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STATE

Church mourns after pastor's electrocution

WACO (AP) — The University Baptist Church band had just led the congregation in praise songs when the Rev. Kyle Lake stepped into a tank on the stage to baptize a new member, something he did several times a year.

But then the pastor cried, "Get me out!" and fell backward.

The packed room of more than 800 people, mostly Baylor University students and their families in town for homecoming weekend, weren't sure if he was serious or if it was a skit. Several doctors in the Sunday morning crowd rushed to the stage, pulling Lake out and tending to him until an ambulance arrived.

Lake, 33, was pronounced dead at a hospital, the victim of electrocution. Some at the service said Lake had adjusted a microphone outside the tank, while others said it appeared that a piece of equipment fell into the water. Witness accounts also vary about the water's depth.

"It happened so fast; no one knew what was going on," said Sam Larson, a Minneapolis seminary student.

NATION

Commuters scramble during transit strike

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Commuters laced up their walking shoes, pedaled bicycles, squeezed into car pools and hitched rides Monday as a transit strike brought the city's buses, subways and trolleys to a halt.

Nearly half a million people had to find other ways to get to work or school after contract talks broke down late Sunday between the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority and the Transport Workers Union. One in three households in Philadelphia has no car.

"I'm not happy. How can you be happy?" Chris Hambrose said as he waited for a ride from his home in South Philadelphia to his job in North Philadelphia, a trip that normally takes 14 minutes by subway. "But if these people feel that they have to strike, you can't take that away from them."

Carol Bridges of South Philadelphia walked all the way up Broad Street to her job downtown. "I don't like it, but it's good exercise," said Bridges, 51.

No new talks were scheduled between SEPTA and the union.

WORLD

Bird flu found in wild Canadian ducks

TORONTO (AP) — Nearly three dozen wild ducks have tested positive for the H5 bird flu virus in Canada, officials reported Monday, but they said it was unlikely to be the strain blamed for more than 60 human deaths in Southeast Asia.

Dr. Jim Clark of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency said it would take at least a week to determine whether the flu found in 33 ducks from the provinces of Quebec and Manitoba was the deadly H5N1 strain that has ravaged Asian poultry farms.

But it was unlikely to be the same strain because none of the wild ducks tested was ill, he said at a news conference.

"That strain in Asia has caused high mortality in those birds; the birds that tested positive in Quebec and Manitoba are all healthy," Clark said.

Clark said 4,800 samples had been collected from wild birds in seven Canadian provinces.

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Bush picks Alito for Supreme Court

By **RON FOURNIER**
AP POLITICAL WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, stung by the rejection of his first choice, nominated veteran judge Samuel Alito on Monday in a bid to reshape the Supreme Court and mollify his conservative allies. Ready-to-rumble Democrats warned that Alito may be an extremist who would curb abortion rights.

"Judge Alito has served with distinction on that court for 15 years, and now has more prior judicial experience than any Supreme Court nominee in more than 70 years," Bush said, drawing an unspoken contrast to his first choice, Harriet Miers.

Unlike her nomination, which was derailed Thursday by Bush's conservative allies, Alito faces vocal opposition from Democrats.

"The Senate needs to find out if the man replacing Miers is too radical for the American

people," said Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nevada.

Alito's nomination is one step in Bush's political recovery plan as he tries to regain his footing after a cascade of troubles rocked his presidency. His approval rating in the polls has tumbled to the lowest point of his presidency and Americans are unhappy about high energy prices, the costly war in Iraq and economic doubts. Bush also has been hit by a criminal investigation that reached into the office of Vice President Dick Cheney and led to the indictment of I. Lewis Libby, the vice president's chief of staff, on perjury and other charges in the CIA leak investigation.

On top of it all, Miers' nomination angered Bush's conservative backers. Most welcomed the Alito pick.

So consistently conservative, Alito has

Biography of Samuel Alito


NAME — Samuel A. Alito Jr.

AGE-BIRTH DATE — 55; April 1, 1950 in Trenton, N.J.

EDUCATION — AB, Princeton, 1972; JD, Yale, 1975

EXPERIENCE — Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, 1990-present; U.S. attorney for the district of New Jersey, 1987-1990; deputy assistant to the U.S. attorney general, 1985-1987; assistant to the U.S. solicitor general, 1981-1985; served in the Army Reserves from 1972 until 1980 when he was discharged as a captain.

FAMILY — Alito and his wife, Martha-Ann Bomgardner, live in West Caldwell, N.J. They have two children, a college-age son, Philip, and a younger daughter, Laura. His late father, Samuel Alito Sr., was the director of New Jersey's Office of Legislative Services from 1952 to 1984. Alito's sister, Rosemary, is a top employment lawyer in New Jersey.



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Wheels on party buses may not go 'round and 'round

By **JAY LANGLEY**
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Tech students and Lubbock residents may not be able to ride around town aboard party buses anymore if the City Council has their say.

One week after 26 minors were ticketed for underage drinking on the Ruby Tequila's party bus, the Lubbock City Council is looking to ban party buses.

"We had a very serious situation aboard one of the party buses last week," Mayor Marc McDougal said. "We need to take a look at the problem."

The council wants to repeal a 1981 ordinance that allows buses to take large groups of people from bar to bar and drink alcohol around town.

McDougal said the council's decision is not solely based on the Ruby Tequila's incident.

"We have had numerous complaints from residents around town," he said. "They are complaining of upwards of 30 to 40 people coming into their neighborhoods and causing a disturbance."

McDougal said he does not believe the buses serve their original purpose of eliminating drunken drivers.

"There is a difference between getting people home safe and having a rolling bar,"

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Seven U.S. troops die to end bloodiest month since Jan.

By **ROBERT H. REID**
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Capping the bloodiest month for American troops since January, the U.S. military reported Monday that seven more U.S. service members were killed — all victims of increasingly sophisticated bombs that have become the deadliest weapon in the insurgents' arsenal.

Bombs also claimed a toll Monday among civilians in Basra, Iraq's second-largest city and the major metropolis of the Shiite-dominated south, which has witnessed less violence than Sunni areas. A large car bomb exploded along a bustling street packed with shops and restaurants as people were enjoying an evening out after the daily Ramadan fast. At least 20 were killed and about 40 wounded, police Lt. Col. Karim al-Zaidi said.

Military commanders have warned that Sunni insurgents will step up their attacks in the run-up to the Dec. 15 election, when Iraqis will choose their first full-term parliament since the collapse of Saddam Hussein's regime in 2003.

To guard against such attacks, the military has raised the number of American troops in Iraq to 157,000 — among the highest levels

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WORLDLY WONDERS



JOSE LOPEZ, A graduate student studying Spanish from Snyder, shares the cultural accordion music of Mexico during Cultural Day, held in the Foreign Language building basement Monday afternoon.

Cultural Day gives students a cosmopolitan perspective

By **LINDSAY WHARTON**
FEATURES WRITER

A vibrant feathered headdress adorned Maura Vaughn's head Monday, but she was not wearing a costume for Halloween.

Vaughn, a professor of Spanish and Portuguese languages, was a part of Cultural Day, an annual event where people

from various cultures present their traditions and customs to the Texas Tech student population. Vaughn wore a Brazilian Indian costume for the event.

The Department of Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures and the graduate student organization

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Tech PD cars get red-and-black makeover

By **LINDSAY WATTERS**
STAFF WRITER



TEXAS TECH POLICE officer Mark Haney shows off the new look of the Tech police department police car.

Texas Tech police are not just showing school spirit by getting their guns up.

Newly designed red and black Tech police vehicles are hitting the road, and the department is excited about the changes.

"We chose a red and black striped design for our logo to go along with Tech's color scheme," said Maj. Gordon Hoffman, assistant chief of the Tech Police Department. "The old cars just had the blue logo. This new design is very different and is very good looking, in my opinion."

The red and black insignia replaced the former navy blue logo, which was in use since 1997 when the department became a part of the

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Tech fundraising efforts improved, but totals remain below other Texas schools

By **MICHELLE CASADY**
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The Texas Tech Fundraising Committee has raised \$9.3 million more this year than they did in the previous fiscal year.

Fundraising increased from \$56.6 million in 2004 to \$65.9 in 2005.

"This is the first year we have set goals like this and have focused attention on achieving those goals," said Elizabeth Haley, associate vice chancellor for college programs and dean emeritus.

She said the increase in funding is a result of being goal-oriented and because of the team effort exhibited by the Chancellor's Office, the president, Tech deans and Tech Health Sciences Center deans.

Comparatively, the University of Texas raised \$1.4 billion according to an article in *The Daily Texan*.

Texas A&M University, as of June 30, raised \$1.4 billion with their "One Spirit, One Vision" campaign.

The increase in funds at Tech was aided by large private donations.

For instance, Mark and Becky Lanier of Houston gave a \$6 million donation to the School of Law, and

Mildred and Shirley Garrison gave \$5 million to the HSC.

According to a news release from the Office of Communications and Marketing, Chancellor Dr. David Smith said he is pleased with the donations and that the university would use them effectively.

"I continue to be impressed by the generosity of Texas Tech's friends and family," he said in the release. "These gifts are essential to our goals of recruiting quality students and faculty, strengthening our infrastructure and otherwise laying the groundwork to build on our reputation as a premier system in the state and nation."

The large donations will be used to build a state-of-the-art courtroom for the law school, and will fund research for the Garrison Institute on Aging.

"Most donors have specific goals in mind when they make their donation," Haley said.

The guidelines set by donors, she said, limit what the money can be used for down to specific guidelines.

Of the total \$65.9 million raised, \$8.9 million was raised specifically for scholarship use.

"The main reason we had such an increase in funds is because we

had specific projects laid out which were of interest to specific donors," said Mark Lindemood, vice chancellor of the office of institutional advancement.

Lindemood also referred to the new programs as "magnets for new money," and said he will aim to continue making clear and accountable year-to-year projects.

Both Lindemood and Haley agree, the goals set forth by the fundraising organization and the dean's and chancellor's offices were worthy ones.

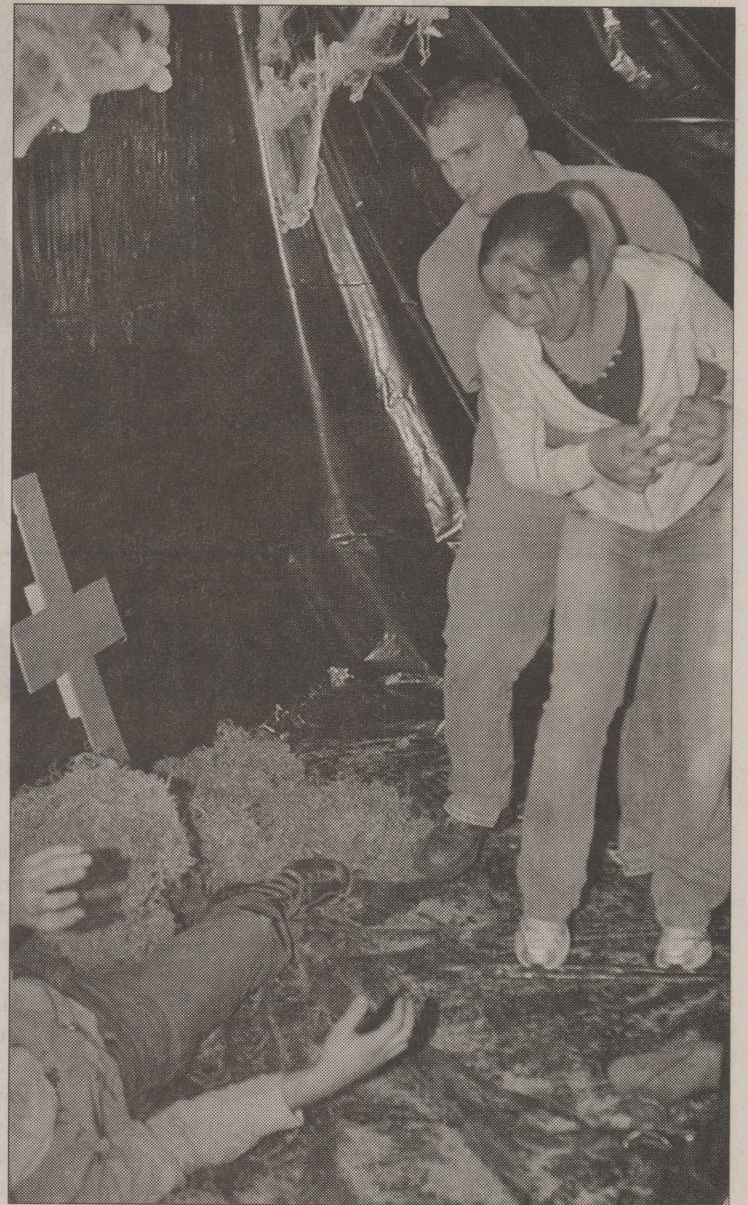
"Our long term goal is to generate \$100 million for Texas Tech and the Health Sciences Center," Lindemood said. "Texas Tech is lucky to have such a long history of private support."

Haley said fundraising has not been an intentional process in the past.

"We are now prioritizing and focusing our attention on why we are here and how we can best help Texas Tech and the Health Sciences Center," she said.

Lindemood also said in terms of percentage growth of fundraising, Tech is in the top 20 percent of Big 12 colleges.

ENGINEERING A SCREAM



LINC ARMES/The Daily Toreador

AMY MCCOY, A senior early childhood development major from Houston, and Ryan Barnes, a senior management major from Houston, are scared by a fake corpse at the haunted house in the Engineering building Sunday night.

White House rebuffs calls for shakeup, apology

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House on Monday rebuffed calls for a staff shakeup, the firing of Karl Rove and an apology by President Bush for the role of senior administration officials in the unmasking of CIA operative Valerie Plame.

Three days after the indictment and resignation of Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff, the administration said it would have to remain silent as long as there was an investigation of the leak and legal proceeding under way. Bush ignored reporters' questions during an Oval Office meeting with Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi.

"We don't want to do anything from here that could prejudice the opportunity for there to be a fair and impartial trial," presidential spokesman Scott McClellan said.

Friday's indictment of I. Lewis

Libby and the continuing investigation of Rove were a blow to Bush's already troubled presidency. The president's approval rating has tumbled to the lowest point since he took office and Americans are unhappy about high energy prices, the costly war in Iraq and economic uncertainties.

Republicans and Democrats alike have urged Bush to begin remaking his presidency by bringing in fresh advisers with new energy to replace members of a team worn down by years of campaigning and governing. But administration officials said that was not in the works.

Cheney promoted two of his advisers to fill the jobs handled by Libby, his confidant. David Addington, who has been the vice president's legal counsel, was named chief of staff, while John Hannah, his deputy national security adviser, was named

national security adviser. Both men have been on Cheney's staff for more than four years.

Libby faces his first court appearance Thursday before U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton.

"There's no discussion of staff changes beyond the usual vacancies that occur or beyond filling the vacancy that the vice president did as well," McClellan said.

While White House officials were relieved that Rove was not indicted, Democrats demanded that he be fired. Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., led the charge, calling for apologies from Bush and Cheney and saying the administration should explain the vice president's role in the unmasking of Plame.

The administration refused to respond. "If people want to try and politicize this process, that's their business," McClellan said.

McClellan was repeatedly asked to acknowledge that he was wrong in 2003 when he denied that Rove or Libby were involved in disclosing Plame's identity. He said he would not comment during the ongoing legal proceedings.

Roaming 'zombies' do not go unnoticed by Microsoft

"Zombies" may have filled the streets Monday night in search of candy, but another kind of zombie remained hidden.

The Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Action and Microsoft Corp. advised Internet users to be aware of zombies — remotely controlled computers infected with malicious code and used for illegal purposes — last week as a final effort for Cyber Security Awareness Month.

These computers can work by proxy to send spam, steal

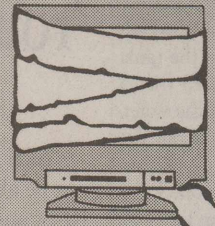
personal computer information or cause other harm to a computer or Web sites.

People may not know if their computer has become a zombie, and 50 percent of spam is sent through zombies, according to a Microsoft release.

Microsoft set up their own safe zombie computer and watched it to better learn how zombies interact on the Internet.

Some tips from Microsoft's web site for preventing your computer from becoming "zombified" are:

- Use a firewall to prevent hacking
 - Use anti-virus or anti-spyware software
 - Update anti-virus and anti-spyware definitions regularly
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- Carlos Bergfeld/
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McDonald's to put nutritional information on food wrappers

By **BETH AARON**
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

McDonald's restaurant has decided to display nutritional information for the majority of their food products on the food wrappers beginning next year, according to CBS News.

Nutritional information for McDonald's food has been available for years, said one McDonald's customer service representative, but now, the information is more accessible and is more detailed.

Katy Reagan, a sophomore public relations major from Austin, said she believes more fast food restaurants should follow McDonald's example and display their nutritional information so consumers can compare food options and pick which restaurant

best suits them.

"I think that people are aware that McDonald's food contains a lot of calories and fat grams, but they choose to eat it anyway because it's convenient," she said.

Though she does not eat at restaurants often, Reagan said if she were to come face to face with a nutrition label loaded with fat grams and calories, she would seek alternative sustenance.

The nutritional label sandwich wrappers will make consumers more conscious of what they are ingesting, Reagan said, but in the long run, those who eat McDonald's products probably already are aware of the food's nutritional content.

According to www.mcdonalds.com, the food choice with the most

calories and fat grams is a Double Quarter Pounder with Cheese, containing 730 calories and 40 grams of fat. The burger with the least amount of calories and fat is the regular hamburger, containing 260 calories and 9 grams of fat.

The McDonald's corporate office did not return phone calls Monday afternoon.

Debra Reed, professor of food and nutrition and Helen DeVitt Jones Chair in the Nutrition, Hospitality and Retailing department at Texas Tech, said she believes McDonald's decision to display nutritional information on their food products is a step in the right direction, but she said she believes better food choices should also be offered.

McDonald's has made a visible ef-

fort to include healthier food options on their menu including the new fruit and walnut salad, salad shakers and their premium salad line, according to the McDonald's Web site.

At one point, McDonald's offered an adult Happy Meal that was made up of a salad, a bottle of water and a pedometer.

Reed said she believes the readily available nutritional information will be beneficial to some, but that fast food still will be consumed in America on a regular basis.

"Students will definitely continue to eat those foods," she said. "If we're going to make any change in this

area, we probably need to change the choices that are available."

Fast food is convenient and cheap, Reed said. Those are the two factors that healthier foods need to attract the same consumer response as burgers and french fries.

"If the more nutritional options are as economical as the other options," she said, "I think they would be consumed more."

Reed said the bottom line is that Americans need to be more educated about the nutritional benefits of fruits and vegetables and how to decipher nutritional labels.

"When you stack up what's offered compared to the latest distribution, they're still really short on fruits and veggies," she said.

McDonald's could go a step further and break down what amounts of fats, calories and fiber is needed to meet daily nutritional requirements,

Reed said.

"I think that they are trying," she said.

Consumers and food distributors both have responsibility in the American fight against obesity, Reed said.

"It can't be pig out city all the time," she said.

Consumers should cut down on the number of times a week they eat fast food, while restaurants should cut down on the extra meat and cheese options offered at their establishments, Reed said.

"I wish they would sort of tone that down," she said. "It's an ongoing problem, and it's a very big problem in a sense that a lot of people eat at fast food restaurants."

Student Health Services located in Thompson Hall has a registered dietitian on staff to help students with questions about their personal nutrition. For more information, call Student Health Services at (806) 743-2848.

Tech joins Up 'til Dawn fundraising program

By **DANIELLE NOVY**
STAFF WRITER

This year, Texas Tech joins more than 150 other universities across the nation participating in the Up 'til Dawn program to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

St. Jude's is a facility geared toward the treatment and research of pediatric cancer and other diseases. It dually holds the positions of being America's third-largest health-care charity and the residence of experts in fields such as hematology and oncology, according to their Web site, www.stjude.org.

Starting in November, Tech will participate in the local division of the Up 'til Dawn program. St. Jude's effort to gain participation through fundraising at the college level.

Jonathon Clark, a senior business major from Dallas, is working as the assistant director of the Tech fundraising effort.

Clark said the program is organized by dividing Tech's participants into teams of six people. The teams

are scheduled to meet Wednesday for the letter-writing event from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Student Union Building ballroom to send out pamphlets asking for donations to friends, family and businesses.

He said teams would be provided with the needed materials, and it is not too late to sign up. He said students and faculty could pick up registration forms from the Center for Campus Life until Wednesday.

April Austin, a senior event marketing representative for St. Jude, said those wanting to register for the event can sign up as late as the letter-writing event.

"Students can come early or stay late," Austin said. "We'll sign you up right then and there. All that we ask is that you come."

She said the goal of the evening

was to have each individual address at least 50 letters.

Clark said teams wait for donations after the letters are sent.

"Over a period of time, the money will come in," he said. "Then in March, there is a finale event, a thank you and a celebration."

The finale of the volunteer-based program is scheduled for March 3-4 in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center from 6 p.m. to 2 p.m., hence the program's title, Up 'til Dawn.

"All funds raised go directly to St. Jude Children's Hospital," Clark said. "It goes to the hospital's daily operations."

Austin said St. Jude's shares all of its research freely with other hospitals.

"Any local hospital benefits from the research done at St. Jude's," Austin said. "St. Jude's affects every local hospital across the nation, it's not just the people in Memphis that benefit."

She said fundraising is especially crucial to St. Jude's because it partially

relies on donations.

"St. Jude's treats all patients at absolutely no cost to the family," she said. "That's why fundraising is so important; everything is taken care of when the patients come."

Clark said he immediately was attracted to the prospect of Tech's division of the program because the donations go directly to St. Jude's.

"I have always had a soft spot for children's cancer," he said. "It was something I really wanted to help get started here."

Clark said he hopes the participation level from the both the student population and faculty is high.

"This is just our first year, so we'd really like to get the program off to a good start," he said.

Austin said the Up 'til Dawn program is the newest philanthropy event to hit campus.

"It's a great way for students to raise money for a great cause," she said.

Austin said the program was created in 1998 and has raised more than \$5.5 million for St. Jude's.

"St. Jude's treats all patients at absolutely no cost to the family. That's why fundraising is so important..."

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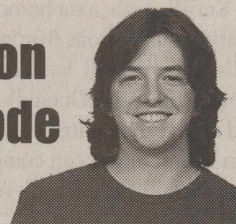
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Supreme Court should enforce Geneva Convention's rules

Here's a court case you probably haven't heard about: Hamdan v. Rumsfeld. The Supreme Court is deciding this week whether or not to take it up. Hamdan deals with the rights of the foreign suspects the Bush administration is holding at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba.

Jason Rhode



Two courts ruled on it this summer. The first said the president didn't have the right. The second - the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia Circuit - reversed that decision July 15. Judges A. Raymond Randolph, Stephen Williams, and now-familiar-face John Roberts presided.

With that affirmation came a symbolic approval for the White House to conduct this kind of business with the widest kind of legal interpretation — meaning no constraints needed.

The second ruling has stood, and will stand, unless the high court picks it up. They should.

The current policy is a blatant violation of the Constitution and the Geneva Convention. Chief Justice Roberts said he would recuse himself if Hamdan is chosen. But that's no reason for the rest of the justices to do the same.

The Hamdan of the case — Salim Ahmed Hamdan — is a Yemenese man we captured in Afghanistan, late November 2001. He was transported to Cuba and held at Camp Delta. He was Bin Laden's driver and personal aide.

As such, he was designated to be under the sway of Bush's peculiar "Order Concerning the Detention, Treatment and Trial of Certain Non-Citizens in the War Against Terrorism" issued in November 2001. Hamdan and his lawyers objected. And so the battle began.

As the appeals ruling noted, the prior court found "that Hamdan could not be tried by a military commission unless a competent tribunal determined that he was not a prisoner of war under the 1949 Geneva Convention governing the treatment of prisoners." The Appeals Court overturned the lower ruling on two kinds of technicalities: one, the tribunals were acceptable because they were Congress-approved; two, Geneva doesn't apply because al-Qaida isn't the kind of enemy we had in mind in 1949.

The first argument is just stupid. It's called separation of powers for a reason. Despite the congressional approval, these special courts are the president's creatures.

The White House created these tribunals — decided what made a crime and a criminal and set the rules for them. This is wrong, wrong, wrong. A singular branch of government is not to be invested with the powers of judge, jury and prosecutor. Nothing is more disagreeable to our Constitution.

Moreover, the tribunals condone a lack of due process, accept unsworn testimony and allow evidence garnered in a coercive fashion. At a tribunal, you are not innocent until proven guilty. You also have no right to be present at your own trial.

Hell, why have a third branch of government at all? In fact, why have a system of checks and balances in the first

place? Let's do away with courtrooms and have all of our trials by the Lubbock City Council. It is good to know that a couple of millennia of jurisprudence can be junked so easily.

The second argument is a coward's excuse.

We are clearly at war, gang. To say that we are not going to live by our promises simply because al-Qaida doesn't have a Reichstag is pathetic. The attempt of the District Appeals Court to worm its way out of the treatment we agreed on almost 60 years ago is like watching some billionaire fat cat try to squeeze his way out of paying taxes.

Everybody knows what the rich man's duty is; it's only shyster tricks that let him get away with what he shouldn't.

Perhaps you wonder why all this fuss for a terrorist. Why should we give this guy a fair shake? Because it's what the superior person does. This is what it means to be the better culture, my friends. Mussolini's butler or Bin Laden's cabana boy; it makes no difference. We're America.

We will give the evil of this earth the treatment they would never have given us. Why? Because this is the burden of being good; because not to do so would lower us. Our enemies are scum; we are not. We are a nation of rules.

Are we to conduct affairs of state through loopholes? Is the United States, basking in the world like a colossus, to snoop slowly around its own law like a thief in the night?

If we chuck the rule book because of these guys — if the Supreme Court, the physical embodiment and representation of American justice, declines this case because the fear of looking weak trumps doing the right thing — then the villains really have won. They've made us change. Bush will be turning the knife on himself.

Here's another reason you should worry: The limits set by the Appeals ruling on Hamdan are foolishly broad. If the Roberts' court does not deign itself the guardian of the division of powers at least, this unchecked expression of executive might goes unchecked. In theory, this president or any future president could expand this legal precedent to set up rights-free courts, civilian or military, for any "terrorist" anywhere, even citizens on our own soil. If that doesn't scare you, it should.

What makes our republic work is we obey laws, and we divide our authority. The current policy does neither. When it comes to allotting itself power, the best government is no better than the best junkie — allow it the means, and it will find a way. When you write a blank check, don't be surprised when the till runs dry.

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Religion empowers, doesn't ensnare

Freedoms of college life can still be enjoyed while walking with God

When most people think about college life, they think of late-night philosophical conversations at the dorms, closing out the bars, debating learned scholarly professors in class and wild, Animal House style parties.

I don't see why gaining knowledge in areas such as philosophy and science requires a person to suspend belief in a supernatural force.

College is viewed as a time to stray away from traditional values and embrace self-indulgent behaviors. According to a recent survey, however, college students are becoming more and more likely to focus on their spiritual sides.

A survey of 112,232 students at 236 colleges and universities done by researchers at the University of California at Los Angeles, found that 79 percent of students believe in God and 69 percent pray regularly. I was pleasantly surprised by the number of students who recognize the importance of growing spiritually.

Back during my freshman year of

high school, I was hanging out with a group of my friends, one of whom was a few years older than me and preparing to enter college. We started talking about religion and the soon-to-be-collegiate said that, while he was young and in college, he wasn't going to make church a priority.

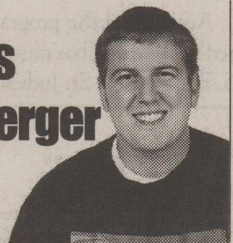
He said he was going to not worry so much about God and instead focus on "college interests." When he was older, maybe he'd put more time into religion.

Even back then, I wondered why someone couldn't explore the new ideas that come from being in a university setting in addition to fostering spiritual growth within themselves.

Sure my friend was going to school somewhere very far from his parents and would be on his own for the first time, but what I didn't understand then and still don't understand is why he considered God to be a hindrance. Why not view God as a source of comfort and strength during the difficult transition from being at home to life in a totally new environment?

When I started at Tech, I didn't put a lot of energy towards my spiritual life. I still prayed and still believed in God, but decided to take a hands-off approach. What I found was that I didn't feel at ease here. I wasn't as friendly as I was before, not as enthusiastic about meeting new people and really wanted to move back home.

James Hersberger



It was when I decided to go out looking for a church that I reconnected with the way I had been before. I found that being around others who were building something important within themselves inspired me to move from the stagnation in which I had been during the first months of my college career and resume my relationship with God.

I consider myself a relentless optimist. Sure, I have moments of frustration and disappointment like anyone, but I tend to shake them off rather quickly and start looking into solving my problems rather than dwelling on them. In my experience, this is the difference between people who are spiritual and those who are not.

I have known many people well who are either agnostic or atheist, and I have observed without exception that they have a strong pessimistic aspect of their personalities.

This isn't to say that all spiritual people have positive outlooks. But those I know who have had terrible and difficult experiences in life yet look to God

seem to be more able to cope with life's troubles than those who do not.

I don't see why gaining knowledge in areas such as philosophy and science requires a person to suspend belief in a supernatural force. I think one can expand his or her intellect while becoming more spiritual.

In fact, I think the two work in conjunction with each other, strengthening both areas of a person. As one learns more about this world, he finds more evidence for outside intervention. As people develop spiritually, they recognize the need to become an educated and wise person for the benefit of society.

In walking side by side with God, I have found reassurance. Despite the obstacles and the challenges I have faced and will face, I approach my future with confidence.

Some may call what I rely on naive superstition, but I know it is not. It is a master planner with good intentions for everyone who wants us to explore and experience life.

It is an architect who made us so that we might live out our dreams. It is a God who wants to help us through all the trials of life from birth to college and beyond.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

War casualty counter should be removed from front page

Like many fellow Techsians, I was shocked to find the death toll of the war in Iraq on the cover of the Oct. 31 copy of *The Daily Toreador*.

The editorial on Page 4 that reflected the opinion of *The DT* editorial board did little to console me. It is absurd to claim that the death total is a necessary tool to be published daily.

The DT claims that this number is not being printed for any political reasons, and it is simply in place to help readers, "inter-

pret the painful growth of the number every day;" however, there is no way something of this magnitude could be printed without bias. A similar count has existed at Michael Moore's Web site since the beginning of the war, and it is unlikely that Moore publishes these numbers to unbiasedly report what is going on in Iraq.

I am sure I am not the only student at the university that would like to see this feature of our university's newspaper

removed immediately.

If *The DT* does continue to print this information, perhaps it could be supplemented with more positive information from Iraq.

I'm sure the readers would be interested in interpreting the impressive growth of Iraqis who have voted in free democratic elections, additional rights Iraqis are being granted under their new constitution or how many terror cells have been eliminated as a result of the United States' presence in Iraq.

It hurts me every time I hear of another American being killed in Iraq, and I do feel we have a right to know how many young men and women are dying in Iraq.

However, *The DT* is simply not reporting this war in an unbiased manner.

Please remove this counter from the newspaper and respect opinions on both sides of the political spectrum.

Gerald Aucoin
Junior accounting major from Lubbock

Rosa Parks technically a criminal, campus should be wary of honoring her

I started reading the letter about Rosa Parks and at first I was saying, "Yeah, it was important," but then those two words that mean everything came up: "sort of."

I could not believe that the author of that letter had the audacity to say the flags should fly at half-staff.

Let's ponder this for a moment.

First, according to www.ushistory.org, the rule for flying flags at half-staff is this: Flags should be flown at half-staff when a

past or present president or vice president has died or upon presidential proclamation.

The proclamation that it speaks of was given Oct. 30 by the president. So the author's point is already moot.

Second, let's take a real hard look at Rosa Parks. She refused to move to the back of the bus, which at the time was the law.

Now, before you say I'm a racist, no I didn't agree with this law, but no one is above the law. In lowering the flag, we would literally be honoring

a criminal.

Now, that law was full of injustice, but who's to say that laws shouldn't be followed? For instance, the group North American Man/Boy Love Association believes consensual sex between a man and a young boy is OK. In decades to come, will we be flying a flag half-staff for their deaths?

Another example: Charles Manson killed people, which is against the law. But he believed in it, should he be commended? Yes, it's sad that she died, but

she died because she was old. She didn't die young because she was murdered; old people tend to die. Yes we should remember someone, but let's not go overboard, now.

As to the author's last question about whether the injustices are gone and are we still equal, I only have this to say. No — just look at affirmative action.

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Willie hosts Kinky fundraiser, raises \$170K

AUSTIN (AP) — Willie Nelson opened up his Central Texas ranch and private golf course on Sunday, raising an estimated \$170,000 for his friend Kinky Friedman, an independent candidate for Texas governor.

Former Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura, who became governor as a member of the Reform Party, joined supporters for lunch and golf.

Friedman needs as much as \$5 million just to get his name on the ballot next year, managers say. But Friedman cited Ventura's success in Minnesota as proof that he can defy conventional wisdom and become the first independent governor in Texas since Sam Houston.

"Jesse is a virtual gold mine of information," Friedman said. "He's been through the fire. He knows what works and doesn't work."

The two seemed mismatched seated next to each other — Friedman in a black felt cowboy hat and work boots, Ventura with beads at the

end of his braided goatee and stringy shoulder-length brown hair. Both puffed on cigars.

Ventura had plenty of tips and observations for Friedman.

"To me honesty is what the country's striving for today — someone who will get up and speak honestly to them," he said. "You have to remember truth-tellers get hammered today. If you go tell the truth, you've got to be prepared to get knocked around."

He also hurled insults at Democrats and Republicans, saying their primary objective is keeping independent-thinkers out of office.

"I don't want a Democrat in the board room and I don't want a Republican in the bedroom," Ventura said. "Democrats can't do business ... and all Republicans want to do is get in your bedroom and tell you what you should do in the privacy of your own home."

After a morning round of golf,

Friedman dished out his signature one liners along with \$1,000 buffet-style lunches of brisket, sausage, barbecued chicken, beans and rice. Another table offered vegan and kosher selections.

Longtime Nelson buddies Jerry Jeff Walker and Billy Joe Shaver entertained the crowd of about 250 people.

Austin-based Tito's Handmade Vodka provided the drinks, including the raspberry-tinged Pinky Friedman and a Texas Bloody Mary. Cigars, a Friedman trademark, also were available.

Nine contributors, including Texas country crooner Bruce Robison and attorney Dick DeGuerin, paid \$5,000 for a round of golf with Nelson, Friedman and Ventura on Nelson's nine-hole golf course. DeGuerin represents U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay, who stepped down as U.S. House majority leader after he was charged with money laundering and conspiracy.

"I'm a yellow dog Democrat, I represent Tom DeLay and I'm for Kinky — I see no contradiction there," said DeGuerin, an unpaid adviser to Friedman.

Lunch was served in the middle of Luck, a fictitious old West town on Nelson's ranch. Picnic tables were set up, covered with red gingham table cloths, on a caliche-covered road between a saloon, hotel, opera house and church.

Jim Cravotta, a supporter from Center Point, called Kinky a "breath of fresh air," compared to current Gov. Rick Perry or any candidate the Democrats might field.

"The Democratic party in Texas just really isn't there anymore ... nobody likes Rick Perry, Kinky's the alternative that people seem to respond to," Cravotta said. "He's not going to lie to you. He's not going to play politics. He genuinely cares about the people of Texas and that comes across."

SHE'S ALIVE!



DAVID JOHNSON/The Daily Treador

TOUR GUIDE BECKIE Downey, a sophomore zoology major from El Paso, leads the way past Melissa Medley, a sophomore pre-med major from Spring, and DJ Welch, a sophomore music education major from Plano, during the Gordon/Bledsoe/Sneed Residence hall's haunted house, which was held in a first-floor study lounge in Gordon, Monday evening.

Buses

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said. "These people are drinking in excess and causing disturbances."

Mark Prickett, the director of marketing and communication for Ruby Tequila's, said he believes eliminating the party bus is a bad idea.

"They are basically trying to eliminate a limo service in Lubbock," Prickett said. "The buses keep the drunks off of the streets."

Prickett said the buses are a safe alternative.

"We pick people up and drop them off at their houses," he said. "They can't get hurt or hurt other people while on the buses."

Prickett said the incident with the Ruby Tequila's bus was not the fault of the restaurant.

"Before someone boards the bus, they must sign a written contract," he said. "They agree that they are responsible for themselves and that there will be no underage drinking on the buses."

Ruby Tequila's does not own the party buses, Prickett said.

"We only pay to advertise on the side of the bus," he said.

Prickett said any complaints from Lubbock residents about the party buses must have been about buses not associ-

ated with Ruby Tequila's.

"Whenever we enter a residential neighborhood, we turn down the music and make sure the people are quiet," he said. "Those are not our buses causing disturbances."

Prickett said Ruby Tequila's uses the party buses three or four times a week and banning the buses would hurt business.

"It would not only hurt our business," he said. "It would hurt all of the other local businesses that we take our buses to."

Mike Fuqua, the owner of Bash Riprock's, said his bar does not use party buses.

"I just think letting alcohol out and away from the bars is not a good idea," he said. "If it is in a controlled environment it is OK. But on the party buses there is no way to control the people who are drinking."

Fuqua said Bash Riprock's uses other alternatives for people who might not be able to drive themselves home.

"We use the regular city buses," he said. "But there is not alcohol served on the city buses."

The City Council will meet Nov. 7 to discuss the issue.

"We are not saying that it is a definite that we will ban the buses," McDougal said. "But we need to look at them as a serious issue and banning them is a serious consideration."

Cultural Day

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Cefiro hosted the event.

Students and faculty from different countries represented their culture. They brought posters and items from various geographic and cultural areas to allow students an opportunity to learn about their traditions.

Vaughn said the event was a success. Many students seemed interested in the information.

"We wanted the students to see how much diversity the campus has," she said.

Reynaldo Cantu, a senior mechanical engineering major from Mission, spoke about the Portuguese language along with Vaughn.

He said he was encouraged by the student's interest in Brazil and the Portuguese language.

"Students have been great," he said. "They've been asking questions."

He said students were interested in different locations where Portuguese is spoken. They also asked about the native food and various facts about the language.

Cantu plans to attend a university in Brazil next semester, so he has a vested interest in the subject. Cantu, who already knew Spanish, chose to

learn Portuguese because it is similar but involves an entirely different culture.

Lijuan Cao, a Tech graduate student in linguistics, said she reviewed many different topics about the Chinese culture. The Chinese booth had a plethora of items to represent the Chinese people. Students were given jasmine tea and could take pictures in traditional clothes.

"I want to show them our culture," Cao said.

Kevin Lockhart, a senior political science major from San Angelo, participated in Cultural Day between classes, and said he had his name written in Arabic.

Iris Ribera-Gonzales, a graduate student for dissertation and member of Cefiro, helped distribute bread pudding and cheese custard native to some Hispanic countries, the majority of which were represented in one room.

"It's a way to show the difference between all the Hispanic countries," Ribera-Gonzalez said.

It's a common misconception all Hispanic countries speak the same language and eat the same food, she said.

Ribera-Gonzalez has been a part of Cultural Day for four years now, and she said every year, especially this year, has been a success.

Cars

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the Tech system, Hoffman said.

"We looked at several different designs for the cars and a consensus among the officers pointed to this design. Then we forwarded it to police administrators who agreed and approved the design," he said. "They're the same cars, but now they're just easily identifiable with the university."

Hoffman said the Lubbock Police Department also has changed their vehicle's designs throughout the years to reflect time changes.

"I think it's just because things change and times change, and there is sometimes change in leadership," he said. "Having new designs like this makes the vehicles attractive and progressive."

Nine Tech police vehicles will be driving around campus with the new design,

Hoffman said, and the new colors make the vehicles easier to notice.

The Tech PD used the \$3,500 grant the department received this semester from the Texas Department of Transportation for traffic enforcement not for the updated cars, but on equipment for the department, Hoffman said.

"We purchased portable breathalyzer devices and equipment to help us enforce those traffic laws with the grant money," he said. "We also purchased one unmarked police car with that money to help with enforcement, but we didn't use any of the grant money on the new logos."

Hoffman said the distinctive red and black painted cars are out, and the officers behind the wheel are still strictly enforcing laws.

"Nothing else will change when it comes to the department and law enforcement," he said. "This new design is just keeping up with the times and makes the cars different and striking."

Alito

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been dubbed "Scalito" or "Scalialite" by some lawyers because his judicial philosophy invites comparisons to conservative Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. But while Scalia is outspoken and is known to badger lawyers, Alito is polite, reserved and even-tempered.

"The Supreme Court is an institution I have long held in reverence," said the bespectacled judge, a former prosecutor and government attorney who has argued 12 cases before the Supreme Court. "During my 29 years as a public servant, I've had an opportunity to view the Supreme Court from a variety of perspectives."

From the bench, Alito has staked out positions supporting restric-

tions on abortion, such as parental and spousal notification. If confirmed by the Senate, Alito would replace retiring justice Sandra Day O'Connor, a decisive swing vote in a host of affirmative action, abortion, campaign finance, discrimination and death penalty cases.

Alito favors more restrictions on abortion rights than either the Supreme Court has allowed or O'Connor has supported, based on a 1992 case in which he supported spousal notification.

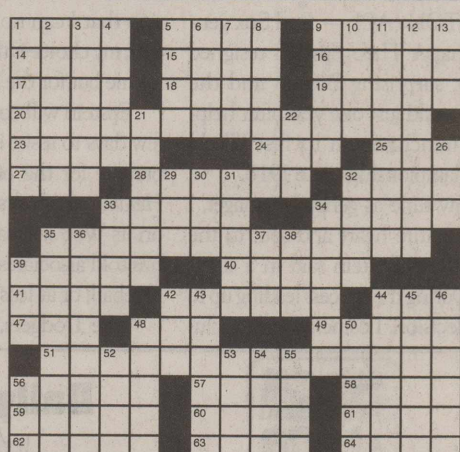
Bush said he wanted Alito confirmed by year's end.

Conservative activist Gary Bauer who had challenged Myers' nomination predicted Democrats will fight Alito. "At least now the president is having a battle with his political opponents and not with his friends," Bauer told CNN. "I will help him any way I can."

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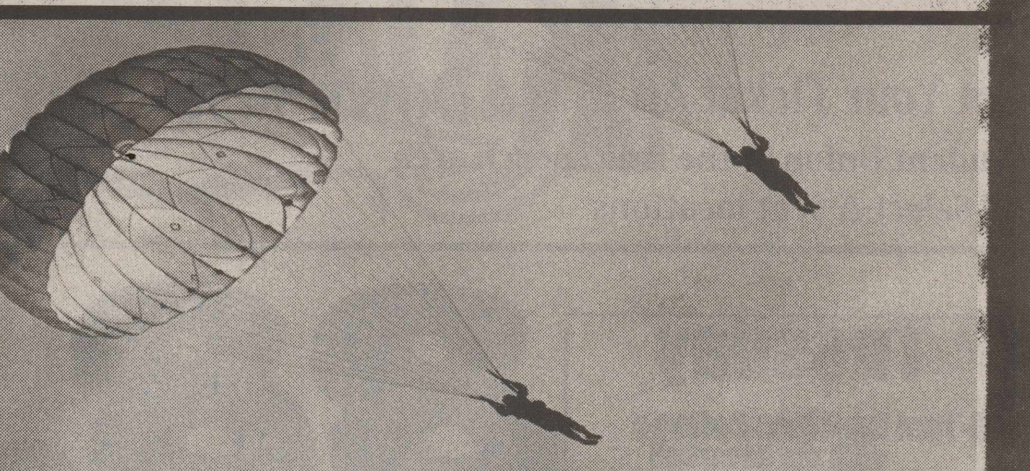


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Iraq

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of the Iraq conflict.

Most of the combat deaths and injuries in recent months have been a result of the increasing use by insurgents of sophisticated homemade bombs, responsible for the deaths of the seven Americans killed since Sunday. The military refers to those bombs as "improvised explosive devices," or IEDs.

Last Friday, an IED killed Col. William W. Wood, 44, of Panama City, Fla., an infantry battalion commander. He was promoted posthumously, making him the highest-ranking soldier killed in action in the Iraq conflict, according to the Pentagon.

"We see an adversary that continues to develop some sophistication on very deadly and increasingly precise stand-off type weapons — IEDs, in particular," Pentagon spokesman Lawrence Di Rita told reporters Monday.

The insurgents continually search for new and more effective ways to use IEDs, Di Rita said, while U.S. forces look for new ways to counter the threat.

"We're getting more intelligence that's allowing us to stop more of these things, find more of them. So we're learning from them and the enemy is learning from us, and it's going to be that way for as long as there is an insurgency," Di Rita said.

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FRESHMAN ASIA DIAZ (611) and junior Molly Evans (614), members of the Texas Tech cross country team, attempt to stay with the pack in a meet earlier this year. In Saturday's Big 12 meet in Waco, the men and women combined had three Top 10 finishers for the Raiders.

Red Raider cross country getting good mileage

By TRAVIS CRAM
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

In his first season leading the Red Raiders, coach Jon Murray said the Texas Tech cross country team only can get better after their finish in the 2005 Big 12 meet Saturday in Waco.

The men's and women's squads had three top 10 finishers between them and finished ninth and sixth as teams, respectively.

Kevin Chelimo finished fourth in the men's 8K for the Red Raiders with a time of 23:56, earning the honor of Big 12 Newcomer of the Year for his efforts. The Kenya native said he owes his success in the meet to his training.

"I was prepared for this meet," he said. "It was not as hard as others like the Chile Pepper (Invitational)."

Junior Violet Chemakwila led the way for the women in the 6K, finishing third with a time of 20:39, five seconds behind Jennifer Barringer of Colorado who placed second.

Chemakwila was joined by teammate Irene Kimaiyo, a junior from Kenya, who finished 10th with a time of 21:13. Chemakwila said she was

a little disappointed with her performance, but she realizes how much better she and the team can be going into the track season.

"I really wanted to win the Big 12," she said. "We have already begun to improve since the last season though."

All three runners were given all-conference honors for their performances. Murray said it is something for the team to be proud of after losing four of their top five runners from the women's team last year.

"To be right back in the middle of the conference in what should have been a rebuilding year was really exciting," he said.

Colorado swept the team competition, winning both titles while Buffalo's senior Christine Bolf won the individual championship for the women, and junior Benson Chesang of Kansas won in the men's race.

Both Chelimo and Chemakwila said they have been impressed with Murray's teachings and training techniques, and are excited about what he will bring to the team to make them better in the long run.

With the majority of the runners on the men's

and women's team being underclassmen, Murray said it will allow him to instill his philosophy and begin recruiting to help make this program grow.

"This group has been great," he said. "They have taken hold of the training ideas, and it's just a matter of gaining more experience and doing well at the big meets."

Tech's next big meet will be at the NCAA Mountain Region Championships Nov. 12 in Provo, Utah. Murray said some Tech runners could qualify for the NCAA Championships in Indiana later this month, but it will depend on how well they want to do in the meet, he said.

The first-year coach said he has been especially impressed with Chelimo, and for a moment last weekend thought he might be able to pull away in first place. Murray said the speed of the sport can change the outcome of a race in a split-second.

"A little bit of a side stitch can move you back from the lead into fourth place," he said. "It's that quick, and to do well in this league, you have to perform at your best every time you go out."

General manager Epstein says no thanks to Red Sox

BOSTON (AP) — Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein resigned Monday, surprising Boston and the baseball world just one year after helping the franchise win its first World Series championship since 1918.

"In my time as general manager, I gave my entire heart and soul to the organization," Epstein said in a statement. "During the process leading up to today's decision, I came to the conclu-

sion that I can no longer do so. In the end, my choice is the right one not only for me but for the Red Sox."

Epstein will continue working for a few days to assist in the transition and prepare for the offseason. *The Boston Herald*, which first reported the news on its Web site, said the Yale graduate has told associates that he might leave baseball, or at least take a year off.

The Dodgers, Phillies and Devil

Rays have GM openings, but none has a \$120 million payroll to match the one Epstein was given in Boston.

The 31-year-old Epstein was reportedly offered about \$4.5 million for a three-year extension, quadruple his previous salary. But it was still short of the \$2.5 million a year the Red Sox offered Oakland's Billy Beane in 2002 before making Epstein the youngest GM in baseball history.

Although Epstein and team president Larry Lucchino haggled over money, *The Herald* said Epstein also went through "agonizing soul-searching" over office politics and his relationship with his mentor. *The Herald* said published reports that contained inside information about their relationship, "slanted too much in Lucchino's favor," helped convince Epstein there had been a breach of trust.

Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling told

The Associated Press he was disappointed but had seen indications the move might be coming.

"You don't get better losing a guy like Theo," said Schilling, who joined the Red Sox after Epstein ate Thanksgiving dinner with him and convinced him to accept a trade from the Arizona Diamondbacks.

"It's obviously going to be an incredibly unpopular decision with the players. But we'll show up in spring training and get ready for the season and try to win another World Series. It's not like we're going to have a sit-down."

Epstein grew up only blocks from Fenway Park and worked for Lucchino with the Baltimore Orioles and San Diego Padres. A lifelong Red Sox fan, Epstein was brought to Boston to be the assistant GM and promoted to his dream job in 2002, about five weeks before his 29th birthday.

Brown grateful for 'Horn's scare in Stillwater

AUSTIN (AP) — A shaky start, a big early deficit and another big-time second half rally.

For Texas coach Mack Brown, the Longhorns' struggles against last-place Oklahoma State in the Big 12 was the "best thing" that could have happened to his team going into the final month of the regular season.

Facing a stunning 28-9 deficit on Saturday night in front of a hostile homecoming crowd in Stillwater, the Longhorns got another big game from quarterback Vince Young — 267 yards rushing, 239 passing — to rally for a 47-28 victory that kept Texas on track for the Rose Bowl.

It could have been the trap game Brown feared. It came the week Texas (8-0, 5-0) had bumped USC from No. 1 in the Bowl Championship Series ratings and came on the heels of three big wins over Oklahoma, Colorado and Texas Tech.

"It was just a weird night," Brown said Monday. "It was probably the best thing that could have happened to us, with all our fans talking about the Rose Bowl, getting tickets... You don't get rewarded if you don't have

focus. I think they sat around and watched all those Oklahoma State films and saw they'd been playing very poorly. They saw it was easy and they expected a blowout."

The 19-point win apparently cost Texas some style points in the BCS.

USC moved back to its No. 1 spot on Monday with Texas getting bumped to No. 2. And while Texas remains strongest in the computer rankings in the BCS formula, No. 3 Virginia Tech was able to gain a little ground on them in the human polls. The top teams at the end of the regular season will play in the Rose Bowl for the BCS title.

Now the challenge is to keep Texas from getting relaxed after the big comeback.

The Longhorns travel 90 miles to Waco on Saturday to play Baylor (4-4, 1-4 Big 12), whose record belies a much-improved Bears team from a year ago.

"They have to understand you don't laugh this one off and say we're fine. We have to play better," Brown said of his players. "We've got to do maybe our best coaching job of the year this week."



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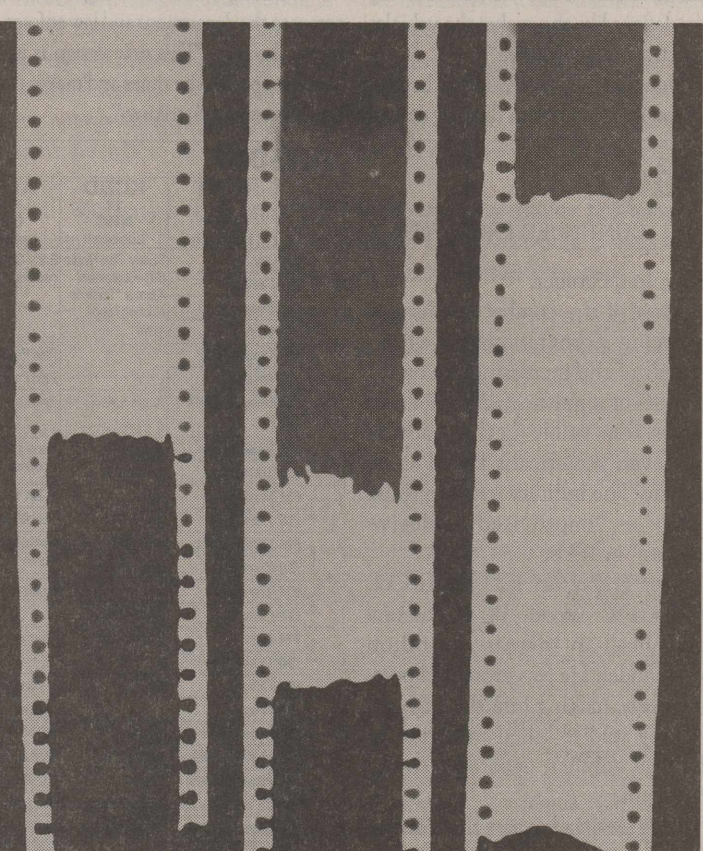
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Choose your own ending in 'Indigo Prophecy'

The trend of games borrowing elements from cinema has become more prevalent in recent years because of the advent of realistic-looking computer graphic cut scenes. I usually frown on the overuse of this type of addition to games because I think video games can carve out their own brand of storytelling using their most important feature: interactivity.

When I read "Indigo Prophecy" for PC, Xbox and PS2 was a kind of interactive movie, I was both intrigued and wary, but the game turned out to be one of the most innovative and exciting titles I've played in years.

I suppose "Indigo Prophecy" could be called an interactive movie, but this label simply doesn't do it justice. Your interaction with the game never stops, and cinema-like sequences require you to be on your toes. What this game reminded me of most were the "Choose Your Own Adventure" novels I read as a child. For those who never experienced these seminal works of literature,

BERGFELD'S RATING:
8.5/10

Video games are rated from one to 10, one being "digital feces" and 10 being "the best thing ever." Eight is considered "great."

Carlos Bergfeld



which featured topics as diverse as space vampires and kung-fu-filled trips to Oriental nations, you missed out huge.

After a few pages of reading, you were given a choice of what to do next. A poorly thought-out decision could result in immediate death, and sagacious readers were rewarded with the best of several possible endings. "Indigo Prophecy" incorporates all of these elements, but on a much more meticulous scale.

The plot of the game is one of its high points, and the deep story, good camera angles and great scenes really feel straight from a movie. The story was captivating enough to make me play it for nearly seven straight hours Saturday night rather than sleeping, which doesn't happen

often. Unsurprisingly, the game had some of the best voice-acting and soundtrack I've ever heard in a game. Only near the end does the story get kind of iffy.

You begin the game as Lucas Kane, a seemingly average 30-something year old man, who starts the plot moving by murdering a man he doesn't know in a New York City café bathroom. The catch is Kane was in a trance while doing this, and you are thrown into Kane's shoes with blood on your hands and very little time.

What you do after the murder can directly affect the rest of the game. If you leave a lot of blood behind or leave the knife in plain sight, the police will have much less trouble catching you. Interestingly,

you also control the investigators of the murder, as well as almost every other main character in the game.

You spend most of your time as Kane or the two detectives on the case, Carla Valenti and Tyler Miles. Playing as Kane is definitely the most interesting and most fun.

You have to care about playing other characters is to keep your mental health in check. This your main concern while playing the game. A meter displays whether you're neutral, stressed, wrecked or in some other state of depression.

You can't just blow off the case and leave evidence unanalyzed or the detective characters will be stressed, but you can't be completely careless as Kane either. Being negligent with your character's mental health can result in suicide.

This means that you'll probably have to go easy on Kane sometimes while playing as Valenti or Miles, as Kane is the most prone to stressing out (seeing as he killed someone and is a fugitive). The game's story is good enough that you'll actually

want your characters to do well, even without the threat of depression.

The game uses a very different control scheme during action sequences that lets you perform vital moves without messing with the game's somewhat clunky exploration controls. Two circles appear onscreen, each corresponding to one of the controller's analog joysticks. The circles are colored and broken up into top, bottom, left and right sections.

What you are required to do during sections where this comes up is kind of like playing with a "Simon" toy. After a section lights up, you have to move the corresponding analog stick in the right direction to be successful. This control scheme is used in many situations - everything from throwing punches and kicks as Kane to having a friendly basketball game with a coworker as Miles.

Usually, several sections light up in succession, and the only problem with this occurs because of the circles' positioning on the screen.

The circles are right in the middle of the action, and the background colors can sometimes blend with the different colors and make pressing the right direction more difficult than it really is. Other sections have you alternately tap the shoulder buttons on a controller as fast as you can, and all of these mechanisms give these parts of the game a frantic arcade feel.

The combination of adventure and action elements in "Indigo Prophecy" comes together beautifully. Poor exploration controls, troublesome camera angles and relatively short playtime (I beat it in about seven hours) are the biggest issues in this game, although these are relatively minor.

All in all, this game merits a play through by anyone looking for something different in their games than the usual overlaid themes.

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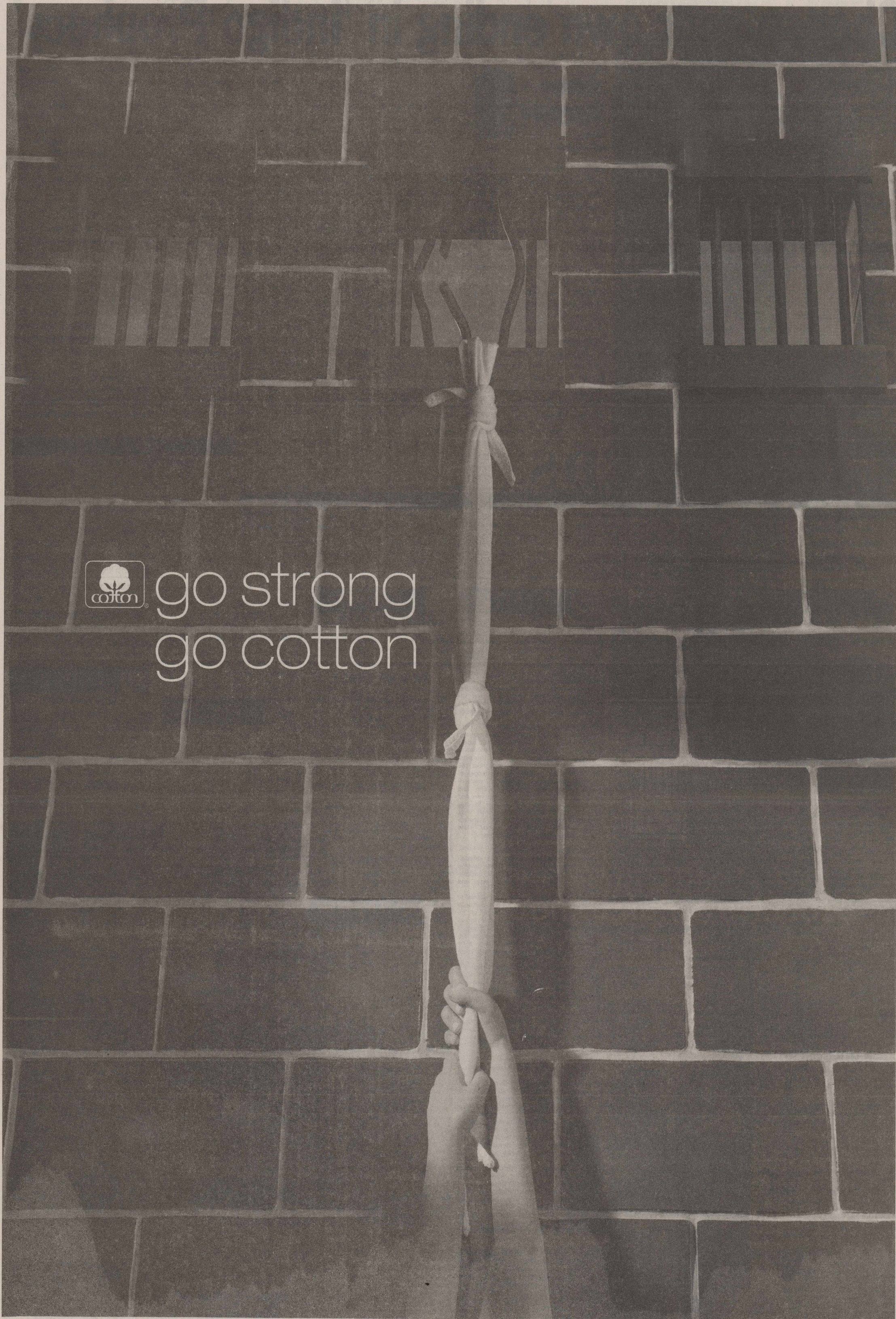
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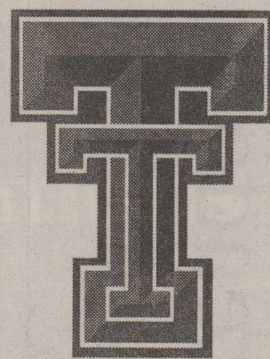
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