a joke for
conference visitors**

JEFFERSON (AP) — Next to a lifelike replica of a giant ape head, the believers milled around tables Saturday covered with casts of large footprints, books about nature's mysteries and T-shirts proclaiming "Bigfoot: Often Limited, Never Invalidated."

While they can have a sense of humor about it, the search for the legendary Sasquatch is no joke for many of the nearly 400 people who came here to discuss the latest sightings and tracking techniques at the Texas Bigfoot Conference.

"It's not a matter of believing, like faith, when you believe in something you can't see," said Daryl G. Colyer, a Lorena businessman who has investigated hundreds of reported Bigfoot sightings in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

"It's a flesh-and-blood animal that just has not been discovered yet. And I think we're getting closer and closer and closer," Colyer said.

Outlandish theories about the origin of Bigfoot abound, including that it might be an extraterrestrial.

NATION

**Repairs quick after
train-car explosion**

TEXARKANA, Ark. (AP) — Crews moved quickly on Sunday to repair a rail line that was blown up when a railroad tank car containing a volatile chemical exploded the day before, killing a woman in her home.

Authorities were withholding the name of the victim, who died after two Union Pacific Corp. trains were involved in a collision at about 5 a.m. Saturday. Hundreds of homes were evacuated as a precaution. Fears of more explosions or a toxic cloud didn't materialize, though officials also evacuated 175 nursing home patients and prepared to move up to 1,500 nearby jail inmates, Texarkana emergency management director Dave Hall said Sunday.

National Transportation Safety Board investigator in charge Ted Turpin said the train that included the tank loaded with propylene was stopped on the southbound tracks. Another train, also southbound, hit the stopped train from behind. Four of the stopped cars were knocked off the track and the accordion effect of the force caused the propylene car, which was 19 cars up the track, to leak and soon explode.

WORLD

**China readies for
return of space capsule**

BEIJING (AP) — China prepared Sunday for the return of the Shenzhou 6 capsule and its two astronauts, rolling out a small army of rescue and medical workers, transport vehicles and equipment to greet the country's second manned space mission.

The vessel was scheduled for touchdown sometime early Monday morning, the official Xinhua News Agency said, quoting an unnamed official in charge of the space program.

"We feel good, our work is going smoothly and our life is happy," astronaut Fei Junlong was quoted as saying by Xinhua in a brief satellite hookup Sunday evening. "We will do our utmost to fulfill the mission."

Officials set up the primary landing site at Siziwangqi in the grasslands of Inner Mongolia and a backup site in Jiuyan in the Gobi Desert of China's northwest, where the capsule was launched Wednesday.

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El Paso man kills self after holdup

19-year-old man steals Rockfish employee's truck, crashes and commits suicide in Lubbock

By JAY LANGLEY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

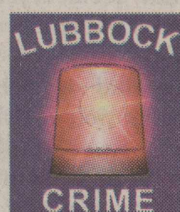
Friday a Lubbock Police Officer heard shots near the South Loop and Slide Road. The officer located a stolen vehicle and gave chase.

At 4500 39th Street the driver of the car, 19-year-old Adam Garcia from El-Paso,

crashed the car and used a gun to take his own life.

Earlier in the morning Garcia held at gunpoint an employee of Rockfish Seafood Grill in the parking lot of the restaurant. Garcia released the woman after he stole her truck.

In a prepared statement Rockfish said the



woman was not injured and she is currently resting at her home with her family. Rockfish said they would like to thank the Lubbock community and the police department for their support.

The statement read: "We are focused on helping our team members who is thankfully uninjured and with her

family now. We appreciate the outreach from the Lubbock community and the support of the local police force."

Rockfish Seafood Grill is located at the intersection of Slide Road and South Loop 289.

The Daily Toreador will continue to update the story as more information is made available.

Football, flames and fun

Homecoming traditions abound at annual festivities; Barela, Buchanan named this year's king and queen



DAVID JOHNSON/The Daily Toreador

FREDDIE BARELA, A senior marketing and petroleum engineering major from Midland and member of Beta Theta Pi, soaks in the cheers with Kelly Buchanan, a senior public relations major from Arlington and member of Pi Beta Phi. Barela and Buchanan were named this year's Homecoming King and Queen.

By ANNE GEPFORD
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The last of the flames licked away at the pile of wood, and students began to scatter to their respective Friday night activities.

Pride in Texas Tech remained.

"When I see it, it makes me proud to be a Red Raider and a Texas Tech alumni," Emily Curtis said, after looking around at the crowd gathered for the annual Homecoming bonfire Friday night. "It's just amazing."

Curtis, a graduate student from Pampa studying higher education, was the 2004 Homecoming Queen. She said the tradition of Homecoming holds a high place in her heart.

"I see the importance of all the students and all the alumni coming together," she said.

The actual events of the week itself require a great amount of

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VANESSA VELA/The Daily Toreador

A RED RAIDER puts his "gun up" at Friday night's bonfire at the bonfire pit at Urbanovsky Park.

Texas attorney general begins fight against hurricane scams

By LINDSAY WATTERS
STAFF WRITER

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott obtained a court order Wednesday to halt scam operations targeting hurricane evacuees.

Acting on his Sept. 30 promise to bring an end to ploys aimed at hurricane evacuees and others burdened by excess debt, Abbott stopped a phony "debt elimination" plot allegedly designed toward Hurricane Rita evacuees, according to a news release.

Travis County District Judge Margaret Cooper ordered a temporary injunction ending the Bankopp.com operations and Texas seminars, as well as their Web site, which deceitfully promoted a "banking opportunity", to get rid of excess debt. The seminars were to be hosted by David J. West, Roxana Suadi West and Carlos M. Suadi, according to the release.

Abbott looks forward to the jury trial against the fraudulent compa-

ny who he said in the news release, "tried to exploit the desperation of hurricane evacuees," and would only increase their debt.

Instructing consumers to wire a single "deposit" of \$5,000 and promising to eliminate their debt by December, the Bankopp.com Web site advised consumers to attend an Austin seminar where they were to have been offered further information, according to the Texas attorney general's office Web site. The attorney general put a stop to the seminar a day before the event through a court order issued Sept. 30.

"If you ever encounter a Web site that looks suspicious, check the URL and make sure it includes a reliable company's name or part of their Web site name," said Paco Felici, spokesman for Attorney General Abbott.

Con artists also use e-mail to swindle victims, Felici said, and will send messages to individuals

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Is it safe to have a bird feeder? ? Is it OK to eat chicken?
? Should I report a dead bird? ?

Americans worry about bird flu

By MIKE STOBBE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA (AP) — Americans fearful of bird flu are peppering health officials with all sorts of questions: Is it safe to have a bird feeder in my yard? If I see a dead bird, should I report it? Is it still OK to have turkey at Thanksgiving?

The answers are yes, no, and yes. Officials at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have been handling an avalanche of phone calls from the public and the media.

"It's been insane," said Dave Daigle, a spokesman for the CDC, which has been getting an average of 447,000 hits a day on its avian flu information Web page.

That's more than the CDC got from people wanting to know about the flu shot shortage last October or the West Nile virus outbreaks in 2003.

And bird flu isn't even here. It is just now infecting poultry in eastern Europe. So far, it almost never spreads between humans and in two years has infected 117 people, all in Asia. More than 60 have died.

But in the past couple weeks there has been tremendous attention on the virus and U.S. government plans

to cope with a possible global outbreak. Health experts believe the bird virus may one day mutate to a form that is not only deadly, but easily spread among people.

The U.S. government has started stockpiling Tamiflu and other medicines that scientists believe might be effective against a pandemic virus.

Some people wonder if they should do the same thing. The manufacturer of Tamiflu, which was created to treat ordinary human flu, advises the drug be taken within 48 hours after flu symptoms begin. So some health officials agree it might be wise to have a supply at the ready, especially if a shortage develops.

But people should suppress the urge to pester their doctors for Tamiflu prescriptions, said Dr. Charles Woernle of the Alabama Department of Public Health.

Those who hoard Tamiflu will reduce supplies for the elderly and others at risk of serious illness and death from conventional flu, he said.

"You'd be denying some folks who have definite, immediate needs," said Woernle, Alabama's assistant state health officer for disease control and prevention.

Debbie Crane, a spokeswoman for the North Caro-

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Robbery repercussions linger on

Tech student locates DVDs at Hastings after they allegedly were stolen in July

Editor's note: Sally Jones is not the real name of the source used in the story. *The Daily Toreador* has chosen not to disclose it for fear of their safety, since the alleged perpetrators have not yet been caught.

By JAY LANGLEY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The management staff at Lynnwood Townhomes said the summer robbery issues are over. But for one Tech student the stress of having her home broken into is still being felt.

Sally Jones lived in Lynnwood Townhomes from August 2004 to August 2005.

During July, six break-ins were reported within 10 days of each other at Lynnwood Townhomes. Jones' home was one of the six.

"I came home, and all my DVDs were gone," Jones said. "And they took my Playstation 2 and the games that went with it."

Jones' first step was telling the Lynnwood Townhomes management.

"They told me there was noth-

ing they could do about it," she said.

A few days after her house was broken into, Jones said she went to Hastings to do some shopping.

She said she found her stolen DVDs on the shelf of the store.

"I knew they were mine because I always put my name on stuff like that, and my name was still on them," Jones said. "I don't understand how Hastings could have bought these from somebody with my name on them."

Van Hoosier, a guest service specialist from Hastings, said the store has no way of monitoring whether the used DVDs they buy back are stolen.

"If they are in good condition, we will take them," Hoosier said. "The only way to back-track stolen merchandise is if a customer comes in and says their stolen merchandise is on the shelf. Then we turn it over to law enforcement."

Jones said Hastings has the name and picture of the person who she believes stole her DVDs and re-sold them at the store. She said she believes Hastings should

do a better job of monitoring returned DVDs.

Larry Thompson, the manager at Ralph's Records, said his store has a strict policy regarding buying items from people.

"If someone tries to sell something for more than \$25, they have to fill out paperwork with their name, address and phone number," Thompson said.

After finding her DVDs at Hastings, Jones took her complaint to the Lubbock Police Department.

The case was sent to the Lubbock district attorney's office.

District attorney secretary Sharon Bush said the case is still pending.

"We received the case on Sept. 30," Bush said. "The attorneys have not decided yet if there is enough evidence to charge anybody."

Jones said she believes she knows who stole her things, but because the case is still pending, neither Hastings nor the Lubbock district attorney could confirm the name of the suspect.

Jones said she believes the legal process is taking too long.

"I call all the time, at least once a week," she said. "They always tell me the same thing. They haven't decided. I just want this to be over with."

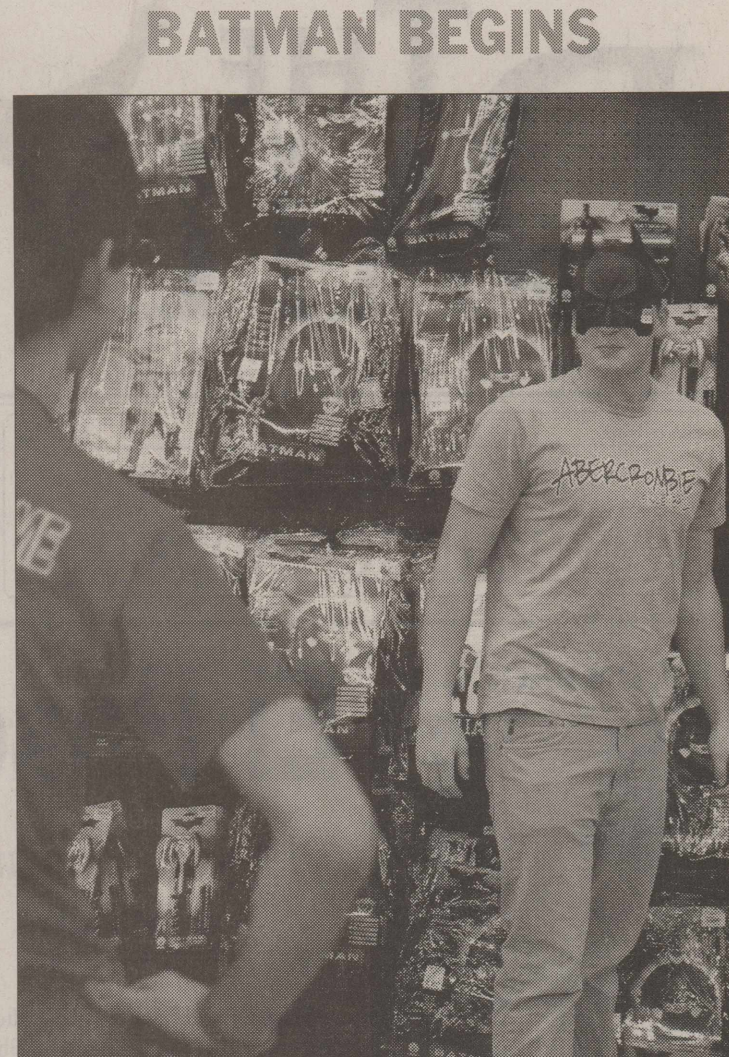
The owners of Lynnwood Town Homes said the robbery issues are old news. They said they have not received a complaint in more than four months.

Jones said she has no hard feelings toward Lynnwood Town Homes, Hastings or the Lubbock district attorney.

"I just feel like I am the victim, and yet I am doing a lot of the work," she said. "I found the DVDs at Hastings. I am constantly calling the police and the DA. I am doing everything while everybody else doesn't seem to care."

Jones said she wanted to bring attention to her case to protect other people.

"I want everyone to know who did this," she said. "And I want people to learn to be extra careful because if you are robbed, not much is done to help you."



KELLY MATHERLY/The Daily Toreador

DYLAN MATHEWS, A freshman business major from Dallas, tries on a Batman mask for his friend Cirey Donaway, a freshman business major from Abilene, at the Spirit halloween store Friday afternoon.

Rice praises Miers for having 'probing intellect'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Criticism of Harriet Miers as an unqualified crony of the president is unfounded, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Sunday, praising the Supreme Court nominee for a "probing intellect" that will make her a great justice.

President Bush earlier this month chose Miers, a longtime confidante who has never been a judge, to replace retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Since then, Miers' nomination has divided conservatives who support the president and those who say it was a risky choice because she was a blank slate on issues such as abortion and gay rights.

Three Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee, which is expected to hold confirmation hearings next month, criticized what they called vicious attacks by the Republican right. They said Bush

had made Miers' confirmation more difficult by highlighting her conservative religious beliefs, which was seen as an effort to close a growing split among the GOP.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein said she remained open to voting to confirm Miers, citing in part the conservative criticism.

"The way she's being beaten up by the far right is very sexist. People should hold their fire and give people an opportunity to come before a hearing," Feinstein, D-Calif., said on CNN's "Late Edition."

Rice said she has worked closely with Miers, the White House counsel and a former deputy chief of staff, on international legal issues such as a president's wartime powers.

"She's got a very probing mind and a probing intellect," Rice said on "Fox News Sunday."

"She is the kind of person who is

— if there have been four arguments given, Harriet's going to look for the fifth," said Rice, who was interviewed from London at the end of a diplomatic trip.

Referring to Miers' critics, Rice said, "I think that when they get to know her in the hearings, in the confirmation hearings, that they're going to see a woman of extraordinary talent, extraordinary integrity and somebody who would be an extraordinary Supreme Court justice."

Asked whether she urged Bush to select Miers, Rice said, "I'm not in the habit of recommending Supreme Court justice nominees to the president."

Sen. Dick Durbin, the Senate's No. 2 Democrat, meanwhile, took issue with Bush's emphasis of Miers' religious beliefs.

"It's going to make for a very difficult line of inquiry at our hearing,

but we have to understand what she's all about, what her values and beliefs are, so we can make an informed judgment," said Durbin, who serves on the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Bush on Wednesday said: "People are interested to know why I picked Harriet Miers. They want to know Harriet Miers' background. They want to know as much as they possibly can before they form opinions. Part of Harriet Miers' life is her religion."

Durbin, D-Ill., said he did not think Bush "did her a favor this last week by bringing up her religion as part of the reason why she should be considered positively as a nominee."

Sen. Joseph Biden, another Democrat on the panel, called the religious references inappropriate, saying it showed that Bush was desperate.

"I call that groping. It sounds like a man who is going down and decides to try to throw something to his supporters," said Biden, D-Del., on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Spielberg on board for EA video game collaboration

Steven Spielberg fans may be happy to hear the filmmaker has three projects in the works, though none of them are movies.

Electronic Arts Inc. announced a collaborative agreement Friday between Spielberg and Electronic Arts' Los Angeles studio to create three original video game properties.

"He obviously has a mind not only for storytelling and directing but also marketing of projects," said Chris Caddell, an independent filmmaker and the artist-in-residence at the Louise Underwood Center for the Arts.

This will not be the first time Spielberg has collaborated closely with game-makers, as he provided the concept for the "Medal of Honor" series of games.

In addition, Electronic Arts has created video game spin-offs of several movie franchises, including the "Lord of the Rings" games and an upcoming adaptation of "The Godfather" due next year.

— Carlos Berfeld/ Staff Writer

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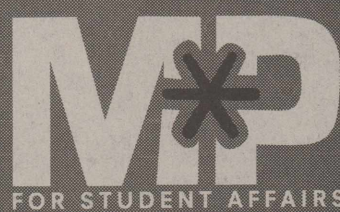
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With semester under way, roommate quarrels increase

By DANIELLE NOVY
STAFF WRITER

Now that almost two months have passed since fall semester began, domestic problems between roommates are becoming more blatant, sometimes escalating into acts of violence.

Officers from the Texas Tech Police Department have been summoned to various residence halls on a regular basis in the past few weeks to attend to disputes between roommates.

Gordon Hoffman, assistant chief of the Tech PD, said physical conflicts between roommates are often seemingly unpredictable and many do not result in criminal charges.

Hoffman said the process of investigating domestic problems is routine for the Tech PD.

"To investigate a dispute, we first see if anyone is injured and make a report on it," he said. "If it's a minor problem, it would be referred to student mediation. If someone is hurt, we'd take action."

Hoffman said usually the mere presence of an officer is enough to settle down the fight.

He said he suggests students give themselves time to cool off before they broach the confrontation.

This step will reduce the need for the Tech police to get involved, he said.

Dan McLaurin, a sophomore management major from Granbury, said he

has had a conflict with a roommate become violent.

"I had a test at 9:30 (a.m.)," McLaurin said. "It was about 3:30 in the morning when my roommate got back to the room."

McLaurin said that was the point in which things turned aggressive.

"I had been drinking earlier, but wasn't too drunk, and he was pretty wasted. He turned on all the lights, his computer and TV, and when I asked him if he would turn it off, he got mad and started yelling," he said. "So I sat up and yelled back, and then he tried to choke me and so I pushed him away and we started fighting. Then, he just stopped, and apologized and went to bed."

Juli Buchanan, unit manager of student health services, said she would advise resolving conflicts after all parties had sobered up.

"One thing I would say in terms of general experience, is any time alcohol or any other substance is involved, people tend to resort to physical violence rather than talk things out," she said.

When problems arise, taking them to several on-campus sources for assistance could prove to be beneficial, she said.

"There are several avenues they could take," Buchanan said. "They could take their problems to Residence Life; the staff could be helpful, and they could come to some sort of compromise."

Buchanan said violence in the residence halls as well as in other arenas is combated this week with the Week Without Violence program, which began Sunday and goes through Saturday.

"This is a week that we recognize every year on campus," she said. "Problems of violence are constant, and people have to deal with them every day."

Buchanan said peaceful resolution is promoted through various free-of-cost events geared specifically at students.

Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Band Together Against Violence concert will be held at Urbanovsky Park. Bands such as Waiting to Derail, Mikaela Dewar, Unspoken Levels, Megan Henry and Thrift Store Cowboys are slated to perform while students can browse the various displays exhibiting information about domestic violence.

Hoffman said the anti-violence week is arriving at an appropriate time of year considering the heightened attention to aggression in household situations.

Of the recent spotlight aimed at domestic violence, Hoffman said he is not sure if the number of acts violence between roommates is increasing, or if the media is just funneling more attention onto domestic disputes.

"I don't know if it's more common, or if they (the media) are just more aware of it," he said.

Students choose, recognize five outstanding Tech faculty members

By MICHELLE CASADY
STAFF WRITER

The Mortar Board and Omicron Delta Kappa honor societies came together last weekend to honor five faculty members for exemplary classroom instruction, style and accessibility to students.

The honorees were invited to a recognition reception Friday in the Mesa Room of the Student Union Building, where students who nominated the faculty members were able to speak about their professors. The five professors also were presented with plaques of recognition during the pre-game activities of the Homecoming football game.

"Every year, certain teachers stand out, and they don't get enough recognition," said Holly Hightower, a junior communication studies major from Lamesa and a member of Omicron Delta Kappa. "They go above and beyond the call of duty, and it is often overlooked. This is their time to shine."

This marks the 11th year for the faculty recognition ceremony.

This year, the five honorees included Nathan Collie, associate professor of biological sciences; Robert Wernsman, instructor of mass communications; Brian J. McFadden, assistant professor of English; Aliza Wong, assistant professor of history; and Janet White, professor of education.

Madden said getting recognition from students is among the greatest honors a professor can reach.

"There's things you can do on your own effort to get recognized, but when it's out of the blue like this, it's humbling," McFadden said.

In order for a teacher to be nominated and eventually selected, an application process had to be completed.

"We had a form on our Web site where students could go and fill it out for any teacher they thought was deserving,"

said William Qubty, chairman of the Mortar Board faculty recognition committee. "We start looking at the entries in early September, and by the end of the month a selection committee reviews the applications and votes on which five faculty members should be chosen."

Qubty, a senior biology major from Corsicana, said this year there were many application forms completed and submitted, and he was happy with the response.

Chase Pabody, president of Omicron Delta Kappa, said he is glad so many students responded and nominated faculty members.

"I think it's great that a student organization can be the voice of the students and be able to show our gratitude to those faculty members who truly make a difference," he said.

Qubty said there are many outstanding faculty members at Texas Tech and the two honor societies feel it is their job to recognize and honor faculty achievements.

"The faculty members we chose to recognize this year were all really happy," Qubty said. "Not just because they were selected, but because they were selected by students."

McFadden said receiving the award and being recognized is a great feeling, but comes second to the most cherished aspect of his job.

"Teaching is the most important thing one can do," McFadden said. "It's more important than the research and all of the other things we do."

Though the application process was extensive, there was one section that carried more weight in the mind of Hightower than all of the others.

"There was a part where the students nominating the teachers had to write about why they feel their nominee should be selected and in what way specifically they had impacted their lives," she said. "That part definitely had the most impact on our decision."

'The Space Tourist's Handbook' approaches launch date

Those with money to spare and a desire for solitude may want to consider another location for their next trip: space.

Space Adventures Ltd. announced their upcoming novel, "The Space Tourist's Handbook," last week to aid those in preparation of an orbital voyage.

The book will include the best destinations, vehicles and other necessary information for amateur astronauts.

"I don't know anything going on that's going to get any people up in space anytime soon," said Ronald Wilhelm, an assistant professor of physics who researches astronomy. Wilhelm said the impractical-

ity of spaceflight for citizens would prevent space from being a viable destination for travelers for some time, even though a few have made the trip.

Greg Olsen recently became the world's third space-tourist after returning Tuesday from a Space Adventures excursion.

A suborbital spaceflight from Space Adventures costs \$102,000, and an orbital flight rings in at \$20 million, according to www.spaceadventures.com.

In addition, required training programs for the missions can cost up to \$200,000.

"It's kind of an elitist thing," Wilhelm said.

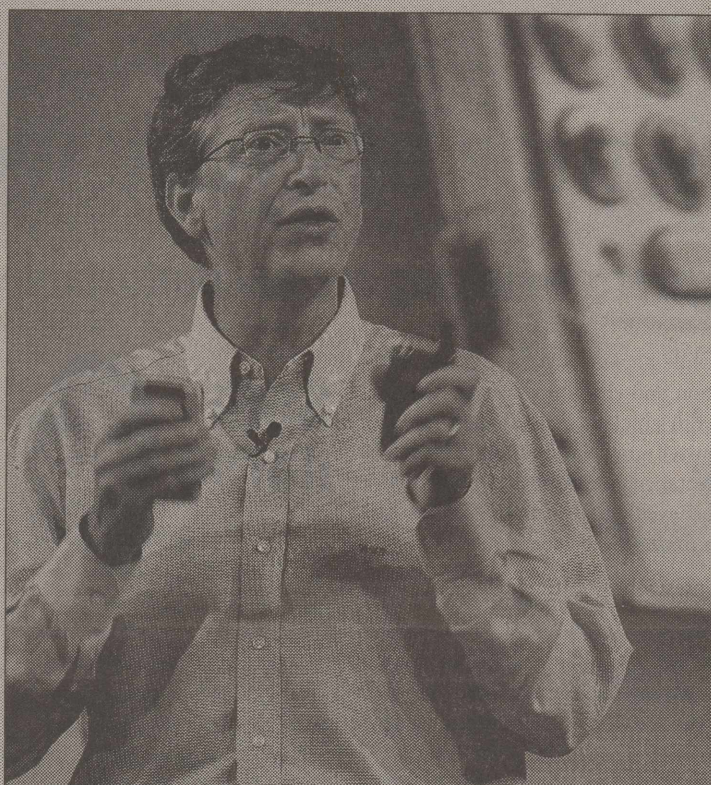
According to Space Adventures Web site, reasons to travel to space include earning the respect and admiration of colleagues and achieving worldwide celebrity status.

Authored by Eric Anderson, the chief executive officer of Space Adventures, the book will arrive in stores this November.

—Carlos Bergfeld/
Staff Writer

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Bill Gates tours colleges, discusses computer science



Bill Gates decided to return to college last week.

His return was brief, however, and aimed not at finishing his degree, but at informing computer science students how important their field is.

This will be the second year Gates has made the tour to a select number of colleges to speak about computer science and the software industry.

During his talk at the colleges, Gates demoed some of Microsoft's technology, including their upcoming Xbox 360 console.

At Princeton University on Friday, Gates played "Project Gotham Racing 3" on the 360 to show how advanced games have become.

Gates visited two colleges per day from Wednesday to Friday, stopping at five colleges other than Princeton. The University of Michigan, the University of Wisconsin, Columbia University, Howard University and the University of Waterloo also were on his route.

—Carlos Bergfeld/
Staff Writer

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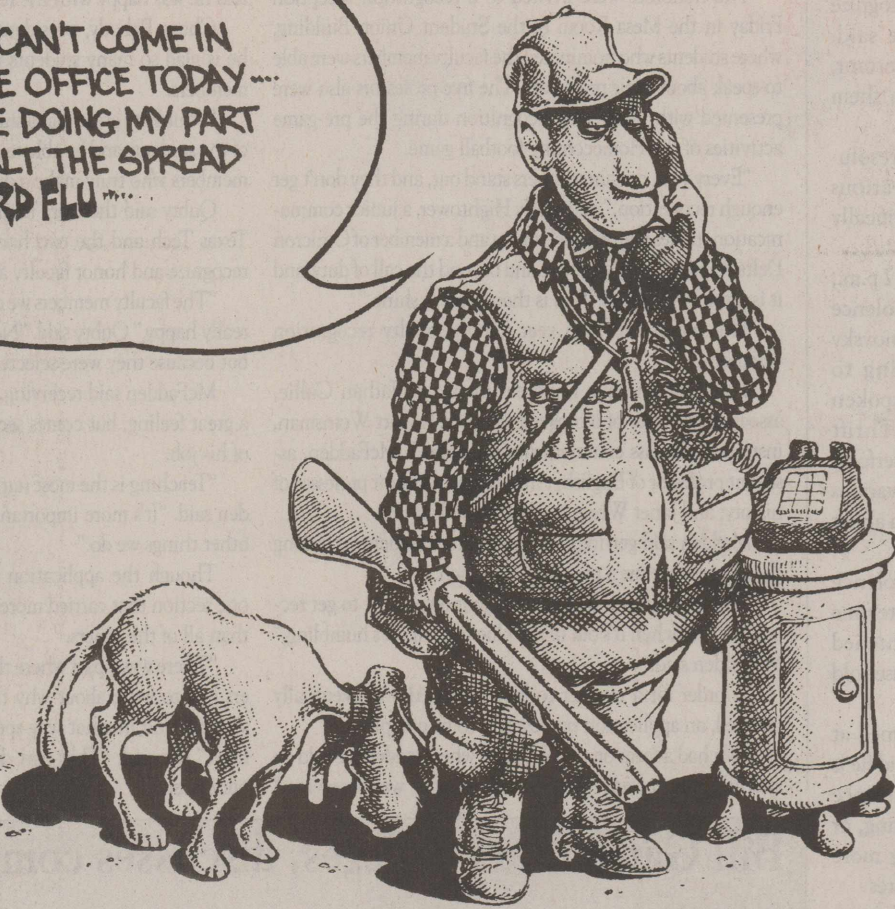
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When the nic' fits just won't quit

Alternatives for cigarette smoking are uncomfortable, impractical jokes

It is possible I will be a smoker for life, as my body literally has rejected the nicotine patch.

My father is a smoker; my stepmother is a smoker; my aunt is a smoker — I am finally attempting, after nearly three years, to be a non-smoker.

The truth is, I should have never started smoking.

Carrie Bradshaw made quitting smoking look so simple when she tried to give up cigarettes for Aiden.

I have found the patch is good for about half a day, and after that, if you so much as sweat or breathe, you may as well toss the patch in the trash can and bum a smoke.

"Will you help patch me up? I feel like a two-patch day today, I've got a big meeting with my editor."

Bull.

There is no way someone could handle wearing two itchy, aching nicotine patches — I don't care how much they smoke.

The other day, I was at lunch with my boyfriend and my roommate, and

while happily engrossed in conversation and chowing down on a green-chili chicken chimichanga, I found myself scratching furiously at the small, rectangular clear-plastic patch that I believed would be my \$39.99 ticket to a smoke-free graduation.

After a few moments, I realized in horror that underneath and around the patch, my skin had become swollen and raised, resembling a cross between a mosquito bite and a crimson swatch of fabric sewn to a quilt my great grandmother made for me when I was 11.

Naturally, after I realized I was having an adverse reaction to the patch, I ripped it off and promptly lit a cigarette.

I have to say, I felt justified in my decision to trade a cigarette for searing pain.

Yes, for some, the nicotine patch works great once you get past the sometimes severe skin irritation and muscle aches — that is, if it stays on.

In my two-week experience, I have found the patch is good for about half a day, and after that, if you so much as sweat or breathe, you may as well toss the patch in the trash can and bum a smoke.

I've tried two different kinds of nicotine patches, and neither the off-brand or the name brand has made me even remotely believe I am on the road to successfully quitting smoking.

It is because of this frustrating fact that I have come to these conclusions:

If the patch won't stay on, I'm not quitting.

If I am allergic to the patch, I can't

Beth Aaron



quit, and it's not my fault.

Unlike some people who say they can quit at any time they like, I have come out of denial and believe I am physically addicted to nicotine.

I suspect that the people who say they could quit cold turkey would find themselves fiending for a cigarette in a very physical way if they took the cigarettes away from where their mouths are, but that may just be my low nicotine level talking.

Nevertheless, it seems I can't win in the quitting-smoking game.

Sure, one can substitute licorice or candy canes for cigarettes, but here's the thing:

One, who sells candy canes year round? And two, if someone eats candy canes and licorice as much as a typical smoker smokes in a day (about 10 cigarettes), cavities and weight gain are likely complications.

Oh, and more importantly, you can't eat licorice while drinking beer — it's just not the same.

It is possible to chew gum instead of smoking when at the bar, but I would suggest sticking to a mixture of clear liquor and tonic in that case.

The nicotine gum is a joke — you can't actually chew it all day because doing

so causes nausea, dizziness and vomiting.

Instead, the user must chew the piece of gum for a couple of seconds, and then plant it next to his gums.

I tried the nicotine replacement gum when I had my wisdom teeth pulled this summer, and I hated the taste, texture and tingling sensation it made in my mouth.

In my opinion, you may as well switch from cigarettes to wintergreen dip, because that's what you'll look and feel like when chewing the nicotine gum.

Other options I may consider if I can't make the nicotine patch work for me are the nicotine inhaler and the nicotine lozenge.

The nicotine inhaler seems like the most effective option, since many smokers not only have a physical addiction, but an oral fixation as well (insert obvious joke here).

However, before I purchase the inhaler, I must decide if I want to inhale from something that looks like a tampon every time I feel a craving for nicotine.

I can't believe these are my options.

I would say thank you to Philip Morris for putting me in my current situation — the one where I'm hopelessly addicted to a carcinogen in a pretty package — but then I'd just be like the woman who sued McDonald's because she spilled hot coffee on herself.

I'm not going to be that girl.

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GUEST COLUMN

Lessons of Iraq: Staying in Iraq makes U.S. look idiotic

By **STEVEN FORSBERG**
GUEST COLUMNIST

The invasion of Iraq was a dreadful mistake, and one that the United States should extricate itself from as quickly as possible. Sadly, however, a new generation seems intent on repeating the losing strategies of the Vietnam War. "History repeats itself, first as tragedy, second as farce," Karl Marx said, and citing the tragedy of Vietnam to justify the farce of Iraq is an irony he would have enjoyed. The "lessons of Vietnam" have yet to be learned, apparently.

Historian Barbara Tuchman used the United States experience in Vietnam as one of the examples in her classic book "The March of Folly." Tuchman did not use the word "folly" to mean a mistake, but rather the persistent pursuit of counterproductive policy.

An illusory goal and an unwillingness or inability to change are the hallmarks of folly.

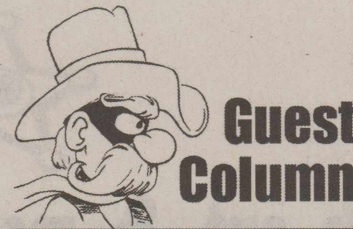
In the current U.S. Iraq policy, you will find both. Having gone to war for mistaken (if not nonsensical) reasons, we are now trapped in a protracted struggle

with little more than ephemeral promises of "progress" and "victory" which are never really defined. In Iraq now, as there was in Vietnam then, there is always "light at the end of the tunnel" and predictions of dire consequences should we leave too soon.

The original President Bush, much better counseled, decided that a U.S. occupation of Iraq would be far more dangerous and costly than beneficial. Many people criticized the supposed failure of the U.S. military to drive to Baghdad during Desert Storm. The reasoning of 1991, however, is still applicable well after 2001.

Back then, the United States' leadership didn't want another Vietnam. Today's leadership seems to want another Vietnam on the theory that we can win it this time around. As recent columns in this paper indicate, many of the people who are most vocal in supporting the U.S. presence in Iraq seem to be more concerned with re-fighting the political battles of that generation than in navigating the hazards of this one.

To begin with, withdrawing from Vietnam did not destroy the credibility of the United States, nor did it unleash



a domino of Southeast Asian communist revolutions. We did not end up having to fight the communist hordes landing on the beaches of California. The gloom and doom predictions that helped keep us mired in Vietnam turned out to be just so many paranoid delusions. And on Friday, I read in *The Daily Toreador* about concerns that our country is about to be consumed by "anti-war hippies." Hippies? This is the 21st century; one might as well be worried about a resurgent Whig party. The use of the dated term demonstrates how badly some people want to re-fight the political battles of their parents.

Iraq poses a problem that has proven insoluble for many empires in the past. It is not just a question of victory but of value. Victory in Iraq is worth any cost, we are told. Well, except the implementation of a draft. Or the raising of taxes. Or doing anything

else that might cost elections.

If, as George C. Scott recited, "All real Americans love the sting of battle," then Texas Tech is short of "real Americans." People itching for the sting of battle would be lining up at the local recruiters office instead of pursuing career-enhancing liberal arts educations. The current occupation of Iraq is not a matter of national survival nor is it a shared sacrifice. It is a bad side bet that needs to be walked away from, not doubled down.

Fighting a "war on terror" does not necessarily warrant the occupation of Iraq any more than "fighting communism" warranted the occupation of Vietnam, and there is little reason to believe that the U.S. will be any more successful in Iraq than it was in Vietnam.

How long will we continue a mistaken policy while patting ourselves on the back for our willingness to continue throwing lives and money down a toilet with little to show for it?

Forever, if some people have their way.

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CIA identity leak reveals dark side of White House

During the past few months, the media has been in frenzy about the possible indictments involving the attempted smearing of Joseph Wilson, former U.S. ambassador in Baghdad and Niamey.

The issue at hand is whether someone in the White House used the media to attempt to discredit Wilson's trip to his former stomping grounds in Niger by disclosing the fact his wife worked for the CIA and may have had a hand in his traveling to the Dark Continent.

Wilson's trip was initiated out of the vice president's office with the hopes of tying Saddam Hussein to the purchase of "yellow cake," a.k.a. a lightly processed uranium ore, which can be used to produce nuclear weapons.

This trip took place in February, a month before we began the invasion of Iraq. Wilson found absolutely no evidence that Hussein had been seeking uranium out of either of the two mines, both controlled by French, German, Japanese, Spanish and Nigerian interests.

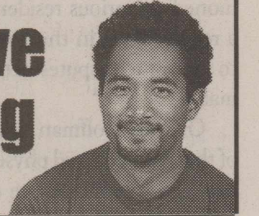
What happened next is straight out of the Junior High Handbook of Problem Solving. Somebody big in the administration panicked and tried to make Wilson's damning report, which did nothing to keep the president from using the false allegations in his State of the Union speech drumming up U.S. fears for war, seem less credible because he was "just listening to his girlfriend."

So now we have three reporters: cuddly Matthew Cooper, evil Muppet Robert Novak, and administration media groupie Judith Miller, all of which seem to have learned about this classified information from senior aides to the president and vice president.

See, this story shouldn't be about a secret agent and some reporters. This is a story of a bigger mindset within the White House — they think they can get away with murder as long as they control the news cycle. So far they have been pretty good, but it is only a matter of time before a mind greater than my own can connect all the dots.

If we really want to get to the heart of this problem, we need an army of special prosecutors investigating the links between

Dave Ring



Richard Clarke's accounts of pre Sept. 11 administration planning for Iraq, the Downing Street Memo, the loss of \$9 billion by the Coalition Provisional Authority and the Wilson/Miller/Rove debacle we're currently being entertained with.

Remember how much power Congress gave Kenneth Starr to figure out if Bubba got an office hummer? Think of that, but with people's lives at stake.

Also important is how newly nominated Harriet Miers fits in this. As counsel to the president and former deputy chief of staff, her impact on the war has been minimized in the hopes people won't add it up.

But she's part of his inner circle — someone who admires the president to the point of gagging. We must question whether we want one of the architects of the worst-planned military strategies since someone thought a big wooden horse would look lovely inside their city walls.

There is a system of abuse and inadequacy, which is slowly beginning to show its ugly face. This cabal of corruption currently occupying the White House will not last forever. America is too great of an idea for some failed business men and their friends to bring it down under the guise of patriotism and religion.

Maybe Fitzgerald's investigation will begin to unravel the tapestry of lies and deception. Maybe the administration is going to get away on some legalese technical mix-up which turns the American attention away from it. I don't know what is going to happen. But as voters and taxpayers, we all have the right to a transparent government. Remember, they work for us. Maybe it's time for some downsizing.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Harry Potter, Luke Skywalker asexual

While a simple reading of the latest book will tell that Harry does have something of an eye for the ladies (he hooks up with Ron's sister, Ginny), I believe there is a larger issue both articles have missed. Harry Potter is neither homo nor heterosexual.

He is asexual. Just look at any other similar epic series, which undoubtedly the Harry Potter series is. Consider the quests of Luke Skywalker and Frodo Baggins.

Both of them are extremely eligible bachelors in their own rights, one being a valiant warrior and the other single-handedly saving Middle Earth.

At the end of each of their journeys, the hero ends up alone. Leia got with Han while Luke became a celibate Jedi Master, and Frodo, for all the talks about he and Sam being more than friends, ends up leaving his home behind as well, joining Gandalf and the elves across the sea, far from any other halfling.

Even Neo, the Matrix's own personal savior, is left alone at the end, with Trinity done in by an I-beam. To put it simply, the hero's life is a lonely one. Harry Potter doesn't have time to worry about girls (or guys).

He's got a world to save.

Greg Levine

Freshman computer science major from Austin

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Texas Tech football spirit gets primitive as fans begin camping for prime sideline seats.

CAMPING OUT

By JEREMY REYNOLDS
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Not every fan is built "Ford Tough." But, for a special few who straddle the line of being fanatics and being too bored for their own good, football season is the time of the year to show how "hardcore" one person can be.

Cam Mencio, a senior music education major from Leander, and his friend, Matt Giardina, a senior music performance major from Beaumont, sit in front of the Taj Mahal of camping tents outside the gates of Jones SBC Stadium awaiting the Texas Tech and Kansas State football game.

"I can see how people can enjoy themselves and have a good time out here," said Tony Gallegos, a junior civil engineering major from Carrollton, while sitting in his chair and enjoying his first time as a camper.

At 9:30 p.m. Friday, the air around the campers was thick with the scent of hot dogs. If the grill ever died on them, they still had the pizza.

"Some alumni guy brought us free pizza," Giardina said. "He was like one of the first to camp out at the United Spirit Arena when it opened."

Until 11 a.m. the next day, Giardina and Mencio kept entertained by throwing a football around. But besides that, there is not much else to do in front of the stadium, short of talking to the event staff.

Giardina said he wanted more people to come out and set up tents and join on the fun.

"The more the merrier," Giardina said. "Bring tents and food and have a good time."

Ryan Henderson, a sophomore civil engineering major from Edmond, Okla., sat along with his friend Gallegos in chairs outside their tents allowing the aroma of the grill and the scents of the Lubbock night to wash over them.

Henderson came prepared for the long haul. He brought a computer to play DVDs and an MP3 player.

This is not the first time Henderson came out to wait for a game. In addition to all the basketball games he camped out for last year, he came out for the Kansas game two weeks ago and was rewarded for doing so.

"I got to meet the Kansas football coach," Henderson said. "He came out, and I asked him how the trip was, and then we got to talk to the players some."

Coming out a day and a half before hand to secure a good seat is nothing for Henderson, because he said he gladly does it for the Tech squad.

"I love watching our offense go," Henderson said. "Mike Leach is one of the geniuses of football."

A pitfall that any good game camper knows, Henderson said, is being woken up bright and early by the sounds of the Matador Song.

"It gets kind of annoying getting woken up for band practice," Henderson said.

Mencio gladly would suffer through the band and the cold weather at nights to see the Red Raiders, which have something different this year from previous teams, he said.

"I come out here to see the defense," Mencio said. "The offense is the same year in and year out, but the defense this year is new."

Henderson and Gallegos said they would be out for the rest of the Big 12 games this season. They plan to camp out even earlier for the Texas A&M game.



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CAMMENCIO, LEFT, a senior music education major from Leander, and Matt Giardina, right, a senior music performance major from Beaumont, camp out in front of the student entrance to Jones SBC Stadium Friday afternoon in anticipation of the Homecoming game against Kansas State. Texas Tech won the game, 59-20.

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Homophobia still a concern

By VIRGINIA ARRIGUCCI
IOWA STATE DAILY (IOWA STATE U.)

(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa — Since he was two, Warren Blumenfeld's parents feared he was gay. He was a shy boy who preferred to play with dolls rather than toy trucks and guns.

This fear put Blumenfeld, assistant professor of curriculum and instruction, in a child psychologist's office twice a week for eight years to make sure he would be straight.

This, he said, is when he began gathering material for his book, "Homophobia: How We All Pay the Price," and the presentation of the same name that he gave Tuesday night in Pearson Hall, for which he used personal examples to underscore the threat homophobia poses to all members of society.

Blumenfeld, who plans to teach a Queer Studies course next semester,

said homophobia has its roots in sexism because we are all taught to hate and fear differences that include stepping out of gender roles.

He said, however, this fear affects everyone, including heterosexuals.

Blumenfeld said homophobia prevents people, especially males, from forming close relationships with members of the same sex or from expressing emotion, which can limit heterosexual relationships. He also said he believes there would be a cure for AIDS by now if those first affected by the disease in the West had not been homosexual.

Marty Martinez, staff psychologist at Student Counseling Service, said homophobia is an "irrational fear of homosexuals that can lead to hate and discrimination."

"The key is irrational," Martinez said. "Most people have fear about what they know little about."

John Faughn, Lesbian, Gay, Bi-

sexual, Transgender Student Services coordinator, said acts of hate resulting from homophobia could be physical acts, graffiti and name calling, all of which, he said, occur at Iowa State University.

He said even the phrase "that's so gay" is homophobic because it equates homosexuality with being stupid or bad.

Blumenfeld said the more he studies homophobia, the less he understands it. "I love another man. So what?" he said.

Brian Adams, senior in animal science who attended the lecture, said Blumenfeld "had a good point when he said [homophobia] was wasted energy."

Blumenfeld said he is accused of "showing his homosexuality down people's throats" if he even mentions a boyfriend or an anniversary, which is something a heterosexual would do in common conversation.

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Two local preservation groups bought the parcel in the middle of the Isle La Motte at the northern end of Lake Champlain. The purchase price was not disclosed.

The Chazy Reef formed a half-billion years ago in the warm shallow sea south of the equator. Over the eons, it drifted north to its present location.

"One scientist called it a time capsule of reef building," said Linda Fitch of the Isle La Motte Preservation Trust. "On Isle La Motte you can see how it evolved from simple little mounds into what I call a reef city."

The original reef stretched for 1,000 miles. Charlotte Mehrtens, head of geology at the University of Vermont, has studied other portions of it from Newfoundland to Tennessee, but said Isle La Motte is the only place where so much of it is visible.

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Bird Flu

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Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, said if people really want to take precautions, they should eat right, wash their hands and take commonsense steps to bolster their health and immune systems.

She also suggested getting a flu shot. The vaccine for the upcoming flu season doesn't confer protection against bird flu. But protecting people against conventional flu could make them stronger against a new illness, health experts say.

One more thing: Quit smoking, Crane advised.

In North Carolina, officials estimate that 5,600 state residents could die in a bird flu pandemic. Meanwhile, about 10,000 residents of that state die annually because of tobacco use, Crane noted.

Here are answers from CDC and global health officials to some of the questions worried Americans have been asking:

Q: Is it safe to keep a bird feeder in the yard?

A: Yes.

Q: If I see a dead bird, should I report it?

A: No. While there has been avian flu in the United States, it has not been the H5N1 strain that has spread through poultry farms in

southeast Asia and into eastern Europe.

Q: We keep a small flock of chickens. Should we get rid of them?

A: No.

Q: If I feel fluish, should I ask my doctor to perform a particular test to check for the bird flu virus?

A: You may ask your doctor to conduct either a rapid diagnostic flu test or a lab test for influenza. If you have a recent travel history to an area where bird flu is endemic, inform your physician.

Q: Should I buy Tamiflu for my home?

A: Tamiflu is effective at treating ordinary flu and scientists believe it may help combat human infections caused by the H5N1 virus. However, the effectiveness of any antiviral medicines such as Tamiflu could change depending on how the virus changes.

Q: Is it safe to eat poultry? Does freezing/cooking destroy the bird flu virus? Is it safe to serve turkey for Thanksgiving?

A: Eating properly handled and cooked poultry is safe. The U.S. government has banned imported poultry from countries affected by bird flu, including H5N1. In addition, European health officials say cooking kills the virus and they are assuring Europeans it is safe to eat chicken.

Homecoming

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planning, Curtis said. The bonfire was the last event before the Homecoming game this year.

"We have great students, faculty and staff that coordinate (Homecoming)," Curtis said. "The crowd that was here tonight was amazing."

While the bonfire was the main event for Friday, other events took place during the day and immediately preceding the bonfire. The Rowdy Raider Rally kicked off the afternoon with the announcement of the top five Homecoming Queen and top six Homecoming King candidates (there was a tie after the interviews).

Voting for King and Queen began immediately after the rally and ran until midnight.

The King and Queen were crowned at halftime of the Homecoming game vs. Kansas State Saturday.

The 2005 Homecoming King was Freddie Barela, representing Beta Theta Pi. Kelly Buchanan of Pi Beta Phi was crowned Homecoming Queen for 2005.

The 2005 Homecoming Queen runners up included, Ashley Burrus of Delta Delta Delta, Emily Thompson of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Jenny McCary of Alpha Phi and Megan McLane of Kappa Alpha Theta.

The Homecoming King runners up included, Chris Huff of Kappa Alpha Order, Andrew Hodge of Delta Chi, Jay Parham of Phi Delta Theta, Chad Greenfield of Saddle Tramps and Greg McEvilly of FarmHouse.

PUMP, PUMP IT UP



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RAIDER RED PUMPS up the crowd in his Goin' Band uniform at the Homecoming pep rally Friday afternoon in front of the Student Union Building.

Scams

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to get a hold of their personal information for identity theft.

"They also use 'phishing scams' that look like e-mails from companies such as eBay and PayPal, saying the person must update their bank and personal information," he said. "The link sends the person to a Web site that looks legit, but if someone ever encounters this, they need to first contact the business by phone to verify the e-mail that was sent to them."

The attorney general advises never to respond to telephone or e-mail solicitations from strangers. Also, do not use links provided in unsolicited e-mails, even if they supposedly go to Web sites of well-known charities because these links often lead to copies of the real Web sites, created to siphon off your donation.

In addition, the attorney general's office encourages people to type in the URL instead of using links to the Web site, unless the link is from a government Web site.

Promising the riddance of debt with the help of an unidentified, fraudulent national bank that claimed to concentrate on debt forgiveness, the Bankopp.com operation used the company name Pydia Inc. and claimed the operation was possible on the grounds that the bank would profit from the plan through "specialized banking practices," according to a statement issued by Abbott.

The attorney general's investigators traced the account that consumers were told to wire the \$5,000, which was in the name "Del Sur International Holding," to Panama.

The attorney general is pursuing civil penalties of up to \$20,000 for each violation of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act and reimbursements to aggrieved and misled Texas consumers, according to the attorney general's office Web site.

To avoid rip-offs when rebuilding after a disaster, Abbott warns to only deal with licensed, bonded contractors and be wary of specials and extra-cheap work. Also, never pay up-front for work, and get the terms of warranty work in writing.

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If a person wants to make a donation, Abbott recommends giving only to charities the person is already familiar with and knows are legitimate. Reputable organizations do not directly solicit donations from individual consumers by telephone, e-mail or door-to-door visits.

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7:00 AM	Jay Jay	Today Ed McMahon; Iman. Also: a "Today's Kitchen" segment.	Early Show	Believers Voice Life Today	Good Morning America	Animal Atlas TBA
8:00 AM	Bears			Paid Program		Roseanne
9:00 AM	Dragon Tales			Judge Mathis	Tony Danza Sharon Elizabeth	Becker
10:00 AM	Sesame Street	Regis & Kelly	Price Is Right	Judge Joe	The View	To Be Announced
11:00 AM	Mister Rogers	Jeopardy!	Young and the Restless (HD)	Judge Hatchett	Paid Program	Starting Over
12:00 PM	HomeTime	News	KLBK 13 News Bold & Beautiful	Jerry Springer	All My Children	Access Hollywood Extra
1:00 PM	Scrapbook	Passions	As the World Turns	Paid Program	One Life to Live	People's Court
2:00 PM	The Lions	Guiding Light		Paid Program	General Hospital	Divorce Court
3:00 PM	Buster	Oprah Winfrey	Maury	Just Shoot Me	Montel Williams	Fear Factor "Couples"
4:00 PM	Clifford	Dr. Phil	Judge Judy	That '70s Show	Insider	Fox 34 News First@Four
5:00 PM	Maya Miguel	News	KLBK 13 News	Access Hollywood	News	Malcolm Simpson
6:00 PM	NewsHour with Jim Lehrer	Wheel Fortune	Who Mii	Extra	Entertainment	Raymond
7:00 PM	Antiques Roadshow "Reno, NV"	Surface (HD)	King of Queens	One on One	Wife Swap "Downs/Bailey"	Baseball Playoffs NLCS Game 5 Cardinals at Astros (if nec.)
8:00 PM	American Experience "Two Days in October"	Las Vegas "Big Ed De-Cine"	Two & 1/2 (HD)	Out of Practice	Monday Night Football St. Louis at Indianapolis (Live) (HD)	Alt. Prog. 7 Prison Break; 8 Prison Break; 9 News
9:00 PM	Looking Back	Medium "Sweet Dreams" (HD)	CSI: Miami "Three-Way" (HD)	Wife and Kids	Wife and Kids	Friends
10:00 PM	Nightly Business	News	KLBK 13 News	That '70s Show	King of the Hill	Seinfeld
11:00 PM	Charlie Rose	(35) Jay Leno (HD)	(35) David Letterman (HD)	Fear Factor "Couples"	News	Frasier
12:00 AM	BBC World	(35) Conan O'Brien (HD)	(35) Late Late Show	Paid Program	(35) ET	Cheers
12:30 AM	Destinos	(35) Last Call	Paid Program	Blind Date	Jimmy Kimmel	Just Shoot Me

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8 new faces on Knight's sixth Raider squad

By **MATT MUENCH**
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

Bob Knight's wife told him Friday night he better watch his language during an open public practice at the United Spirit Arena.

"I told her, 'The hell with it. I'm just going to coach,'" Knight said.

And that's what Knight did. In front of about 1,000 fans, the men's basketball team had its first official practice of the 2005-06 season. Knight was the same old Knight fans and media have seen in the previous four seasons since he first began sporting the red and black.

He was barking out orders and making fans laugh. "He is so fun to watch," said Michael Stratton, a Lubbock resident. "It's amazing what knowledge he has

and how he gets all of his players to respect him. Plus he is hilarious."

Knight said the practice was going to be no different than any other first practice he has done in previous years.

"This is a typical practice," Knight told the crowd. "It's going to be an interesting practice because I have eight newcomers who have no concept what a two hour practice with me is like. You guys will probably be able to pick them out."

It was not hard for some fans. "(The newcomers) do look a little nervous," said Jeremy Bicker, a senior business major for The Woodlands. "But wouldn't you be?"

Tech's three returning starters, Daryl Dora, Jarrius Jackson and Martin Zeno looked in midseason form.

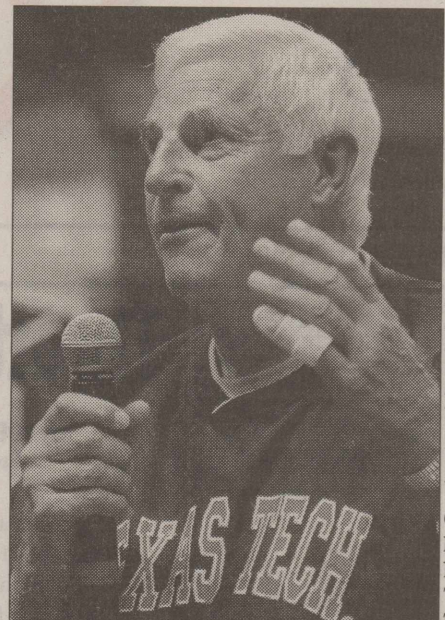
They will be the three leaders on a team with no seniors that try to get Texas Tech back into the NCAA Tournament like the team did last season when the Raiders lost in the Sweet 16.

Two voids are left to fill in the starting lineup. Guard Ronald Ross and center Devonne Giles are both gone.

Who will Tech get to fill those spots? Knight never tells. It is not his style. Tech fans probably will not know until the Raiders tip off for the first time on Nov. 10 in the first round of the Coaches vs. Cancer Tournament at the United Spirit Arena against San Jose State.

But Knight did say he likes what he has to work with.

"I'm really excited about the collective talent we have returning and coming in," he said. "I think we have a good group of basketball players."



TEXAS TECH men's basketball coach Bob Knight addresses fans before the Raiders first practice Friday at the United Spirit Arena.

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Raiders, Slay pick great time to dominate; In case no one has noticed, Texas is good

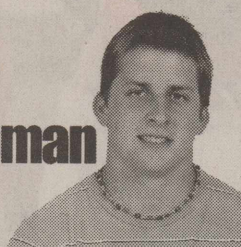
I came to a conclusion during the Red Raiders game with Kansas State on Saturday: Criticizing Dwayne Slay in my recap column is not a good idea. Last week, I pointed out that Slay's personal fouls were hurting Tech, which they were, but not nearly as bad as the senior safety hurt K-State quarterback

Allan Evridge. Evridge may be on a steady diet of mashed potatoes and milk shakes due to the fact his jaw is still laying in the middle of the field at Jones SBC Stadium.

I can just see myself running my mouth about Slay again, then as I'm strolling through campus one day and out of nowhere I notice I'm face first on the pavement.

Then as I fight through the screaming pain that's overtaken my body, I roll over and see Slay standing over me saying something like, "Throw a flag on that ... punk."

Trey Shipman



But outside of Slay making step-children out of the Wildcat offense, the No. 8-ranked Raiders turned in exactly what they needed before heading to Austin for one of the biggest games in school history.

As a whole, coach Mike Leach's boys played their best game of the season.

During the first half, Cody Hodges and the Tech offense moved the ball as well as they have at any point in the year. Penalties, turnovers and miscues kept points off the board. I was starting to think it might turn into another version of the

Kansas game, but the second half erased any chance of that happening.

Hodges put up a silly stat line of 643 passing yards and five touchdowns in what Leach called his best performance of the year. I can't really argue with him. The two interceptions cast a little bit of a shadow on his effort, but when you throw the ball 65 times, a pick here or there almost is expected. Plus, you have to remember that even though they haven't played a team with offensive capabilities anywhere near the Raiders, Kansas State still had the nation's 13th best pass defense entering the game. But thanks to Hodges and company, that number is likely to rise.

Who is this Joel Filani guy? Maybe someone should tell him that No. 88 is supposed to be the one breaking records and winning games. After making the winning catch against Nebraska, Filani came out and did himself one better by setting the school record for receiving

yards in a game. After his performance in the Holiday Bowl last season, people knew he was a solid player, but the guy is playing like a superstar.

The catch he made in the third quarter was so great the majority of the 50,000 plus in attendance couldn't believe it happened. There was a good two or three second pause, before the crowd saw teammates celebrating on the sideline and then erupted with approval.

With Filani's emergence, I think it is safe to say the Raider receiving corps is as good as any in the nation.

What it all boils down to is that Tech is starting to gel at the perfect time. Are they good enough to take down the No. 2 Longhorns — in Austin? I don't think I'm ready to tout them as national title contenders, which essentially is what Texas is. In college football, anything can happen, but coming from someone who grew up bleeding burnt orange, this is the

best Longhorn squad I can remember.

They have ridiculous speed on defense and pressure the quarterback as well as any team in the country, so it's a good thing the Raider offensive line showed improvement this week.

Also, Texas is overflowing with people that can run the ball, and run it well — unfortunately Tech's run defense has been its biggest flaw all year.

But the Raiders are 6-0 as they head to the state's capital - that's what they wanted all along. And at least after the thrashing of K-State, UT quarterback Vince Young will have something else to worry about. It comes in the form of a certain strong safety that's getting everyone's attention.

If anyone knows Allan Evridge's address, send him a bottle of Advil. I can guarantee you — he needs it.

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PLAYER OF THE GAME



DWAYNE SLAY
SENIOR SAFETY

Slay led the team in tackles with 8.5 and forced two K-State fumbles, including a crushing blow to Wildcats quarterback Allan Evridge that coach Mike Leach said was a turning point in the game.

GAME NOTES

Compiled by Bryan Wendell

THIRD DOWNER

Coming into Saturday, K-State was one of the nation's best teams on third downs on both sides of the ball. They convert 51 percent on offense, No. 13 in the nation, and let opponents convert on 23 percent, which ranks third in the nation. Saturday turned the tables as Tech was successful on 56 percent and allowed the Wildcats to convert on 23 percent.

KICKOFF COLLAPSE

Wildcat Yamon Figurs returned a kickoff 98 yards for a score in the third. The last time Tech gave up a kickoff return for a touchdown was also against a lesser opponent; it happened in the 2003 season against Baylor when Robert Quiroga returned one for 100 yards.

SLAY-ING BALL-HANDLERS

Dwayne Slay's big hits produced two more forced fumbles Saturday. He now has six on the season, which leads the Big 12 Conference and probably ranks near the top in the nation. The NCAA does not track forced fumbles, however.

Throttled: Slay delivers knockout blow to K-State

By JOEY KIRK
EDITOR

He's not a comic book character, but Texas Tech fans will be reading about him a lot this year.

Dwayne Slay flies around the secondary like Superman and hits like The Punisher.

He proved it Saturday at Jones SBC Stadium against Kansas State, forcing two fumbles in the third quarter and leading Tech with 8.5 tackles.

His impact was seen by fans across the nation, and two particular hits reverberated throughout the stadium.

"You never like to see a hit on a quarterback like that," Red Raider fifth-year senior quarterback Cody Hodges said. "I'm glad that when I'm back there, Dwayne Slay isn't coming after me."

Late in the third, Slay met face-to-face with K-State quarterback Allan Evridge, literally, knocking the ball out of his hands and giving Tech possession once again.

Slay now can be feared by offenses, and Tech coach Mike Leach said that is the way he wants it.

"The fact that you don't see (those kinds of hits) every day sort of ignites a team," he said. "We're gonna see if we can get him to hit a little harder. He hits pretty hard right now."

Senior running back Taurean Henderson said he doesn't know if that's a good idea.

"Some of those hits, I don't know," he said. "It looked like he might be able to put some people in the hospital. I'm glad their quarterback was able to get up and play the rest of the game, because I don't know if I would be able to."

Leading 17-13 at the half, Tech came out in the third quarter ready to kick off. On the seventh play of the Wildcats' drive, Slay found receiver Davin Dennis across the middle of the field, laying him out, and linebacker

Sylvester Brinkley picked up the ball for another turnover.

"I thought one of the major turning points of the game was Dwayne Slay's hit," Leach said.

On Tech's ensuing drive, Hodges connected with junior receiver Jarrett Hicks for a 20-yard touchdown to extend the Raiders' lead, 24-13.

The Raiders (6-0, 3-0 Big 12) went on to score twice more before the Wildcats (4-2, 1-2) returned a kickoff for a touchdown, setting the score at 38-20. No. 10/8 Tech routed K-State 59-20 in the end, giving the Raiders their best start since 1998 when they went 6-0 before finishing the rest of the season 1-5.

Tech's defense managed to hold K-State to 144 yards of total offense in the second half, scoring no offensive points.

Leach said the Swarm defense performed well in the second half, but Slay couldn't have done much without his trusty sidekick, Brinkley.

"They both run around, you can see them all over the field," he said. "I'd just glance out there, and they were two bodies you'd see flying around a lot."

Brinkley had four solo tackles and a quarterback hurry, which in turn forced Kansas State to punt five times in the second half and allowed senior safety Vincent Meeks to intercept one of Evridge's passes in the third.

Junior linebacker Fletcher Session said the defense's second half of play was a lesson learned from earlier in the day.

"During halftime, coach came and told us that we were just playing average," he said. "He said he hasn't seen anybody hit somebody yet. I guess Slay must have really been paying attention."

And that goes for the offense's performance as well, Leach said.

"We stopped taking the losses on offense and then defensively, we rose



DAVID JOHNSON/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH SAFETY Dwayne Slay lays out Kansas State quarterback Allan Evridge in the Raiders 59-20 win over the Wildcats Saturday. Slay was the Raiders leading tackler with 8.5 and forced two fumbles.

up quicker," he said. "Turnovers always help; it always takes momentum away from the other guy."

Hodges threw for 297 yards in the first half before finishing the day with the second-best passing game in school history. He had 643 yards and five touchdowns on a 44-of-65 passing performance, but he still won't say it was his best game.

"I threw two interceptions, so obviously it wasn't that good," he said.

In the background of the press conference, a slight whisper came from junior receiver Joel Filani.

"Five touchdowns," he said.

But Hodges couldn't focus solely on his performance. Filani, his No. 1 target for the past two weeks, finished the game with 255 yards receiving on

10 catches and one touchdown, setting the school record which previously was set in 1991 by Rodney Blackshear with 251 yards against Houston. And yet another standout stood in the shadows of all that occurred.

Henderson, who prior to Saturday's game lacked one reception to top the all-time NCAA career receptions leader's list held by former Long Beach State back Mark Templeton with 262 catches, finally overtook the position catching 10 passes for 118 yards and two touchdowns, while scoring three on the ground and running for 49 yards.

With all that happened in the game, Filani said the game could be summed up in Slay's two big hits.

"Wow," he said.

TEXAS TECH
REPORT CARD
QUARTERBACKS

A-

643 passing yards and five touchdowns isn't exactly a bad day at the office for Cody Hodges. Coach Mike Leach called Hodges' performance his best of the year, but two interceptions slightly downgraded the effort.

RUNNING BACKS

A-

Taurean Henderson only had 51 yards rushing, though he came through when it mattered, collecting three touchdowns inside the red zone for the Raiders. The senior also hauled in 10 receptions for 118 yards en route to setting the NCAA record for receptions by a running back.

RECEIVERS

A

Joel Filani picked up where he left off in Lincoln, setting the Texas Tech record for most receiving yards in a game with 255. Filani and the rest of the Raider receivers came through with highlight reel receptions throughout the game.

OFFENSIVE LINE

B

Cody Hodges was sacked three times, and Taurean Henderson had trouble finding running room, but the O-line was much improved from previous weeks. They did a good job of picking up the blitz and consistently gave Hodges time to find the open man.

DEFENSIVE FRONT

B

The Wildcats were held to 114 rushing yards collectively, which can be credited to a job well done by the Raider D-line and linebackers. The unit only recorded two sacks, but managed to keep K-State quarterback Allan Evridge from becoming too comfortable in the pocket.

SECONDARY

A+

Dwayne Slay's presence changed the flow of the entire game. The safety had two forced fumbles on two crushing blows, and Vincent Meeks added an interception in what possibly was the best performance of the year by the Raider defensive backs.

SPECIAL TEAMS

D+

Alex Trlica was successful on his only field goal attempt, and Alex Reyes turned in his usual near 40 yards per punt average. But the Raider kick coverage was poor at best as they allowed 204 yards on returns, including a 98-yard touchdown return in the third quarter.

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