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Two killed when small plane hits wire, crashes

SPRING (AP) — A small plane attempting to land at a regional airport Sunday hit power lines then smashed into two cars on a nearby road, killing a man and young boy on the plane and injuring a person in one of the cars, authorities said.

Roland Herwig, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration, said the plane was inbound to David Wayne Hooks Airport just northeast of Houston when it crashed just before 8 a.m.

Initial reports were that the plane hit one car, but Lauren Peduzzi, a spokeswoman for the National Transportation Safety Board, said later Sunday afternoon that the plane hit two vehicles.

The FAA's aircraft registry said the 7-year-old Piper PA-34 Seneca was registered to Victor Zurcher, of Hampshire, Ill. When reached by phone on Sunday, Zurcher said he sold the plane last month. Zurcher said he did not remember the name of the buyer.

Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Tom Vinger said ages and identities of the two people on the plane weren't immediately available, but he did say they were a man and a boy.

NATION

At least 22 dead after Ind., Ky. tornado

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (AP) — A tornado tore across western Kentucky and Indiana early Sunday, killing at least 22 people as it cut through a mobile home park and obliterated trailers and houses as residents slept.

The tornado, estimated to have winds of at least 158 mph, hit a horse track near Henderson, Ky., then jumped the Ohio River into Indiana around 2 a.m.

"It was just a real loud roar. It didn't seem like it lasted over 45 seconds to a minute, then it was calm again," said Steve Gaiser, who lives near the Eastbrook Mobile Home Park in Evansville.

At least 17 people were killed in the mobile home park, according to Eric Williams of the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department.

More people were believed to still be trapped in the debris, and National Guard units were called in to help with search-and-recovery efforts. At least 200 people were injured during the storm.

Rescuers on the scene since 2 a.m. reported seeing children wandering the area looking for their parents.

WORLD

Cruise ship attack shows pirate boldness

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — The violent attack on a cruise liner off Somalia's coast shows pirates from the anarchic country on the Horn of Africa are becoming bolder and more ambitious in their efforts to hijack ships for ransom and loot, a maritime official warned Sunday.

Judging by the location of Saturday's attack, the pirates were likely from the same group that hijacked a U.N.-chartered aid ship in June and held its crew and food cargo hostage for 100 days, said Andrew Mwangura, head of the Kenyan chapter of the Seafarers Assistance Program.

That gang is one of three well-organized pirate groups on the 1,880-mile coast of Somalia, which has had no effective government since opposition leaders ousted a dictatorship in 1991 and then turned on each other, leaving the nation of 7 million a patchwork of warlord fiefdoms.

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Manhunt continues for escaped killer

By JUAN A. LOZANO
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HOUSTON (AP) — Convicted killer Charles Victor Thompson remained at large three days after escaping from jail, but the U.S. Marshals Service said Sunday it had gotten some valuable tips to pursue about his whereabouts.

"We have been getting many calls," said Marianne Matus, a Marshals spokeswoman in Houston. "Some have not been panning

out, but we have had some very credible leads."

Thompson, 35, fled the Harris County Jail late Thursday, using a smuggled set of clothes and a fake identification badge to get past the guards.

Harris County Sheriff's Department spokesman Lt. John Martin said Friday that Thompson's escape resulted from "multiple errors" by jail personnel.

Thompson was convicted in 1999 for the shooting deaths a year earlier of his

ex-girlfriend, Dennise Hayslip, 39, of Tomball, and her new boyfriend, Darren Keith Cain, 30, of nearby Spring.

The U.S. Marshals Service is offering a \$10,000 reward for Thompson's capture and has designated him a federal fugitive in order to use its resources to find him.

"That was just an extra precaution

because of the seriousness of his crime," Matus said.

Matus said the search was being handled by the Gulf Coast Task Force, a consortium of law enforcement agencies formed in 1993. The U.S. Marshals Service coordinates the group, which also includes the Harris County and Galveston County Sheriff's Departments, the Houston and Pasadena Police Departments and the Texas Criminal Justice



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Aggie defense fades in second half as Red Raiders turn a close game into a shellacking.



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TAUREAN HENDERSON SCORES a touchdown untouched during the second half of Texas Tech's game against Texas A&M Saturday at Jones SBC Stadium. Henderson finished with four touchdowns and 109 yards on 20 carries in the game. With his fourth touchdown, he became third on the list of most career points scored by a non-kicker in NCAA history.

Violence near UT campus causing worries

AUSTIN (AP) — A string of violent incidents around the University of Texas has sparked student fears and prompted city police to work more closely with university law enforcement, authorities said.

There have been two homicides in the West Campus neighborhood since August, and a multiple stabbing in October injured five people at a student apartment in another area.

Police records show violent crime has actually declined in West Campus since 2002, and authorities have pointed out that both murders were not random. But many students and their parents are still afraid.

"There's a huge concern about (student safety) now," said UT student government president Omar Ochoa.

UT senior Amanda Ellison said she has seen students move out of three West Campus apartments, adding that many felt threatened not only by the violence but also by other recent incidents.

"I know lots of people who have gotten their cars broken into," Ellison told the Austin American-Statesman in Sunday's editions. "With all the construction, there are fewer lights now and lots more places to hide."

There has been an arrest in one of the homicides.

UT junior Colton Pitonyak, 22, has been charged with the murder of acquaintance Jennifer Cave, 21, whose body was found Aug. 18. Austin Police Chief Stan Knee said there is evidence that the second homicide victim, William "Trey" Ehrhardt III, also knew his assailants.

Ehrhardt, 22, died Nov. 1 after authorities found him fatally shot in his apartment. Officers were responding to the UT student's 911 call reporting an attempted break-in.

Knee said city authorities were working to address safety concerns by communicating more efficiently with campus police.

Under the current system, for example, university law enforcement does not respond to calls outside of their jurisdiction or even

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New NCAA proposal would reward athletes' good grades

By JAY LANGLEY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The National Collegiate Athletic Association is proposing a \$10 million package as part of a new incentive plan for recognizing academic excellence among Division I student-athletes.

According to the NCAA Web site, the incentives proposed by the NCAA Committee on Academic Performance would include awards for absolute performance, such as a public recognition program and rewards for team achievement. Awards also would be given for academic improvements, such as improvement over time by a specific team,

and academic improvement grants and academic support partnerships to assist institutions struggling academically.

Texas Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers said he favors the proposed incentives.

"I think it is a good idea," he said. "I don't know much about it yet, but from what I know it seems to make a lot of sense."

The plan would give up to \$100,000 to schools whose athletes do well academically.

Myers said the plan would benefit smaller schools.

"At Tech, we have the funding to pay for things such as tutors for

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POOCH IN PERIL



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ZACH KILBORN, A junior biology major from Midland, swings a stuffed collie to represent Texas A&M's mascot "Reveille" during the Texas Tech-A&M game Saturday at Jones SBC Stadium.

IN THE PAINT



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SOME OF THE most spirited of Texas Tech's 55,755 fans cheer on the Red Raider football team Saturday evening as it took on Texas A&M. Tech won the game 56-17.

White House briefing book makes the case that Alito is mainstream

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito's opinions on abortion, discrimination and other contentious issues are the work of a mainstream jurist, not the ideologue depicted by critics, the White House argues in a voluminous briefing book meant for Republican senators.

Alito's dissent in a 1991 abortion ruling showed "concern for the safety of women," the material says. By approving a requirement for spousal notification, he "reflected the position advanced by the Democratic governor of Pennsylvania."

A 1996 dissent in a sex discrimination case in which Alito sided with the employer shows he "simply questioned the wisdom of a 'blanket rule'" on dismissing such complaints before trial, in the White House view.

Bush nominated Alito, a judge on the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, to succeed retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Confirmation hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee are scheduled to begin Jan. 9.

O'Connor often has cast the swing vote on 5-4 rulings on abortion and other issues, highlighting the importance of Alito's nomination for conservative groups eager to usher in a new era at the court and for liberals who charge Alito would push it sharply to the right.

The White House compilation systematically lays out anticipated criticism of Alito on abortion, free speech, civil rights, religious liberties and other topics, then counters them in language that senators or other supporters might use in public. The bulk of the material is made up of legal citations.

Administration aides distributed their research to senior Republican aides on the Judiciary Committee in a White House meeting within hours of Alito's appointment on Oct. 31.

Many of the same committee aides strongly opposed Harriet Miers' nomination to the court, and the

White House was forced to spend hours trying to prevent their views from coloring the impressions of GOP senators. Miers, the White House counsel, withdrew her nomination 10 days ago, leading to Alito's nomination.

The Associated Press obtained a copy of the "Judge Samuel A. Alito Briefing Binder," which runs roughly 600 pages.

In the case most frequently cited by critics who say he would roll back abortion rights, Alito is described as mindful of the trouble his view could cause women who seek abortions despite their husbands' objections.

"The plight of any women, no matter how few, who may suffer physical abuse or other harm as a result of this provision is a matter of grave concern," he wrote in his dissent.

Even so, he supported the requirement, arguing that whether the state legislature's approach was sound policy "is not a question for us to decide."

State-by-state battles likely if Supreme Court reverses landmark abortion ruling

NEW YORK (AP) — Undoubtedly, there would be tumult — likely roiling every statehouse in the nation. Beyond that, little is certain about what would unfold if the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, the divisive 1973 decision establishing a woman's right to have an abortion.

Reversal remains only a hypothesis for now, yet both sides in the abortion debate are discussing the demise of Roe as an increasingly serious possibility. President Bush's nomination of conservative Samuel Alito to replace moderate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor heightens the prospect of tighter restrictions on abortion, and another vacancy could occur any time that might tip the balance on Roe itself.

Roe's reversal would not outlaw abortion nationwide; the issue would revert to the states, with patchwork consequences. Some states would likely ban almost all abortions, others would allow them to continue unfettered, and a middle group might impose restrictions that would make abortions harder to obtain.

If the pre-Roe past is any guide, affluent women in states with bans would likely find ways to have safe abortions, either traveling to a no-ban state or hiring a doctor willing to flout the law. Abortion-rights activists say poor women would have fewer recourses; some might resort to using cheap, widely available abortion-inducing medicines that didn't exist before Roe.

What an appalling thought — American women reduced to going outside the health care system and acting like they're in a Third World country," said Dr. Wendy

Chavkin, a Columbia University professor who chairs Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health.

The political consequences of Roe's reversal would be complex — and perhaps awkward for some Republicans. Roe has been a longtime target of conservative candidates and advocacy groups; its disappearance would shift the battleground to state legislatures where the actual banning of abortion might trouble some swing voters.

"I'm sure there are some Republicans who'd prefer not to deal with it," said Bill Saunders, a bioethics expert with the conservative Family Research Council. "Sometimes politicians like to slough off issues to Supreme Court, and criticize the court and not have to deal with it themselves."

Some anti-abortion groups seek to minimize the immediate impact of Roe's reversal, suggesting that abortion initially would remain legal in all but six or seven states with pre-Roe bans still on the books.

In contrast, the Center for Reproductive Rights says abortion access would be at high risk in 21 states, notably in the Southeast and Great Plains.

The center's president, Nancy Northup, noted that South Dakota lawmakers passed a bill this year that would automatically outlaw most abortions if Roe were overturned.

In some heartland states, however, moves to ban abortion could trigger political free-for-alls.

"I don't know what's going to happen — except it's going to get ugly," said Susan Hays, a Dallas attorney who has defended abortion rights in Texas courts.

Peter Brownlie, executive director of a Planned Parenthood branch serving Kansas and Missouri, said most voters even in those conservative states support some abortion rights.

"It's interesting to speculate what kind of backlash might occur if Roe were overturned," Brownlie said. "I suspect a lot of people who've been on the sidelines would bring pressure on their political representatives not to take draconian steps."

"You could call it a patchwork, but it's democracy in action," said attorney Clarke Forsythe of Americans United for Life. "The two or three or four sides of the issue would duke it out, and at the end of the day the legislature votes. Public opinion would be better

reflected in public policy."

Forsythe predicts that only a few states would ban most abortions or allow them virtually unrestricted. The rest, he said, would form a middle ground, imposing restrictions that would reduce U.S. abortions from the current level of nearly 1.3 million annually.

Restrictions might include banning abortions after the first trimester, narrowing the grounds on which women can get late-term abortions for health reasons, and tightening parental-involvement laws that many states already use to curtail minors' abortions.

Some anti-abortion activists aren't clamoring for reversal of Roe because of the probability that many states — including New York and California — would still allow abortions. Hard-liners instead want a federal Human Life Amendment criminalizing all abortions; such a measure would need two-thirds support in the House and Senate, then ratification by 38 state legislatures.

"That's not a realistic scenario," Forsythe said.

Although abortion-rights leaders believe most women would retain access to abortions after Roe's reversal, they worry that new bans and laws would dangerously narrow the options for poor women and teenage girls. "We'd return to women being maimed and killed by resorting to self-abortion and illegal abortion," Brownlie said.

Chavkin, the Columbia professor, said the so-called back-alley abortions of the pre-Roe era might be replaced by self-performed abortions using the readily available drug misoprostol.

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Teens enter digital age; report shows 57 percent create Web content

By **CARLOS BERGFELD**
STAFF WRITER

Need to set up a Web page? Ask a teenager.

The stereotype of teenagers' knowledge of all things technological surpassing that of adults has been proven true in the area of online content creation.

A report released last week by the Pew Internet and American Life Project found more than half of teenagers from ages 12-17 who use the Internet also are content-creators.

"I think we're going to be looking at a generation that's certainly more sophisticated about using blogs and using the Internet," said Ed Youngblood, an assistant professor of electronic media and communications.

Teens counted as content-creators in the survey had created a blog or Web site, shared original content online or remixed online content into an original work.

Of the 57 percent of teens who create content online, 19 percent keep blogs and 38 percent read them. In comparison, 7 percent of online adults have blogs and 27 percent read them, according to statistics from a Pew project earlier

this year.

"I think for some people, that's going to be (because of) an addiction to writing," Youngblood said.

Many blogs are essentially 'online, public journals. The readers of the blogs are often the teens' friends and online acquaintances, creating a type of online community.

"I read everyone's (blog), and I'll comment and stuff, but I rarely even check my own site anymore," said Brent Hix, a freshman public relations major from Canyon.

Though no longer a teen, Hix's activities are consistent with the greater percentage of youth who read blogs than those who keep them.

Teenagers' use and acceptance of blogs may change the standard by which reputable news becomes judged.

"I think people in general may be less inclined to distrust blogs than say people in their 40s now," Youngblood said.

Whether this is good or bad will be hard to say, he said, as blogs have become both a blessing and a bane for legitimate news seekers.

Technology-focused sites like

www.Slashdot.org and www.Gizmodo.com offer something different than mainstream news sources, and both are essentially blogs.

If teenagers take their blogging habits with them when they grow older and blogs do become more widespread news sources, a challenge for the generation will be educating people on how to evaluate these sources, Youngblood said.

People will have to learn to discern which blogs deserve respect as true news sources based on the quality of their content, much in the way the public has assigned certain levels of credibility to printed publications like the *Wall Street Journal* or supermarket tabloids like *Weekly World News*.

"Both of them are perfectly capable of lying, but one is far less likely to," Youngblood said.

The report also found a dichotomy between blogging activities when comparing the sexes.

Female teens ages 15-17 were the most likely group to keep blogs, with 25 percent of online girls in this age bracket doing so. In comparison, 15 percent of online teen

males in this range keep blogs.

"Girls tend to be more verbal earlier than boys, although boys tend to catch up later in college," said Rebecca Rickly, an associate professor of English and a member of the Women's Studies department.

The stereotype of diary-keeping being a more female-oriented activity may influence both sexes' use of blogs.

Societal pressures also may play a role in driving young females to an outlet for their thoughts and feelings.

"There's a lot of research about girls kind of losing a voice when they become an adolescent," Rickly said.

Online blogs let young females find a persona and a voice online,

perhaps in contrast to existing personal or general labels.

Rickly said this disparity could be shown with a simple Web search. Type in "girls" as a search parameter, and most search engines will yield links to porn sites. Replace "girls" with "grrls" — an empowering label introduced by women — and the search engine shows links to female blogs.

If used as a diary or journal, blogs give an interesting dynamic to young women looking for an outlet, Rickly said.

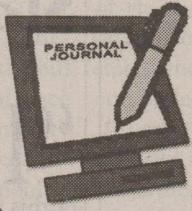
"It's personal, but I put it out there for everyone to consume," she said.

The report used numbers from the Pew project's Parents and Teens 2004 Survey by telephone of 1,100 U.S. teens and their parents.

OTHER FINDINGS

The report also found that: 22 percent of the teens surveyed keep their own personal Web page. 19 percent of the teens created their own blogs, which comes out to approximately 4 million people. 51 percent of online teens said they download music files from the Internet, compared with 18 percent of adults. Nearly one-third of online teens said they download video files to their computers, while 14 percent of adults reported the same. When questioned about the statement, "Music downloading and file-sharing is so easy to do, it's unrealistic to expect people not to do it," 75 percent of the teens surveyed agreed.

Source: Pew Internet and American Life Project



Ku Klux Klan demonstrate over Prop. 2

AUSTIN (AP) — A showdown over a proposed state constitutional ban of same-sex marriage pitted a small Ku Klux Klan group Saturday against a massive rally by opponents.

Only about a dozen members of the American White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan appeared at Austin City Hall for the group's "pro-family values" rally. None wore the traditional hoods or robes of the white supremacist group. Some displayed Confederate flag symbols.

"Let's meet their hate with love and understanding," Glen Maxey, an openly gay former legislator and a leader of the counter demonstration, told hundreds of opponents as they marched toward the Klan event.

At issue was Proposition 2, a proposed constitutional amendment on Tuesday's election ballot stating that marriage in Texas is only between a man and a woman.

"We're asking Texans to support Proposition 2 because God supports it, not because the KKK supports it," said Steven Edwards, the grand dragon of the Klan group.

Maxey, director of No Nonsense in November, an anti-Prop 2 campaign organization, said Tuesday's vote is important, but changing Texans' minds about discrimination is more important.

An estimated 3,000 protesters showed up during the Klan event, said Austin Police Department spokeswoman Toni Chovanetz. Two people were arrested. One was carrying a club and causing a disturbance, and another was arrested on outstanding warrants, Chovanetz said.

The city blocked off several streets to keep members of the

public at least a block away from the Klan in all directions. A contingent of 200 police officers — some wearing riot gear and at least one toting a rifle — stood along police barricades and patrolled the area.

Many anti-Klan demonstrators carried yellow daisies, sang peace songs and chanted anti-Klan slogans. Some held banners or signs that said, "Vote Against Bigotry," "Vote Against the Klan" and "Killers, Kowards, Kooks Go Away."

Some social conservatives who are actively supporting Proposition 2 made it clear they weren't associated with the Klan event.

The Anti-Defamation League issued a statement saying it "hopes all Texans will understand the significance of an organization with a history of hatred and bigotry supporting a discriminatory amendment."

Austin Mayor Will Wynn and other city leaders had declared Saturday a "day of tolerance" and urged that citizens stay away from the Klan and do community work instead.

But many came to speak their minds and get a glimpse of a faction of the white supremacist group that got its start in Texas in the 1860s.

Ronda Swain, 25, said she was curious because she'd heard her mother speak of segregation and violence toward blacks when her mother was growing up in North Carolina. She spoke by cell phone with her mother, Rose Horton of Austin, describing the Klan scene to her.

"It's, like, making it real for me that these people really still exist," Swain said.

Bush orders White House staff to review ethics rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, reacting to the indictment of a high-level White House aide in the CIA leak case, has ordered his staff to get a refresher on ethics rules.

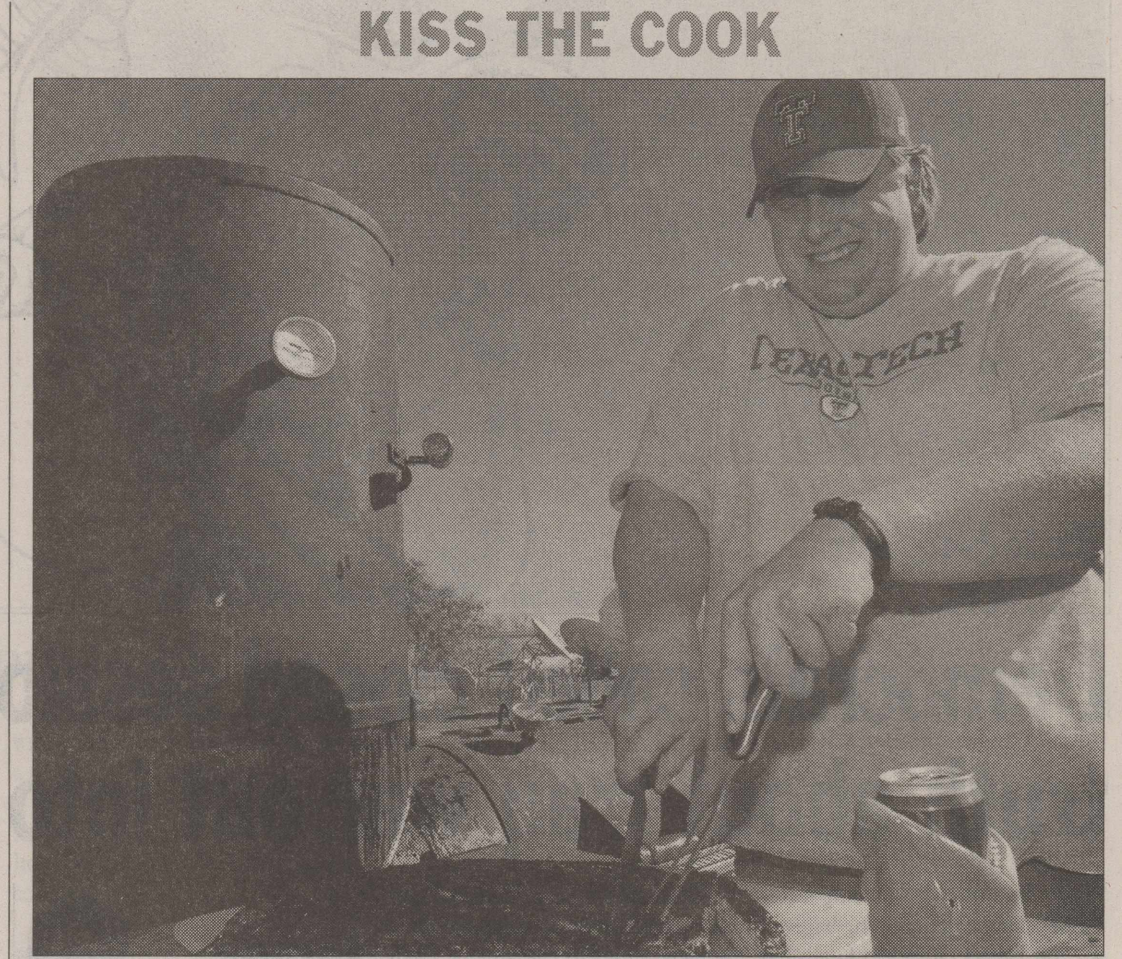
In a memo sent to all White House aides on Friday, the counsel's office said it will hold briefings next week on ethics, with a particular focus on the rules governing the handling of classified information. Attendance is mandatory for anyone holding any level of security clearance.

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JEROME ALEXANDER, A graduate student from Midland studying physical therapy, cuts up his pork ribs while tailgating with friends in the tailgating area west of the United Spirit Arena Saturday afternoon.

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Democrats called closed session to bring truth about Iraq war out into the open

After months of being a Republican punching bag, the Democratic Party finally has given its rival a good hard one right in the face. The GOP is bewildered, angry and most of all embarrassed that the Democrats are stepping up and calling them out.

Tuesday, in the midst of debating a budget bill, Democratic Minority Leader Sen. Harry Reid invoked the rarely used Rule 21, forcing the Senate into a closed session. All cameras were turned off, everyone who was not a senator had to leave the chamber and the lights were dimmed (for dramatic effect, I guess).

The Democrats are boldly asking to find out the truth, and rather than nobly joining in that effort, the Republicans are getting pissy.

The U.S. Senate was left alone for three and a half hours to discuss intelligence findings leading up to the war in Iraq. The Republicans were furious.

To understand what drove the Democrats to such drastic action, a little background information is necessary. As we all know, Saddam Hussein did not have weapons of mass destruction despite what the president and his team said.

When Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld confidently spoke about WMDs being "in the area of Tikrit and Baghdad," he was not speaking the truth. When then Secretary of State Colin Powell presented the U.S. case to the United Nations, he offered inaccurate information.

When President Bush said in his 2003 State of the Union address, "Saddam Hussein recently sought significant quantities of uranium from Africa," he was neglecting a report he received stating Saddam actually had not tried to purchase nuclear material from Niger.

The campaign leading us to war was fueled by false information.

After it came out the reasons for us invading Iraq were untrue, we needed to know why the intelligence errors had occurred. The Senate Committee on Intelligence, led by chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kan., and vice-chairman Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., began an investigation in June of 2003.

Phase one of the report was released in July 2004. It detailed the many incorrect statements made by President Bush and other White House officials about Iraq and al-Qaida. The report concluded there were many failures in U.S. intelligence, including a lack of good inside sources within Iraq and analysts being improperly supervised.

The committee said a second phase of the report was to follow shortly with information about whether the Bush administration intentionally misled the public to gain support for the war.

Senator Roberts said phase two

James Hershberger



was a priority he was committed to completing.

Yet by March 2005, the report was still not finished, and Roberts told reporters it was "on the backburner." Rockefeller was upset by what Roberts said and asked that his commitment be fulfilled and the report be finished.

Last week, with the report being 20 months overdue, the Democrats had enough of Republican procrastination and excuses. Reid ambushed the Senate with the call for a closed session where the Democrats demanded to know what the intelligence committee had done.

The Senate left the session having established a panel of three Democrats and three Republicans with the purpose of conducting a progress check on the report and relaying the information to the Senate by Nov. 14.

The Republicans were enraged by the surprise and derided it as a political stunt. Democrats called it a win for the American people.

It is increasingly clear that the president and his White House are hiding something from the public and their Republican cohorts in Congress are trying to keep whatever it on the down low.

Though the voters of the United

States awarded the president's blunders with re-election, the Democrats in Congress are fighting to find out if the war that has left more than 2,000 American soldiers dead was necessary.

They are demanding to know why members of the administration spoke with confidence about matters that did not warrant confidence.

It's possible the war in Iraq, which was planned before the Sept. 11th attacks occurred, was sold to us using information the White House knew was faulty. The Democrats in Congress are boldly asking to find out the truth and, rather than nobly joining in that effort, the Republicans are getting pissy.

About this time last year, I said Bush's backing depended on which portrayal of him more people believed. If the majority bought into the damning evidence about corruption in his ranks, then they would vehemently oppose him.

If they favored the portrait of a heroic president who takes a hard-line approach to terrorism, then they would ardently support him. With his approval rating falling to 35 percent, it seems more people are beginning to believe he's in over his head.

Whether you think Bush makes Nixon look like a saint or believe he's the victim of a liberal smear campaign, thanks to Senate Democrats, the truth about what he knew will soon be in the light and in the headlines.

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GUEST COLUMN

Amendment outlawing gay marriage is an attack on civil rights, American freedom

By **LANE POWELL**
GUEST COLUMNIST

Most Texans appear to be very respectful and loyal to the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the U.S. Constitution. But have they really thought about what they are supporting?

When gay or lesbian couples want to have their commitments legally recognized... they are excluded from doing so.

Pledge of Allegiance: "... with liberty and justice for all."

U.S. Constitution: "... all men (i.e. persons) are created equal and

endowed with certain inalienable rights: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Now apply these concepts to the hastily constructed Proposition 2, which, if passed, will amend the Texas constitution to define legal marriage as only between one man and one woman, and will not consider any other arrangement as a legal union.

Will this proposition affirm or protect the legal rights of all people (including children raised in non-legal families)?

Will this amendment support the inalienable right of everyone — regardless of sexual orientation, race or religion — to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?

Or is it protecting only heterosexual privilege to enter into one relationship? What if you divorce and want to enter into a second or third marriage?

The main argument for passing this amendment is that it will protect

marriage from "those people" and will affirm "our God-given rights."

Persons who argue in favor of the amendment contend that allowing two consenting persons of the same sex to legally marry will weaken the institution of marriage.

Doesn't the high divorce rate weaken the institution of marriage? What about the increasing numbers of people who choose to cohabit instead of marry?

It also is curious that one of the frequent arguments against homosexual rights is that gay people are promiscuous and don't know how to commit to a relationship.

Yet when gay or lesbian couples want to have their commitments legally recognized and their relationships affirmed, they are excluded from doing so.

It is the same argument used by segregationists in the '40s and '50s to exclude blacks from business establishments (like laundromats and restaurants) and

community events (like fairs or even the zoo).

Segregationists argued blacks were dirty, uneducated and ill-bred and integration would "mongrelize" our society.

So the so-called Jim Crow laws excluded blacks from the very places where they might be able to better themselves and become more acceptable by society.

The Jim Crow laws were eventually struck down as unconstitutional, and our society has benefited from the contributions of many black people. So are all people created equal and endowed with certain inalienable rights, or it is only some people?

Your vote this week will decide about Texas.

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Just friends: Keep stalkers off your blog

"I went to my first party tonight. I got reaaaally (sic) drunk and had a bunch of this powder from a guy they all called "teh (sic) Crystal Queen." I'm glad everybody was asleep when I got home... I'm sure I look like crap and my parents would like totally go otu (sic) of control. Just gonna finish this update and go to sleep... if I can... my heart feels like it's gonna beat out of my chest."

To some of you, this may look familiar. Emo kids spilling their guts in misspelled words and poor grammar to the biggest audience known to the world today: the Internet.

Sometimes it's more than that, but other times, the entries are barely considered substantial. Blogging is a new phenomenon that has sprung up during the past few years.

A blog is an online journal. Many people find an outlet on the Internet because it's cheap, easy and often an effective way to get feedback on your problems. Why pay a therapist to discuss the feelings you have or don't have about your boyfriend or girlfriend?

Don't bother. There are hundreds of people you'll meet on your online adventure who will give you their nickel's worth of daily advice.

Most people who blog want to tell everybody their feelings. They'll say their deepest, darkest secrets out loud.

Well, I guess as dark a secret as a 10-year-old girl can have. It's like they get off on telling the world, "I feel this way, and you should care!" Some people do, some people don't and some just tell you to screw off.

So, what do we "bloggers" talk about when we blog? I mean ... what the hell is there to talk about in a mundane life such as my own (or one like mine)? That's the beauty of it.

I can write 1,000 words about nothing (similar to one of my columns), and people will eat it right up.

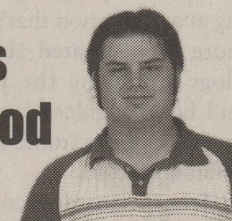
Whether I'm talking about how my cat just attached itself to my head, my friend's relationship problems or my own inability to commit to a secure and loving relationship, my avid readers will eat it right up, sometimes checking several times a day to see if I've updated again.

They pounce on every opportunity to leave me a message about how I was stupid, or how they became incredibly stoned and had barely protected sex the night before as well.

Little things like these bring bloggers together to form a community.

Something that has become a problem with the Internet is people being stupid and giving out all of their personal information, which

Chris Atwood



leads to an abduction or something to that effect.

Hell, I was one of those people who gave out my information, but I guess nobody ever cared enough about me to want to kidnap me.

OK, enough about me not being special, because there are actually quite a few Internet abductions that are made possible by teenagers and their blogs.

My blog used to say names, where I went to school, the general area that I lived in ... when I got a car, of course I posted all about it (including color, make, model and year). I'm not the only one to ever make this mistake.

Abductions become possible because the information takes all the guesswork out of the crime: there's a picture, location, favorite places, friend's photos — what else could a kidnapper want?

The biggest surprise to me was that I never really knew who was reading my blog.

You may be asking yourself, "What exactly is too much information, and am I giving some sicko the ability to stalk me?" Well, that depends on who can read your journal.

If you use the "friends only" function on your journal (like it implies, only your friends or people you know can read your journal), it's like using a big shield against the whackos.

You define who can see your journal and your entries, and not just any Joe Blow child molester off the street can read my journal, see my nude photos or listen to how much I want to beat somebody with a broken table leg.

If everybody can see where you live, hang out or maybe photos of you doing indescribable things, however, you may have a problem.

So, I leave you with this: Guard your carnal treasures from potential Internet stalkers. Spill your guts however you want — whether today you've chosen to express yourself through a monologue from the made-for-TV movie "Sybil," through song or maybe just by using your own personal sign language.

Kids, if you must blog (and I do condone and encourage this), "friends only" is the way to keep it because it can save your ass.

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athletes," he said. "But there are a lot of small institutions that don't have the money. This would reward schools and provide them with a little help."

Myers said Tech historically has a high success rate among student-athletes.

"The graduation rate among student-athletes at Tech is about 65 percent," Myers said.

The 65 percent, Myers said, does not take into account the athletes who transfer or decide college is not for them.

"Of the athletes that stay at Tech for a full four years, the graduation rate is somewhere near 85 percent," he said.

For institutions to be eligible for aid, the proposals require student-athletes to complete at least one year of study at their college or university and earn a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.3.

Myers said people do not understand how hard student-athletes have to work.

"They practice and work out about 20 hours a week," he said. "So they have to do all of this physical work and go to school. And sometimes with tournaments they are out of town for days at a time."

Red Raider basketball player Damir Suljagic, a sophomore psychology major, said balancing basketball and school

is hard.

"It is definitely a challenge," he said. "It is about having the right attitude."

Suljagic said coach Bob Knight is strict with his players about academics. "Coach is a big academic guy," he said. "He wants you to be successful on and off the court."

Knight, Suljagic said, teaches his players the same principles on the court and in the classroom.

"It is the same mentality," Suljagic said. "Whether on the basketball court

or in the classroom, you have to have passion, desire and you have to pay attention to detail."

Suljagic, who had a 3.2 grade point average last semester, said balancing basketball and school is about time management.

"You have to manage your time well," he said. "For example on road trips you have to study on the bus and in the hotel rooms."

Suljagic said his Tech professors are cooperative and understanding when he has to miss classes for long periods of time.

"As long as you let them know ahead of time, they are cool about it," he said. "They know as student-athletes, there are times we will have to miss class."

Myers said schools will have the power to decide how the money is distributed if the proposed plan is enacted.

"It is based on need," he said. "The schools can distribute the money however they want as long as it benefits the athletes academically."

employee and Campus Services at UT, said she did not yet know if changes would be made to jurisdictions but added that campus security representatives had been meeting with Austin police.

The university has also recently added an associate vice president for safety and security position, which will oversee campus police, parking and transportation, and environmental health and safety issues.

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Vehicles torched as France riots enter 10th night

PARIS (AP) — French President Jacques Chirac on Sunday promised arrests, trials and punishment for those sowing "violence or fear" across France — as the urban unrest that has triggered attacks on vehicles, nursery schools and other targets hit central Paris for the first time.

Youths set ablaze nearly 1,300 vehicles and torched businesses, schools and symbols of French authority, including post offices and provincial police stations, on the 10th consecutive night of unrest.

The violence took another alarming turn with attacks in the well-guarded French capital. Police said 35 cars were torched, most on the city's northern and southern edges.

In central Paris, gasoline bombs damaged three cars near Place de la Republique. Residents reported a loud explosion and flames.

"We were very afraid," said

Annie Partouche, 55, who watched the cars burning from her apartment window. "We were afraid to leave the building."

Chirac spoke after a security meeting of his top ministers.

"The law must have the last word," Chirac said in his first public address on the violence. Those sowing "violence or fear" will be "arrested, judged and punished."

"The absolute priority is restoring security and public order," he said. He said security measures would be reinforced.

The French president had faced criticism from opposition politicians for not publicly speaking about France's worst civil unrest in more than a decade. His only previous comments came through a spokesman.

From an outburst of anger in suburban Paris housing projects, the violence has fanned out into a nationwide show of disdain for French

authority from youths and minorities, most French-born children of Arab and black Africans angered by years of unequal opportunities.

Arsonists burned 1,295 vehicles nationwide overnight Saturday-Sunday — sharply up from 897 the night before, national police spokesman Patrick Hamon said, adding that police made 349 arrests nationwide.

For a second night, a helicopter equipped with spotlights and video cameras to track bands of marauding youths combed Paris suburbs and small teams of police chased rioters speeding from attack to attack in cars and on motorbikes.

"What we notice is that the bands of youths are, little by little, getting more organized," arranging attacks through cell phone text messages and learning how to make gasoline bombs, Hamon said.

Police also found a gasoline bomb-making factory in a derelict building in Evry south of Paris, with more

than 100 bottles ready to be turned into bombs, another 50 already prepared, as well as fuel stocks and hoods for hiding rioters' faces, senior Justice Ministry official Jean-Marie Huet told *The Associated Press*. Police arrested six people, all under 18.

The discovery Saturday night, he said, shows that gasoline bombs "are not being improvised by kids in their bathrooms."

Police said copycat attacks are fanning the unrest but had no evidence of separate gangs coordinating. Officials said older youths, many already with police records, appear to be teaching younger teens arson techniques.

Unrest extended west to Normandy and south to Nice and Cannes on the Mediterranean coast, with attacks in or around the cities of Lyon, Lille, Marseille, Strasbourg. In all, 3,300 buses, cars and other vehicles have been incinerated in 10 nights, the police spokesman said.

Manhunt

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Department.

Matus would not say whether authorities believed Thompson, of Tomball, was still in Texas.

"We're not counting out any possibilities," she said, "but as the time frame increases, the likelihood that he could get farther and farther away increases."

Matus said authorities have

conducted interviews with people they believe may have information about Thompson. She would not say if they had interviewed the attorney Thompson saw just before he escaped.

Thompson was sentenced to death on Oct. 28 and was being held in the county jail until he could be transferred to a prison in Livingston, about 75 miles to the northeast.

On Thursday afternoon, Thompson was taken to a room in the jail for a meeting with his attorney.

The visitor, however, was not Thompson's attorney of record, Terrence Gaiser, although Martin said investigators have determined the other person was an attorney. His name has not been released because he is considered a witness.

After the attorney left, Thompson was alone in the room and he managed to remove his handcuffs and his bright orange prison jumpsuit and put on a dark blue shirt, khaki pants and white tennis shoes. Authorities believe those were the clothes Thompson wore during

his sentencing and Martin said he somehow smuggled them back to his cell.

Wearing his new outfit, Thompson left the prisoner's booth in the visiting room, waved a fake ID badge that wasn't scrutinized as he passed at least four jail employees at work stations. Thompson was eventually let into the jail's visitor's lobby and from there he walked out of the building and into the street.

Martin said members of Hayslip's family have been given police protection.

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monitor Austin police dispatches.

"I think that we're less efficient when there are political boundaries placed on either the city police or the campus police," Knee said, also mentioning St. Edwards University and Austin Community College.

Pat Clubb, vice president for Em-

Two workers killed at the Valero refinery after inhaling fumes

DELAWARE CITY, Del. (AP) — Two workers at the Valero oil refinery died Sunday while working on a unit at the facility, which is the same refinery where an explosion in 2001 killed one man and injured eight others.

Cpl. Jeff Oldham, a state police spokesman, said the men appear to have succumbed to nitrogen fumes inside a silo just after midnight Saturday.

"A witness said that when he saw them up there it looked like they were trying to retrieve something from inside the silo," Oldham said.

When the witness left and came

back about five minutes later, he saw the men were unconscious, Oldham said. The witness used a radio to make an emergency call. A man wearing an oxygen mask retrieved the men, Oldham said.

State police identified the men as John Ferguson, 29, of Westminster, Md., and John Lattanzi, 57, of New Jersey. They were pronounced dead at Christiana Hospital, Oldham said.

"It's under investigation, and as soon as we do have more information we'll put out a statement," Mary Rose Brown, a spokeswoman for San Antonio-based Valero, told *The Associated Press*.

Harold Rowland, a representative

with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, declined to comment about the incident to an AP reporter at the refinery Sunday. Rowland said only that he had come to talk to plant manager, Andrew Kenner.

Oldham said police were classifying the incident as an industrial accident.

Mary Jen Beach, a spokeswoman for the refinery, said the men were scheduled to perform work in the area, but they were not authorized to go inside the silo where the nitrogen was. She said the men were contract workers with Matrix Services Inc.

"We are conducting a full investigation into this incident so that we can take steps to prevent a reoccurrence in the future," she said.

Matrix Services didn't return a call seeking comment.

The facility, which employs about 570 people, processes heavy sour and high acid crude oil. The refinery produces conventional and reformulated gasoline, diesel, low sulfur diesel and

home-heating oil.

Valero, the nation's largest refiner, owns and operates 18 refineries in the United States, Canada and the Caribbean that refine roughly 3.3 million barrels of crude oil each day. The company also has about 4,700 gas station-convenience stores.

It was the worst accident at the refinery since July 2001, when an explosion and fire killed boilermaker Jeffrey Davis, of Pennsylvania, injured eight other workers and spilled more than a million gallons of sulfuric acid. About 100,000 gallons spilled into the Delaware River, killing a small number of fish and crabs.

Investigations by state and federal authorities found the sulfuric acid storage tank that exploded had a history of leaks and corrosion. Investigators also found that Motiva Enterprises LLC, which owned the facility at the time, had neglected safety and maintenance problems at the refinery for years.

Motiva, a joint supply venture between Shell and Saudi Refining, sold the refinery in May 2004 to Premcor. The refinery was taken over by Valero Energy Corp. this year as part of its \$8 billion merger with Premcor.

In September, Motiva agreed to pay a \$12 million civil penalty to settle a lawsuit filed by government regulators.

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Aggies come just in time for bowl season

Finally, it's over. **Trey Shipman** One more chorus, strike that —



one more note from the "World Famous, Fighting Texas Aggie Band," and I might have gone Ron Artest style on the guy playing the trumpet in the third row.

OK, I get the tradition and all, but is it really necessary to burst into song every other play?

These guys would do their little song and dance after a punt. What are they celebrating — the fact that they kept the Red Raider defense from scoring?

Things aren't too swell in College Station right now. Quarterback Reggie McNeal and coach Dennis Franchione will shoulder much of the criticism, but the Aggies' problems go much deeper than an overpaid coach and an overrated quarterback.

With Oklahoma and No. 2 Texas next on the schedule for A&M, I can't imagine Aggie alums will be too thrilled about sitting at home during bowl week.

Texas Tech is a completely different story. Their 56-17 laughter over A&M Saturday was the spark the Raiders needed to prepare for the final two weeks of the season.

The loss to Texas was deflating, and the Raiders followed it with an uninspired 28-0 over Baylor. The Tech offense was in a lull, which made Saturday a perfect time for A&M's 115th-ranked pass defense to come to town.

Tech quarterback Cody Hodges took full advantage of a clearly overmatched defense by torching the Aggies for 409 yards passing. Jarrett Hicks reemerged as the Raiders leading receiver amassing 147 yards and two touchdowns. Then there was some guy — Taurean Henderson maybe — that accounted for 178 total yards and four touchdowns. The second half was nothing short of a Raider field day sparked by yet another forced fumble by Lubbock's favorite free safety Dwayne Slay. The guy's ridiculous, that's all I can say.

As easy as it would be to savor the taste of Aggie, it can't happen. It's getting to be the time of year that Tech has worked for all season. Finishing the season with one loss can open doors that Raider fans haven't walked through in some time.

Let's talk bowls. Right now it's looking like the Raiders will head to Dallas for the Cotton Bowl. This is assuming Tech can post a 2-0 record against the state of Oklahoma.

Oklahoma State is a joke, but as Texas found out, the Cowboys can give a team a scare. And yes, Oklahoma is down this year, but don't get caught up in the belief that they'll be an easy win for Tech. At the beginning of the season, I picked the Raiders to lose in the final week to the Sooners. If I were to make that pick now, it probably would change, but that doesn't mean Bob Stoops and Co. aren't capable of coming into Lubbock and upsetting the likely favored Raiders — because trust me, they are.

But should Tech win out, there's another interesting scenario that could take place. While the Cotton Bowl is most likely, there's still an outside shot at a Tostitos Fiesta Bowl appearance and a BCS birth.

The Raiders probably will need help, and need to look impressive in their final two contests, but it's not out of the question.

Notre Dame is probably the favorite to get the at-large bid to Arizona. This is where Tech's pastry-filled nonconference schedule comes into play. Right now the Fighting Irish have two losses to the Raiders one, but their strength of schedule puts them ahead of Tech in the BCS standings. Also in Notre Dame's favor is the fact that because they are an independent school (not in a conference) if they finish ranked in the Top 10, they're guaranteed a BCS bid.

Though it's not likely, another Irish loss ends all debate. Their final three opponents read as follows: vs. Navy (5-3), vs. Syracuse (1-9) and at Stanford (4-4). See what I mean.

But no matter what happens in the coming weeks concerning the BCS, bowls and any other hoopla, here in Lubbock we can rest easy knowing that the "World Famous Fighting Texas Aggie Band," is an eight-hour car ride away.

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Whoop-s

Tech dominates second half in blowout

By **JOEY KIRK**
EDITOR

Just call Dwayne Slay the defibrillator.

After forcing a fumble by Texas A&M running back Jorvorskie Lane early in third quarter, No. 13 Texas Tech came back to life.

"Any time like that, causing turnovers gives our team a spark," the senior free safety said.

Prior to halftime, the Red Raiders led by only four points, 14-10. But on the first drive of the second half, Slay stripped the ball away from the Aggies, setting a new Big 12 Conference record for forced fumbles in a single season with eight.

Junior defensive end Keyunta Dawson, who led Tech with 11 tackles and a forced fumble of his own, said Slay, who also had an interception in the third, has been an integral part to Tech's defensive life support throughout this season, so things like this aren't a surprise.

"We kinda expect that from Slay," he said. "When we need a big play, he comes through."

On the Raiders' ensuing drive, senior quarterback Cody Hodges sneaked in for a one-yard touchdown run to give Tech an 11-point edge.

The "spark" Slay created continued as the Raiders (8-1 overall, 5-1 Big 12) scored five more times to A&M's one other touchdown of the game, giving Tech the 56-17 victory at Jones SBC Stadium Saturday.

After starting slow in the first half by giving up 156 yards rushing to the Aggies (5-4, 3-3), Dawson said the Raiders found a rhythm in the second, holding A&M to a total of 66 rushing yards and only one yard by quarterback Reggie McNeal, who averaged 7.5 yards per carry prior to the game.

"When we came in for halftime, we just talked about tempo and picking it up," he said. "I just felt like we picked it up."

Tech coach Mike Leach said he wasn't disappointed with the performance in the first half, because some of the things that happened alluded to what the end result would be.

"I think we had some foreshadowing of some good things the first half," he said. "Really we did the same things the second half that we did the first half, but we just capitalized on this offensively. The second half (we were) a little more explosive on what

"Once we start clicking and get into a rhythm, it's hard to stop us."

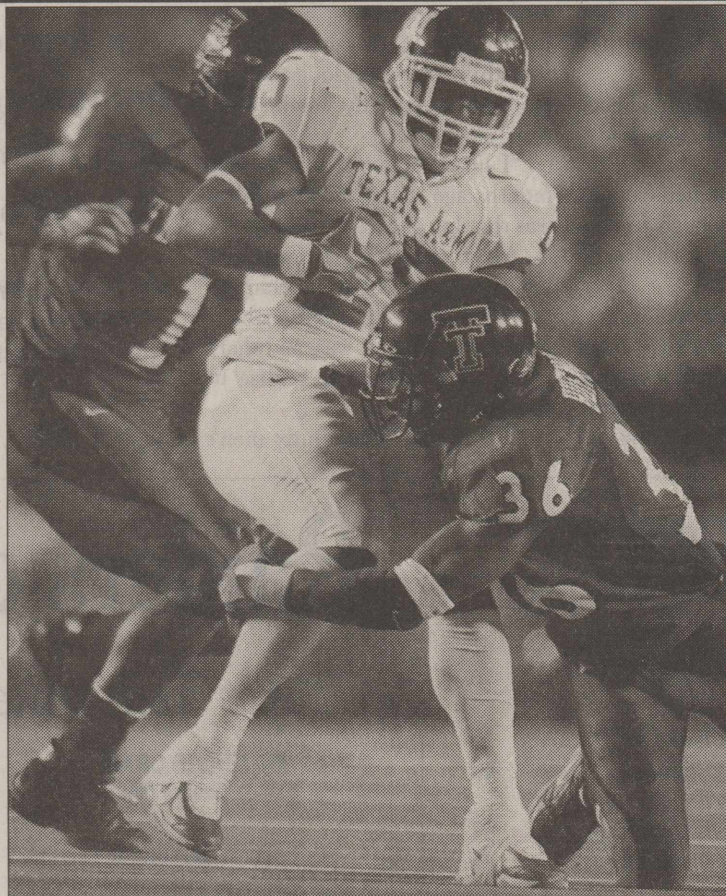
— **CODY HODGES**
Texas Tech
Fifth-Year Senior Quarterback

we were doing."

With the defense halting A&M's passing and rushing attack, senior running back Taurean Henderson said it gave the offense a chance to open things up and do what the No. 3 scoring offense in the nation does best.

"At the first half, I didn't think we was a little bit off, I felt we just had to go in and readjust it a bit," he said. "I felt like we was able to go out in the second half and put up the points like we like to do."

Henderson scored three of his four touchdowns of the game during the



DAVID JOHNSON/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH DEFENSIVE backs Vincent Meeks and Antonio Huffman team up to take down Texas A&M running back Courtney Lewis in the Raider's 56-17 win over the Aggies Saturday.

second half. He moved into the NCAA's third spot for most career points scored by a non-kicker with 408 — but Henderson said he couldn't take full credit for it.

"I just do what I can for the team," he said. "I don't think it was me; it was us as a whole group."

That group really consisted of five H's on offense — receiver Jarrett Hicks, Cody and Slade Hodges, Graham Harrell and, of course, Henderson.

Cody Hodges scampered in for one and threw for two during a 29-of-44 passing performance with 408 yards and one interception. Both passing touchdowns went to Hicks, who finished with eight catches for 147 yards.

Tech's final touchdown was Slade Hodges' first of his career, which came with 2:27 remaining in the game from backup QB Harrell.

Cody Hodges said that was the most exciting play of the game for him, getting

a chance to see his twin brother reach the endzone.

"He's worked hard for five years, and he deserves it and makes plays in practice," he said. "Slade's a guy that's kept me here and kept my mind right. As soon as he caught it, I was in the endzone and giving him high-fives."

Tech ended the game by scoring on its last six possessions, which Cody Hodges said makes it hard for any team to beat the Raiders.

"Once we start clicking and getting into a rhythm, it's hard to stop us," he said.

But without the play of Slay and the Tech defense, Cody Hodges said keeping that rhythm wouldn't have been possible.

"When you can feed off the defense making a play and vice-versa, it just makes the game more enjoyable," he said.



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QUARTERBACKS

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After a shaky first half Cody Hodges came alive with the rest of the offense in the second. Hodges led the Raiders to three consecutive touchdown drives in the third quarter, putting the game out of reach for the Aggies. Hodges finished with 409 yards passing, two touchdowns and an interception.

RUNNING BACKS

A

Taurean Henderson remains the player of the game. He had one of his better games rushing for the Raiders totaling 109 yards on the ground. Henderson put the ball in the endzone on four separate occasions and added 69 yards receiving. Another stat of note is the fact he touched the ball 26 times with zero fumbles.

RECEIVERS

A-

Nine different Raider receivers caught a pass totaling 433 yards and three touchdowns. They barely exploited the 115th ranked A&M pass defense taking advantage of the opportunities they were given. Tech also had five players with a catch of at least 20 yards.

OFFENSIVE LINE

A

Hands down, the O-line's best performance of the year — the second half especially. They allowed only two sacks, one of which was the result of a bad snap, and repeatedly opened holes for Henderson and Hodges.

DEFENSIVE LINE

B

The Raiders were unable to record a sack, but did help to keep A&M quarterback Reggie McNeal from getting loose. McNeal came into the contest as A&M's leading passer but was held to 26 yards on eight carries thanks to the D-line's ability to cut down running lanes.

LINEBACKERS

B

The Tech linebackers didn't necessarily stand out, but that's not always a bad thing. Sometimes strength is the sideline in pass coverage, the group managed to keep A&M ball carriers from making a big play that could have changed the momentum.

SECONDARY

A-

Still the strength of the Tech defensive unit. With Dwayne Slay leading the way and recording his first interception on the year, the Tech defensive back stifled A&M wideouts and consistently made a difference when coming up to help in run support.

SPECIAL TEAMS

B-

A missed field goal by Alex Trlica was a sore spot on the consistently improving special teams units. Trlica did record six touchbacks on kickoffs and coverage was solid on return attempts.

GAME NOTES

WHAT A FAKER: JUSTIN BRANTLY'S UNSUCCESSFUL FAKE PUNT ATTEMPT IN THE SECOND QUARTER WAS THE TRUE FRESHMAN'S FIRST FAKE PUNT ATTEMPT OF HIS CAREER.

KICKIN' IT: TRILICA'S FIELD GOAL MISS IN THE SECOND WAS FROM 38 YARDS OUT. IT WAS HIS FIRST CAREER MISS FROM UNDER 40 YARDS. THE SOPHOMORE WAS 14-OF-14 FROM ZERO TO 39 YARDS BEFORE THAT MISS. HE ALSO HAD MADE SIX IN A ROW FROM ANY DISTANCE.

HE'S GOT POTENTIAL: TECH FREE SAFETY DWAYNE SLAY NOW IS BIG 12 LEADER IN FORCED FUMBLES IN A SINGLE SEASON WITH EIGHT. HE PASSED FORMER TEXAS LONGHORN DERRICK JOHNSON. JOHNSON, NOW A LINEBACKER WITH THE KANSAS CITY CHIEFS, RECORDED SEVEN LAST SEASON AND THEN WAS DRAFTED 15TH OVERALL IN THE NFL DRAFT. AS IF THIS WASN'T ENOUGH, SLAY LATER GOT HIS FIRST INTERCEPTION OF THE SEASON.

THAT'S 111,510 EYES ON THE GAME: A RECORD CROWD OF 55,755 WATCHED THE GAME SATURDAY. THE TEXAS TECH TICKET OFFICE RELEASED SEATS ON THE GRASS EARLY LAST

WEEK AND HAVE ADDED BLEACHERS IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE STADIUM FOR THIS SEASON. THE PREVIOUS RECORD WAS 55,413 AGAINST TEXAS LAST YEAR.

GET THE POINTS: TECH RUNNING BACK TAUREAN HENDERSON HAD FOUR TOUCHDOWNS IN THE GAME. THOSE 24 POINTS PLACE HIM THIRD

ON THE ALL-TIME LIST FOR TOTAL CAREER POINTS BY NON-KICKERS. THE WHY-IS-THIS-A-STAT STAT: BY WINNING THE OPENING FLIP, THE RED RAIDERS ARE NOW 6-OF-9 ON THE OPENING COIN TOSS THIS SEASON.

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Tech inducts eight former athletes into Hall of Honor

By JEREMY REYNOLDS
STAFF WRITER

The new class of inductees into the Texas Tech Hall of Honor stood in front of a packed Jones SBC Stadium on Saturday listening to the chants and cheers of a student body. But before they stood on the football field, they stood on a stage in front of a banquet hall of friends and family.

The class of inductees was honored at the Lubbock Civic Center along with previous inductees Friday night.

The new classes features men and women from all sports. Their time at Tech was good enough to earn them a spot in the Hall of Honor, which is Tech's version of the Hall of Fame.

The new inductees were men's basketball player Leon "Podd" Hill, women's basketball player Noel Johnson, football players James Hadnot and Lloyd Hill, volleyball player Becky Boxwell McIlraith, swimmer Robert Graham, baseball player Mike Humphreys and

track athlete and football player Charles Reynolds. "Being back in Lubbock is definitely bringing back a lot of memories," Hill said.

Hill's memories started on his trip to the Hub City taking Loop 289 — which is a road he knew well. He said coming back to be inducted with this new class is something that was a long and hard road, but essentially was his hard work paying off.

"I heard about it four or five months ago, but I didn't think it was that big of a deal," Hill said.

After informing friends and family, his mind began to change.

"They started talking about how big of a deal it was, and that's when I was started to realize it, too," Hill said.

Hill might be the only men's basketball player

inducted his year, but said he wished he could have brought his entire team.

"I heard about it four or five months ago, but I didn't think it was that big of a deal,"

— LLOYD HILL
Former Texas Tech Football Player

"I couldn't have done anything without my teammates," Hill said.

Former Tech football player Hadnot said being inducted is great because it will finally silence all of his critics.

"Everyone was asking me if I was inducted and why I haven't been yet," Hadnot said. "Now I don't have to answer to all my critics."

Hadnot saw the induction as a great honor made even better because of the people around him.

"I'm going in with a great class," Hadnot said.

When he first found out about the induction, he said he thought someone was playing

a joke on him and he refused to believe it.

Five months later, Hadnot stood outside the banquet hall awaiting to be called on stage for the honor, but he said what he anticipated the most was getting on the football field on Saturday.

"I feel better on the field," he said. "I'm more relaxed out there."

McIlraith said when she found out about the induction she was overwhelmed. She never thought doing something she loved could result in something like being inducted into the Hall of Honor.

"When I found out I actually cried a little," McIlraith said.

At the banquet, and then the game Saturday, McIlraith had her friends and family supporting her. She said when her friends found out, they did not wait to be invited — they automatically told her they would come.

"One of my college teammates came down, which was nearest thing about the whole weekend," McIlraith said.

BIG 12 STANDINGS

South		This week's results:	
Texas	9-0, 6-0 Big 12	No. 2 Texas	62
Texas Tech	8-1, 5-1	Baylor	0
Oklahoma	5-3, 4-1	Nebraska	15
Texas A&M	5-4, 3-3	Kansas	40
Baylor	4-5, 1-5	Kansas State	17
Okla. State	3-5, 0-5	Iowa State	45
North		Missouri	12
Colorado	7-2, 5-1 Big 12	No. 25 Colorado	41
Iowa State	6-3, 3-3	Texas A&M	17
Missouri	5-4, 3-3	No. 13 Texas Tech	56
Nebraska	5-4, 2-4		
Kansas	5-4, 2-4		
Kansas St.	4-5, 1-5		

Raiders could be picked for Cotton

Texas Tech visited by Cotton Bowl chairman during Saturday's game

By TRAVIS CRAM
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

As Texas Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers left the athletic building after Tech's 56-17 win over Texas A&M, he said good-bye to Cotton Bowl chairman Gayle M. Earls.

As they parted ways, Myers told Earls he hoped to see him again soon.

"You keep playing like this every game, and we'll see you there," Earls said.

Tech has put together an 8-1 record overall with a 5-1 record in the Big 12. Earls talked about how exciting the game of football has been under coach Mike Leach and what that could mean in December when the bowl bids are given out.

Earls, who is a Tech alum, has been with the Cotton Bowl for 10 years and is in his second and final

year as chairman — a term that is served in two-year increments. He said there are a lot of different scenarios anyone could look at to decide who will be in Dallas Jan. 2, but he has a pretty good idea right now.

"We all like Tech at the Cotton Bowl," he said. "We know the fans follow. We know we'll sell out, and if they win out they will be a very strong contender for that bid."

The Raiders have not made the holiday trip to Dallas in 10 years, which also was the last year of the Southwest Conference and the last time Tech won a conference championship. Southern California demolished Tech behind wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson, who

set a Cotton Bowl record with eight catches for 222 yards and three touchdowns.

The '95 appearance was the second time the Raiders had been in the Cotton Classic after making their first showing in 1939. Raider fans would like to forget both instances and secure a Cotton Bowl victory, but Tech has to get there first.

"If they lose to Oklahoma, then we are going to have some hard decisions to make about who is requested to come to Dallas," Earls said.

He said even though OU would have three losses overall to Tech's two, the two games Tech played against Division I-AA schools would play a factor in who Tech

can beat, and the quality of teams the Sooners played outside of the Big 12 Conference with TCU and UCLA both sitting at 8-1.

Tech still is in the driver's seat to be at the classic, Earls said, with OU and Colorado following them for a bid.

As far as who the SEC opponent would be, Earls said it would all unfold in the next couple of weeks but right now, his best guess is Louisiana State. LSU or Auburn are the most likely opponents with both teams having one or two losses at the end of the season. There also is another scenario Earls has in mind.

"I don't think we will get to Alabama," he said. "But that would be a dream match-up between Tech and Alabama."

The bowl selections will be announced during the BCS Selection Show on ABC at 4 p.m. Dec. 4.

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7 AM	Jay Jay Callou "Pets"	Today Peter Gallagher; Teri Garr; Alec "Where in the World is Matt Laurer?" begins.	Early Show Joan Cusack; Dr. Phil McGraw (Part 1 of two).	Believers Voice Life Today	Good Morning America	Animal Adv Sabrina
8 AM	Bears Barney	Paid Program	Paid Program	Awesome Adv. Paid Program	Roseanne Roseanne	Roseanne
9 AM	Dragon Tales Arthur	Paid Program	Paid Program	Judge Mathis	Tony Danza	Martha "Faith Ford" Faith Ford
10 AM	Sesame Street	Regis & Kelly	Price Is Right	Judge Joe Judge Joe	The View	Tyre Banks
11 AM	Mister Rogers Telelubbers	Jeopardy!	Young and the Restless (HD)	Judge Hatchett	Paid Program	Starting Over
12 PM	HomeTime	News	KLBK 13 News	Jerry Springer	All My Children	Access Hollywood
1 PM	Love of Quilting	Days of Our Lives	Bold & Beautiful	Paid Program	One Life to Live	Extra
2 PM	Scrapbook Zoom	Passions	Guiding Light	Eye for an Eye	General Hospital	People's Court
3 PM	Buster	Oprah Winfrey	Mauri	Just Shoot Me Becker	Montel Williams	Ellen DeGeneres
4 PM	Clifford	Dr. Phil	Judge Judy	That '70s Show	Insider	Fox 34 News First @ Four
5 PM	Maya Miguel	News	KLBK 13 News	Access Hollywood	News	Malcolm Middle
6 PM	Nightly Business	Nightly News	Evening News	Family Feud	World News	Simpsons
7 PM	NewsHour with Jim Lehrer	News	KLBK 13 News	Family Feud	News	Friends
8 PM	Antiques Roadshow	Surface (HD)	King of Queens	How I Met (HD)	All of Us (HD)	Entertainment
9 PM	American Experience "Victory in the Pacific"	Las Vegas (HD)	Two & 1/2 (HD)	Out of Practice	CSI: Miami "Fratry Fight" (HD)	Wife and Kids
10 PM	Nightly Business	News	KLBK 13 News	That '70s Show	King of the Hill	Fear Factor
11 PM	Charlie Rose	(35) Jay Leno (HD)	(35) David Letterman (HD)	(35) Nightline	(35) ET	Cheers
12 AM	Destinos	(35) Conan O'Brien (HD)	(35) Late Late Show	Paid Program	Blind Date	Jimmy Kimmel

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TEXAS TECH — TEXAS A&M FULL-GAME STATISTICS

Score by Quarters 1 2 3 4 Score
 Texas Tech..... 3 7 0 7 — 17
 Texas A&M..... 14 0 21 21 — 56

Team Statistics
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 First Downs.....18 32
 Rushes-Yds.....40-222 37-194
 Passing Yds.....131 433
 Att-Cmp-Int.....25-15-1 48-32-1
 Offense Plays-Yds.....65-353 85-627
 Fumble Ret.-Yds.....0-0 0-0
 Punt Returns-Yds.....1-0 4-49
 Kickoff Ret.-Yds.....3-50 0-0
 Int. Ret.-Yards.....1-4 1-26
 Punts (No.-Avg.).....5-40.0 1-37.0
 Fumbles-Lost.....3-2 3-0
 Penalties-Yards.....4-40 6-59
 Possession Time.....28:34 31:26
 Third-Down Conv.....1-10 9-14
 Fourth-Down Conv.....2-3 2-3

Individual Statistics
 RUSHING: Texas A&M-Lewis, Courtney 10-95; Lane, Jorvorskie 19-88; McNeal, Reggie 8-26; McGee, Stephen 1-12; Lucas, Jay 1-3; Brantly, Justin 1-minus 2.

02:27 Tech — Hodges, Slade 10 pass from Harrell, Graham (Trlica kick)

Texas Tech-Henderson, T. 20-109; Hodges, Cody 12-41; Woods, Shannon 4-33; Filani, Joel 1-11.

PASSING: Texas A&M-McNeal, Reggie 15-24-1-131; McGee, Stephen 0-1-0-0.

TEXAS TECH-HODGES, Cody 29-44-1-408; Harrell, Graham 3-4-0-25.

RECEIVING: Texas A&M-Carter, Jason 6-53; Mobley, DeQawn 3-29; Franks, Kerry 1-12; Alexander, Robert 5-9; Lewis, Courtney 1-9; Brown, Pierre 1-9; Thomas, Joey 1-9; Bennett, Martel 1-1. Texas Tech-Hicks, Jarrett 8-147; Henderson, T. 6-69; Johnson, Robert 5-72; Woods, Shannon 4-27; Filani, Joel 3-57; Hodges, Slade 2-21; Amendola, Danny 2-16; Olomua, Bristol 1-20; Douglas, B. 1-4.

INTERCEPTIONS: Texas A&M-Bullitt, Melvin 1-4. Texas Tech-Slay, Dwayne 1-26.

FUMBLES: Texas A&M-Lane, Jorvorskie 2-2; McNeal, Reggie 1-0. Texas Tech-Hodges, Cody 3-0.

SACKS (UA-A): Texas A&M-Jack, Jason 1-1; Bryant, Red 0-1.

TACKLES (UA-A): Texas A&M-Carpenter, Mar. 4-2; McDaniel, Arch. 3-3; Jones, Ronald 3-3; Jolly, Johnny 3-1; Gregg, Devin 3-1; McCoy, Jamie 3-0; Harrington, C. 3-0; Jack, Jason 2-3; Warren, Justin 2-2; Greene, Renel 2-1; Bullitt, Melvin 2-1; Brown, Arkeith 2-0; Newton, Brock 1-2; Ray, John 1-0; Gbumble, Amos 1-0; Brown, Pierre 1-0; Reed, Bryce 1-0; Heard, Kellen 1-0; Ross, David 1-1; Hodge, Stephen 1-0; McNeal, Reggie 1-0; Pegram, Todd 1-0; Lane, Jorvorskie 0-1; Appel, Jaxson 0-1; Gorrier, Danny 0-1; Bryant, Red 0-1. Texas Tech-Dawson, Keyunta 9-4; Slay, Dwayne 7-3; Naziruddin, K. 3-2; Session, F. 3-2; Scott, Ken 3-2; Parker, Chris 3-0; Threweat, Fred 3-0; Brinkley, S. 1-2; Meeks, Vincent 1-2; Huffman, A. 1-2; Aycock, Greg 1-0; Buntun, Marcus 1-0; Hines, Anthony 1-0; Williams, Paul 1-0; Garcia, Joe 1-0; Tillman, Kellen 1-0; Yenzler, Tyler 1-0; Hudler, Chris 1-1; Hodges, Cody 1-0; Cherry, Randall 0-1; Saldi, John 0-1.

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Actors Warren Beatty, Annette Bening blocked from entering Schwarzenegger campaign rally Saturday

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Actors Warren Beatty and wife Annette Bening tried to crash a campaign appearance Saturday by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger as the governor sought to drum up last-minute support for a group of statewide ballot measures.

The Hollywood couple strode side-by-side to the entrance of an airport hangar where several hundred of the governor's supporters had gathered.

A Schwarzenegger aide told the "Bulworth" star he was not on the guest list and did not have the appropriate wristband to get inside.

"You have to have a wristband to listen to the governor?" Bening asked. "He represents all of us, right?"

The couple's appearance caused momentary confusion. Just before the governor took the stage, the hangar door was closed — literally in their faces. It was later reopened as Schwarzenegger spoke.

Inside, Schwarzenegger told cheering supporters that his slate of four ballot proposals on Tuesday's ballot would "reform the broken system."

Beatty planned to shadow Schwarzenegger throughout the day as the governor campaigned. He has been repeatedly mentioned as a possible challenger to Schwarzenegger, but he said Saturday that he would not be a candidate in next year's gubernatorial race.

"To me, this is an abuse of the initiative process," Beatty said of Schwarzenegger's campaigning for

"I don't want to run for governor. I want to say what I think."
— WARREN BEATTY Actor and Political Activist

50 Cent: Back down Billboards removed in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Twenty-one billboards plugging rapper 50 Cent's movie "Get Rich or Die Tryin'" are coming down amid opposition from community groups.

The billboards show the rapper, whose real name is Curtis Jackson, holding a gun in one hand and a microphone in the other.

"The message could be 'rob to get rich.' . . . It's a very offensive message that is part of a mind-set that says you can solve problems with violence," said Bilal Qayyum, a leader of the antiviolen group Men United for a Better Philadelphia.

He praised the billboard company, Clear Channel Outdoor, for agreeing to remove the signs.

"They showed corporate responsibility," Qayyum said.

George J. Kauker, president of the Philadelphia division of Clear Channel Outdoor, issued a brief statement about the decision, saying: "Based on clear and vocal negative response from local Philadelphia community groups, we agreed to remove this particular advertisement," Kauker said. He said the decision applied the Philadelphia area only.

In Los Angeles, Paramount Pictures earlier agreed to remove some billboards for the movie after activists in a south Los Angeles neighborhood rallied in protest.

The movie is about a drug dealer who turns away from crime to pursue his true passion — music.

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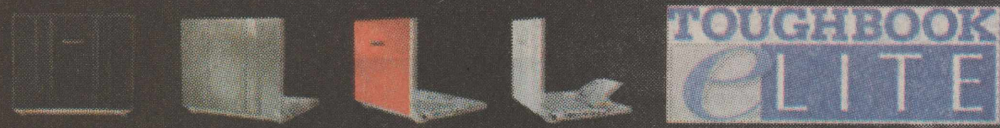
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An idea



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Two years ago, Jackie Rosenfeld found out that life is not always easy.

By ANNE GEPFORD
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Faced with the death of both her parents in less than one year, Rosenfeld had to dig deep within herself to face the road ahead.

In order to cope, Rosenfeld, a graduate student from Abilene studying playwriting, turned to writing as a therapeutic tool.

"I don't always believe that writing should be therapy," she said. "In this case, it worked."

Rosenfeld's mother died in March 2003 of multiple sclerosis, and her father died in January 2004 of cancer. She said her father had been diagnosed in 2002 with cancer in his salivary glands, but after they were removed and the radiation process completed, he was fine.

Rosenfeld said tumors later appeared between every vertebra in his spine, and he was re-diagnosed Jan. 5, 2004, and died Jan. 16, 2004. The focus was on her mother's death, she said, and there was no reason to suspect the cancer would reappear.

"We were in such a state of mourning over my mother," she said.

While it was tough losing a parent, Rosenfeld said it was not as difficult as the usual cancer battle, with the ups and downs of treatment cycles and life prognoses.

"It was horrible, but I didn't get to experience cancer the way most people do," she said. "It wasn't as long and drawn out of a battle. We didn't have that much time to sit with it and be angry with it."

After losing a parent to cancer, Rosenfeld turned to her writing. The playwright chose to combine the loss of her father to cancer with the issue of femininity in "keepingabreast," a play Rosenfeld described as a tragic comedy that tackles both issues at the same time.

"It was a way of dealing with cancer and dealing with his death in a way that was not so personal," Rosenfeld said. "Cancer was something that I understood and knew."

As the play opens, Mina, the main character, has a choice to make after chemotherapy fails to eliminate the breast cancer she was diagnosed with earlier in her life: whether to have a lumpectomy or mastectomy.

As the play chronicles her journey to make a decision, Rosenfeld said she was able to put herself in Mina's shoes and fight through her in the battle against cancer.

"She kind of became a vehicle for dealing with that," Rosenfeld said. "I was able to tackle two things at the

same time."

The intended audience is a college-age crowd. Rosenfeld said she hopes the play encourages people to become more informed about cancer itself.

"We can handle these things a lot better if we think about them when we're younger," she said. "We used to think of it as an older woman's disease."

While the play may be about breast cancer and a young woman's battle with it, Rosenfeld said she sees glimpses of her life and her battle in her writing. She said she hopes the play makes people laugh as well as think.

"One of the best things my father gave me was a sense of humor," she said. "I think his gift of wit is something that has made this play what it is."

Rosenfeld had a good relationship with her parents. But, she said she was closer with her father. She said she always considered herself a writer, combining her mother's artistic abilities and her father's knack for building as an airplane mechanic.

"He built planes," she said. "I build plays."

Rosenfeld said her brother took after her mother, and she cannot wait for him to see the play.

"I'm wondering how much of our lives he's going to see in it," she said. "Every night I almost tear up. I'm wondering how my brother will react."

Rosenfeld said the impact the death of a loved one from cancer has been huge in her life, and sometimes the burden seems too much to bear.

"You just feel useless," she said. "Sometimes it's easier to just check out and not be there for them the way that you should."

Rosenfeld commemorated her ideas, grief and theater accomplishments Friday by tattooing a symbol for the play she now has produced on her back.

The Texas Tech College of Visual and Performing Arts and Department of Theatre and Dance presents the world premiere of "keepingabreast" today at the Tech Lab Theatre. The theatre is located on 18th Street between Flint and Boston avenues. The play will be performed 8 p.m. Nov. 7-12 and 2 p.m. Nov. 13. It is recommended for mature audiences. It does contain adult situations, some nudity and some strong language.

Rosenfeld said the play offers a lot and maturity as well as femininity in its highest form.

"They're the greatest symbol of what womanhood is," she said. "How do we balance our body images with what the rest of the world thinks?"

'Jarhead' entertaining, however static ending not well planned

Director Sam Mendes ("Road to Perdition") proves with his latest film "Jarhead" that it is not the fighter in the fight; it is the fights going on inside the fighter.

"Jarhead" is the story of a complex, young soldier, Jake Gyllenhaal ("Day After Tomorrow"), and the many wars going on inside his youthful mind while he is trying to adapt to his new environment as a marine in Iraq.

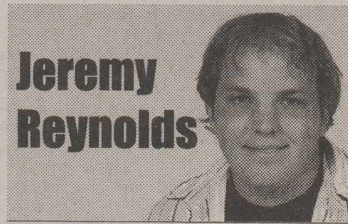
The film does not explore grounds that already have not been claimed in the name of Hollywood. The plot is relatively thin when compared to other war films. There have been plenty of movies made about the first Gulf War — and out of them all, "Jarhead" has the weakest structure.

The movie relies on the idea of pulling back the curtain of good and honor and showing who real life soldiers are. These are not the average G.I. Joes trying to defend their country at any cost. In fact, one of the main motivations through the film is getting an opportunity to kill someone.

To the characters, killing is a lost art form, because to a sharp shooter, shooting is very artful.

In the film, Gyllenhaal is a 20-year-old who got lost on his way to college and ends up being a "jarhead" — the nickname for marines because of the high and tight haircut. He is recruited to be a sharp shooter and eventually is deployed to Iraq to protect oil fields while Iraq invades Kuwait.

Do not be confused; the film does not explore the politics behind war,



Jeremy Reynolds

FILM REVIEW

★★★★ - Excellent

Movies are rated on a five-star scale.

war itself or the accomplishments and failures of the war. It simply is a character film about a young man and his rifle.

Mendes keeps the film light with the help of a script by Williams Broyles Jr. ("Unfaithful") based on the memoirs of Anthony Swofford. The first hour of the film is humorous with Gyllenhaal and his other classmates in the marines going through boot camp and then sniper school.

Once the film switches locations from the United States to the desert, the film begins to decline. It becomes evident at about the one hour and 15 minute mark any hope of a creative or clever plot is out of the question. As the film progresses, the action and comedy aspects it had going for it are gone and are replaced by character insights and slow moments of dialogue.

Without the comedy and action, however, the film becomes more visually stunning, such as a scene where the skies are raining down oil while the oil fields burn high in the background.

In supporting roles, Jamie Foxx

steals many of Gyllenhaal's scenes. Foxx stars as a Bible-reading captain leading his team into the desert. His character is developed to the best it can be, and he sometimes adds bits of comedy from time to time.

Peter Sarsgaard ("Garden State") stars as a fellow marine to Gyllenhaal. He owns the climax of the film when he demonstrates every emotion all the other snipers were feeling at that point.

These are the types of roles Sarsgaard should be receiving. He is a fine actor with range and capability. He is the type of person who can say more with a look than a speech.

A downfall of the film is its inability to put to use a good thing. Composer Thomas Newman's ("Angels in America") score was underused throughout the entire film. The score had the potential of helping the film move along through the slow parts and creating intensity during the dramatic scenes.

"Jarhead" will not be an Oscar competitor, but it does make the audience members think. It is entertaining through the two hours and that is all that really matters when you are watching a film. The acting is decent, and the directing is better than average, but the lack of plot and the slow moments causes the film to fall short of being something truly heroic.

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