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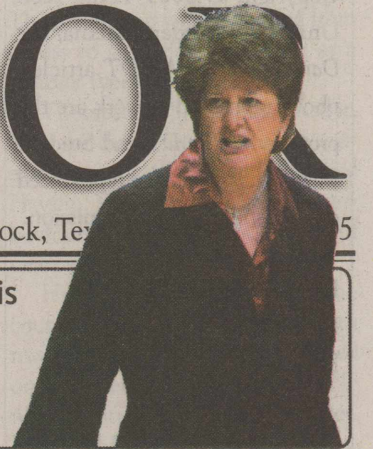


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STATE

Nearby town makes relief effort personal

HEREFORD (AP) — This West Texas town personalized its Hurricane Katrina relief effort with a \$14,597 donation to the city of Biloxi — with one dollar representing each resident of Hereford.

The check was presented to A.J. Halloway, the mayor of Biloxi, Miss., on Friday night during halftime of the Hereford-Palo Duro football game at Whiteface Stadium.

"We appreciate this from the bottom of our hearts," Halloway told the crowd. "I will always remember you and honor you for what you have done."

Dan and Sharon Eytcheson, owners of Hereford Heritage Funeral Home, set up the Katrina relief fund at a local bank and established collection points to accept donations of food and other items.

"Not many other cities can say they gave \$1 for every man, woman and child," Mrs. Eytcheson said.

Information from the *The Hereford Brand*.

NATION

Crews search Ind. pond for tornado victims

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (AP) — Crews began draining a pond next to a smashed mobile-home park in a search for bodies Monday after a twister ripped through Indiana and Kentucky and killed at least 22 people.

The tornado struck early Sunday with winds estimated at more than 200 mph, reducing houses to splinters and obliterating mobile homes.

At least 18 people died at the Eastbrook Mobile Home Park in Evansville, and four others were killed in neighboring Warrick County. Dozens remained hospitalized.

A list of some 200 people feared missing from the mobile home park had been whittled down to a couple of dozen by late Monday afternoon, Eric Williams, Vanderburgh County chief deputy sheriff.

After turning over debris in the mobile home park and listening for signs of life in the ruins, searchers turned their attention to the drainage pond, where four bodies were found over the weekend.

Crews broke the pond's containment walls to lower the water level, finding one body around midday Monday.

WORLD

Candidate makes beefy offer for voters

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — A wealthy Sri Lankan presidential candidate has an appealing offer for voters: He will buy a cow for every home if he is elected.

"Even families who live in flats, who could make suitable arrangements to look after a cow, will receive a gift of cow," Victor Hettigoda was quoted as saying by *The Island* newspaper on Friday.

Anusha Vitanapathirana, a spokesman for Hettigoda, confirmed the report.

Hettigoda is one of 13 candidates vying for the tropical island's top executive post in the Nov. 17 presidential election. The leading candidates are Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapakse and former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe.

Hettigoda said his plan was a sure way to fight malnutrition and help people prosper, and suggested that excess milk could be converted into cheese and butter or even exported.

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## Police nab 16 terror suspects in Australia

By MIKE CORDER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Police in Australia arrested 16 terror suspects, including a prominent radical Muslim cleric, in a string of raids early Tuesday and said they had foiled a major terror attack.

The Australian Federal Police said eight men were arrested in Sydney and nine in Melbourne in the coordinated raids that also netted evidence including weapons, computers, backpacks and apparent bomb-making materials.

"I was satisfied that this state was under an imminent threat of potentially a catastrophic terrorist act," said New South Wales Police Minister Carl Scully.

Australia's Sky News reported that a man who

had been under surveillance was shot and wounded by police in the raids, which followed a 16-month investigation. Police did not immediately confirm the man was a terror suspect.

An *Associated Press* photographer saw a bomb squad robot examining a backpack the man was wearing when he was shot.

Rob Stary, a Melbourne lawyer who said he represented eight people arrested there, said most of his clients were charged with being members of a banned organization.

Police declined to give details of the likely target of the attack, but Victoria state police chief Christine Nixon said that next year's Commonwealth Games,

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## Escapee waives extradition

By JUAN A. LOZANO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

HOUSTON (AP) — The death row inmate who brazenly walked out of a county jail last week will have constant guards and reduced privileges when he returns to Texas, authorities said Monday.

Charles Victor Thompson, who slipped out of a prison jumpsuit and handcuffs Thursday, broke out of a visiting room and flashed a fake ID before walking out of the Harris County Jail, was captured Sunday outside a liquor store in Shreveport, La.

He waived his rights to an extradition hearing and a lawyer at a hearing Monday in Caddo Parish,

La., where he participated via video from the jail.

"I don't want to waste the taxpayers' money in Louisiana," Thompson told state District Judge Ramona Emanuel.

Cindy Chadwick, a spokeswoman for the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office said early Monday evening that Thompson had been picked up by Harris County officials around 4:30 p.m. Lt. John Martin, spokesman for the Harris County Sheriff's Department,

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Thompson

# What's up, dog?

## Little House on the Prairie for rodents reopens in Lubbock

By MICHELLE CASADY  
STAFF WRITER

After 10 months of renovations, the city of Lubbock is re-opening the fifth largest tourist attraction.

Prairie Dog Town opens to its public 10 a.m. today.

"A total of around \$155,000 went into this renovation project. \$150,000 was donated by Premiere Golf located right next to Prairie Dog Town," said Randy Truesdell, community services director.



Several things were done to improve Prairie Dog Town, including the building of a pavilion and viewing area,

an interpretive sign, sidewalks, a new parking area, a perimeter fence and the updating of facilities so they would meet ADA accessibility codes.

"The interpretive sign is simply a cutaway view of the extensive tunnel system and habitat of the prairie dogs. It shows the different rooms they have for different purposes, and all of the other tunnels they make," Truesdell said.

Another addition, he said, was the irrigation system. This addition will help keep a steady food supply of native grasses readily available for the prairie dogs.

Prairie Dog Town is free to the public and is located inside Mackenzie State Park off of Fourth Street and Interstate 27.

Students at Tech have mixed feelings about Prairie Dog Town.

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PHOTOS BY KELLY MATHERLY/The Daily Treador

MAIN PICTURE, A lone prairie dog looks out on the horizon in Prairie Dog Town at Mackenzie Park Monday afternoon in Lubbock. INSET, construction workers Pete Richarte and Elias Flores pave part of the sidewalk Monday as part of the new construction at Prairie Dog Town.

## Amendment voting begins today

By JAY LANGLEY  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Voting in the November Constitutional Amendment Elections begin today amid controversy surrounding an amendment that will decide the fate of same-sex marriage in the state of Texas.

Amendment Proposal No. 2 would define marriage in Texas as only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibits the state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage.

Betty Dotts, a spokesperson for Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, said the proposed amendment is discriminatory.

"It goes against the Bill of Rights," she said. "The Bill of Rights is supposed to ensure the rights of all people. Putting a law like this in a precious document like the Texas constitution sets a dangerous precedence."

The precedence, Dotts said, could cause harm to the homosexual community.

"In a sense what they are saying by putting this law into the constitution is that homosexuals are not worthy of having the same rights as other citizens," she said. "That is the same line of thinking that allowed for years of discrimination against women and

blacks."

Dotts said married couples have more than 1,000 specific rights including health care and social security.

"I don't understand the thinking here," she said. "If you ban gay marriage, you are taking away specific rights from a large portion of the population."

Dotts said a common misconception among conservatives is that gay marriage leads to an increase in marriage problems.

"I have worked with many couples," she said. "And from what I have seen, the heterosexuals do a fine job of messing up their marriages. Relationship problems exist among heterosexuals and homosexuals."

Walt Harris, a junior finance major from Wimberley, said same-sex marriage goes against his strict religious upbringing.

"I just think gay marriage is wrong from a religious and a moral perspective," Harris said.

The amendment would not change anything because same-

sex marriage is against Texas state law, Harris said.

"If it is already a state law, I don't see the problem in having it added to the state constitution," Harris

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## Filibusters can be worthwhile weapon or needless nuisance

By ANNE GEPPFORD  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Even though White House counsel Harriet Miers withdrew her nomination for the Supreme Court Oct. 27 and President George W. Bush nominated Samuel Alito to the Court Oct. 31, Senate Judiciary Committee hearings are not set to begin until Jan. 9.

Alito, if confirmed, will replace Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who announced her retirement in July but agreed to remain on the bench until a replacement is confirmed.

Currently a judge on the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Alito, 55, is a former Reagan administration lawyer.

While it may be too soon to tell, one Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee said he doubts that the party will filibuster in an attempt to block a confirmation vote on Alito, a conservative nominee, according to *The Associated Press*.

A filibuster is a way to block or prevent legislation from passing

in the Senate through a continuous speech by a Senator in opposition to the vote, allowing debate to last indefinitely.

Rule 22, adopted in 1917, allows senators to overrule a filibuster by a vote of two-thirds, though it was changed in 1975 to make the vote required to override a filibuster three-fifths.

The longest record of an individual speech is held by J. Strom Thurmond, then a South Carolina senator, who filibustered against the Civil Rights Act of 1957 for 24 hours and 18 minutes.

Danny Kerr, a junior computer science major from Plano, said he does not believe the Democratic Party will filibuster against the nominee, though it is too soon to tell.

"I think it's effective, but not productive. I think there's a lot of opposition for Alito," he said. "Filibustering will just delay an issue that will have to be addressed anyway."

It would take 60 out of 100 senators to override the filibuster. Cur-

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# Tech spirit organizations wearing red and green

Organizations expected to support both the Lady Raiders and Tulane Green Wave basketball teams

By **ANDREW WOOD**  
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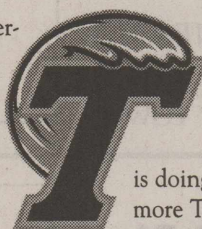
Texas Tech's spirit organizations will try to make the Tulane women's basketball team feel at home for tonight's game between the Tulane Green Wave and the Houston Jaguars.

The Court Jesters, cheerleaders and Fro Bros are a few of Tech's spirit groups that have made adjustments to support Tulane for tonight's game.

"We're really excited to have the opportunity to play for them," said Christopher Anderson, assistant director of bands. "This is the least we could do is to provide a home atmosphere although they're on another campus."

He said the Court Jesters, the Tech basketball pep band, is divided

into two bands. One band, he said, will play for tonight's Lady Raider basketball game, and the other band will play for the Tulane game. The band at the Tulane game will play the regular songs, but will play the Tulane fight and school song instead of Tech's, he said.



The band, he said, might even wear green T-shirts to support Tulane, instead of wearing the regular Tech red and black. He said the band is doing their part to be "a little more Tulane festive."

D.K. Robertson, cheerleading coach and unit coordinator at the Center for Campus Life, said participation in the Tulane game is voluntary, but most cheerleaders wanted to be active in tonight's game.

"We probably had 90 percent (of the cheerleaders) raise their hands and say they wanted to do this,"

he said. The cheerleaders, he said, will stay after the Lady Raiders' game and put on Tulane T-shirts. The cheerleaders will perform some traditional cheers and some Tulane cheers.

Judi Henry, senior associate athletic director, said she is eager for tonight's double-header.

"We had planned on definitely having one game," she said. "We're excited to have a double-header with them."

Henry said she was impressed with Tech's response to Tulane and expects a positive turnout.

"I think we'll have a really good crowd response," she said. "We're excited to have an opportunity and put the ball out to see

what happens." Henry said the Green Wave has been popular on the Tech campus. One example she cited was the T-shirts sold at the Barnes & Noble at the Student Union Building, which she said have been popular with the customers.

Henry said tonight's game is the only Tulane game to be played at the United Spirit Arena.

Armen Williams, a senior marketing major from Arlington, said the Fro Bros, a student-led spirit group, will have a different look at tonight's game.

"For the first time ever, the Fro Bros will not be wearing red and black," he said. "It will be kind of strange at first."

Williams said the group would wear green and blue instead. He

said he expects the Fro Bros to put forth more effort because the game is the only one scheduled for Tulane in the United Spirit Arena. He said becoming the "Tulane Fro Bros" for tonight's game is his goal.

"We've been looking forward to the game all year," he said. "We will turn at the United Spirit Arena into the Tulane Spirit Arena."

Williams said the group would try to give the Green Wave more support than they are used to. He said a few players on the team told him there has not been much participation at Tulane games in New Orleans. Williams said the group plans to use green streamers while the Jaguars bring the ball to their side of the court.

"Tulane has no student participation at their basketball games," he said. "We're really excited to see what Tech students can bring to this game."

## Study ranks Texas 11th most dangerous

By **DANIELLE NOVY**  
STAFF WRITER

Get your guns up — in self-defense.

Texas is the 11th most dangerous state in the nation according to the recent release of the 2005 Morgan Quitno Most Dangerous State Survey.

The study, which considers crime in six different categories such as murder and robbery, uses a formula that measures how a state compares to the U.S. average for each crime category.

North Dakota took top honors winning the slot for 2005's safest state, and Nevada proved its tourist staple Sin City was aptly named by its ranking as the most dangerous state for the second consecutive year.

In the 11 years Morgan Quitno has been publishing its survey, Texas has bounced around the chart, reaching its lowest dip in 1994 when it was ranked the third most dangerous state and peaking in 2000 when it was charted as the 17th most dangerous state.

Texas' recent rankings in the lowest quadrant of U.S. states when it comes to safety is urging some Texas

students to seek measures of protection.

Derek Pope, a sophomore English and education major from Garland, said he credits Texas' ranking to high populations in its biggest cities.

"I think it's because Texas has a very dense population with many urban areas," he said.

For people to protect themselves in dangerous situations, Pope, a third-degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do, points to self-defense education as one part of the solution.

"Being able to defend yourself is a fundamental tenant of life," he said. "It's always better to have the skills and not to need them than to need them and not to have them."

The desire for safety and security among students has caused a swell in the variety of self-defense classes available in college communities.

Schools such as Emory University pioneered self-defense programs that students can gain college credit for participating in.

Tech offers courses such as karate that fulfill the personal fitness and wellness requirement.

Chana VanDeValde, manager of Lubbock's Tiger Clays Premier Martial Arts School, said the Krav Maga classes taught at Tiger Clays were designed by taking basic instincts and fine-tuning them to make them more useful and effective in dangerous situations.

"All of the techniques we teach were invented for a hand-to-hand combat situation," she said.

VanDeValde said the college female demographic is more susceptible to being attacked than other female age groups become they are out alone more often.

One in four female college stu-

dents has been the victim of rape or attempted rape, according to the Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault.

In 2004 there were 96 recorded rapes and 2,200 violent crimes in Lubbock, according to final 2004 FBI Crime Reports. Both of these figures are above the national average when the per-capita ratio is considered.

Lubbock's overall crime index of 2004 was charted at about 7,200 crimes per 100,000 people; this figure almost is double the national average of roughly 4,000 crimes per 100,000 people.

Robert Wiseman, a sophomore mechanical engineering major from Boerne, said he was surprised both by Texas' ranking as the nation's 11th most dangerous state and Lubbock's status as a city with more crime than the U.S. average.

He said his impression of Lubbock was that it is a safe city to reside in.

"I guess there really are two sides to Lubbock," he said.

### RANKING THE STATES

Five most dangerous states, with No. 1 being the most dangerous:

1. Nevada
2. Louisiana
3. Arizona
4. Maryland
5. South Carolina

Five safest states, with No. 1 being the safest:

1. North Dakota
2. Vermont
3. Maine
4. New Hampshire
5. South Dakota

Source: Morgan Quitno Press's 11<sup>th</sup> annual Most Dangerous and Safest State Awards

## New parking garage discussed at board of regents meeting

By **MICHELLE CASADY**  
STAFF WRITER

Friday, at the latest board of regents meeting, there was discussion concerning the possibility of a new parking garage being built.

Nothing has been decided yet, and all proposals are in the developing phases.

One of the proposals, which seemed to have the most regent support, has the garage being built in the C-2 parking lot.

"It's quite possible that the garage will be built in conjunction with the new façade on the east side of Jones SBC stadium and the new box seats," said Lee Sonnenburg, associate director of Traffic and Parking.

The proposal for the parking garage to be built in the C-2 parking lot was presented to the board by the athletic department.

"This is a fairly new initiative," said board of regents chairman Rick Francis. "There is a lot more to be considered before anything is finalized, but as of now this plan is looking as though it would be the best, economically."

He also said the board is looking for the plan that will have a minimal impact financially. If the parking garage were to be built near the stadium, it would serve as a source of revenue for the university and help pay for itself.

"Not only would it help with everyday parking by adding 1,000 spots, it would also be available for those willing to pay a higher price for a prime parking spot on game days," Francis said. "We are looking at this as an opportunity to satisfy loyal fans and supply parking to the university as well."

By the December board meeting, the athletic department hopes to present a more detailed plan, with a price tag attached for further discussion.

"This will give the athletic department time to develop an in depth cost analysis report," Francis said. "We are excited to hear this proposal which would take more steps towards completing the stadium."

Other regents said feel the same way about the new proposal.

"I think the entire board is enthusiastic about this proposal," regent Larry Anders said. "It turns something that would not have generated any revenue, into something that will."

Texas Tech Director of Athletics Gerald Myers said he is confident about the proposal presented to the board.

"We need to do some more fundraising, but I believe we will develop a good sound financial plan that the board will support," he said.

Anders said the board is not under any timetable to complete the project or choose a location for the garage, and it could be next year before anything is finalized.

"We got the message loud and clear, and we have a strong commitment to better the (parking) situation."

— RICK FRANCIS  
Chairman  
Board of Regents

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# French rioting spreads to 300 towns as first fatality is reported

PARIS (AP) — Rioting by French youths spread to 300 towns overnight and a 61-year-old man hurt in the violence died of his wounds, the first fatality in 11 days of unrest that has shocked the country, police said Monday.

As urban unrest was reported in neighboring Belgium and Germany, the French government faced growing criticism for its inability to stop the violence, despite massive police deployment and continued calls for calm. One riot-hit town in suburban Paris said it was preparing to enforce a curfew.

Governments worldwide urged their citizens to be careful in France.

President Jacques Chirac, in private comments more conciliatory than his warnings Sunday that rioters would be caught and punished, acknowledged that France has failed to integrate the French-born children of Arab and black African immigrants in poor suburbs who have been participating in the violence, according to Latvian President Vaira Vike-Freiberga, who met with the French leader on Monday.

She said Chirac "deplored the fact that in these neighborhoods there is a ghettoization of youths of African or North African origin" and recognized "the incapacity of French society to fully accept them."

Chirac said unemployment runs as high as 40 percent in some suburban neighborhoods, four times the national rate of just under 10 percent, Vike-Freiberga said.

On Sunday night, vandals burned more than 1,400 vehicles, and

clashes around the country left 36 police injured, setting a new high for overnight arson and violence since rioting started last month, national police chief Michel Gaudin told a news conference.

Attacks overnight Sunday to Monday were reported in 274 towns and police made 395 arrests, Gaudin said. The Justice Minister said Monday that 27 people had been convicted in fast-track trials since the beginning of the unrest.

Australia, Britain, Germany and Japan advised their citizens to exercise care in France, joining the United States, Russia and at least a half dozen other countries in warning tourists to stay away from violence-hit areas.

French Foreign Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy sought to reassure his European counterparts about visiting his country, telling them at a meeting in Brussels that "France is not a dangerous country. France is still a country where one can go."

The victim was identified as Jean-Jacques Le Chenadec, a retired auto industry worker who died after being beaten by an attacker. He was trying to extinguish a trash can fire Friday at his housing project in the northeastern suburb of Stains when an attacker caught him by surprise and beat him into a coma, police said.

In the Paris suburban town of Raincy, the mayor was preparing to enact a nighttime curfew expected to go into force Monday or Tuesday, said one of his top aides.

## Voting

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Doug Thompson, the staff psychologist for the Texas Tech Counseling Center, said the counseling center opposes the amendment.

"We believe that all citizens should have equal rights and equal opportunity," Thompson said. "We believe that Proposition No. 2 goes against those rights. In a sense what they are doing is legalizing heterosexuality."

Today's election marks the first time Lubbock will use new handicap-accessible voting machines by a mass voter turnout. The 2002 Help America Vote Acts mandated that every voting precinct have at least one handicap-accessible voting

machine by Jan. 1, 2006.

The voting machines were used during early elections, but today is the first time the machines will be used by a large number of people. Roxzine Stinson, chief deputy for the Lubbock Elections Office, said she expects about 13,000 people to vote today.

Stinson said the new voting machines were a success during early voting.

"We had, for the most part, positive feedback," Stinson said. "The machines are handicap-friendly and extremely easy to use."

Voters must vote in the precinct in which they are registered. Voters who do not know which precinct they are registered in can find out by calling the Lubbock Elections Office at (806) 775-1339.

## Dogs

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"I think it's kind of ridiculous that the Prairie Dog Town is our fifth largest tourist attraction. I mean, it's Lubbock," said Karyn Swallow, a freshman nursing major from Rowlett. "Who's going to come to Lubbock to see a bunch of prairie dogs? I really think the money could have been better spent on something that would actually generate revenue."

Some Lubbock natives and current Tech students remember visiting the park as children.

"My parents used to take me to the park when I was a kid," said Jenny Lenly, a sophomore business major from Lubbock. "I remember it being really exciting and fun to look at. I'm glad Lubbock has something like this but it seems kind of pathetic that it is our No. 5 tourist attraction."

Another part of the renovation process was to lower the prairie dog population from 200 to 40.

"Having that many dogs in such a small area made it hard to contain them," Trusdell said. "Also by lowering the population we can not only keep them in check, but also supply food to them better."

The park has been in existence since the early 1930s but has not received renovations of this magnitude until now.

"We have had to make minor adjustments to the park such as replacing fence, but never have we done anything of this magnitude," said Nancy Neill, public relations manager and indoor recreation coordinator.

Neill said she hopes by beautifying the park, the prairie dogs will be more likely to stay within the confines instead of overflowing into the neighboring golf course.

"Mackenzie Park is a great park and we want citizens to come out and see it. We really want the community to enjoy Prairie Dog Town and all of the other renovations we have made," she said.

## EA recruiting students to create artificial intelligence tanks

EA is looking for a few good recruits to fight in their new Tank Wars Competition.

The competition calls on computer science students at select schools to create artificial intelligence tanks using a guide provided by EA.

After writing the code, participants must submit their work by Jan. 30 of next year to pit their creations against those of other combatants.

The individual winner and the winning school will receive \$5,000

worth of workstation gear and EA products.

Though Texas Tech is not among the 14 colleges the competition is open to, interested students can contact their dean and have him get in touch with EA to be invited to future tournaments.

"We plan on doing it again, and we're more than happy to open it to other schools," said Tammy Schachter, senior manager of corporate communications at EA headquarters.

—Carlos Bergfeld/Staff Writer

## Terror

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to be staged in Melbourne, were not a target.

"It's the largest operation of counterterrorism that's ever been conducted in this country," Nixon told the Australian Broadcasting Corp.

Stary said one of those arrested in Melbourne was the outspoken radical Muslim cleric Abu Bakr, an Algerian-Australian who has said he would be violating his faith if he warned his students not to join the jihad, or holy war, in Iraq.

In an August interview with the ABC, Abu Bakr also said that although he is against the killing of innocents, he could also not discourage his students from traveling to Afghanistan or Pakistan to train in terrorist camps.

Abu Bakr told the ABC he is not involved with any terror cells in Australia. However, he said he supports al-Qaida's aims and praised the group's leader.

"Osama bin Laden, he is a great man," Abu Bakr said. "Osama was

a great man before 11 September. They said he did it and until now nobody knows who did it."

ABC reported that Abu Bakr had been under investigation by the Australian Security Intelligence Organization, which accuses him of supporting Australian Muslims who participate in insurgencies overseas.

Australia has never been hit by a major terror attack, but its citizens have repeatedly been targeted overseas, particularly in neighboring Indonesia.

Last year, the country's embassy in Jakarta was badly damaged by a suicide bomber, and dozens of Australians were killed in bombings in 2002 and last month on the Indonesian resort island of Bali.

Prime Minister John Howard's opponents say his strong support for the U.S.-led war in Iraq and decision to send troops there and to Afghanistan have made an attack on Australia inevitable.

Just last week, Howard warned that Australian authorities had received specific intelligence about an attack on the country.

## Extradition

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would not say when Thompson would arrive in Houston, adding he would not comment about anything related to his return until the inmate was back in the county jail.

Extra security awaited Thompson in Houston.

"Anytime he's out of his cell block, we will have a deputy with him at all times," Martin said. "At no time will he be unattended outside his cell block."

Thompson faces escape charges in Harris County, which must be dealt with before he can be returned to death row in Livingston, about 75 miles northeast of Houston. But Martin said it was unlikely the state would bother trying Thompson on the escape charges because he already is condemned.

But once back on death row, Thompson faces reduced privileges.

He will be housed under tight security when he goes back to death row within a few weeks, said Michelle Lyons, a spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

"Most inmates with an escape

under their belt are housed under our highest level of security," Lyons said.

Those security measures include a reduction of recreation time from one hour a day to one hour a week. Thompson also will be banned from access to such personal items as a radio or typewriter.

Thompson, 35, was convicted in 1999 for the shooting deaths a year earlier of his ex-girlfriend, Dennis Hayslip, 39, of Tomball, and her new boyfriend, Darren Keith Cain, 30, of nearby Spring.

He had been brought to the county jail in Houston from death row in Livingston to be resentenced on the orders of an appeals court. He was resentenced to death on Oct. 28 and was awaiting transfer back to Livingston when he escaped.

After meeting with an attorney in a jail visiting room Thursday, Thompson managed to slip out of his handcuffs and into civilian clothes that authorities believe he wore during his sentencing and somehow smuggled back to his cell.

Thompson left the locked prisoner's booth in the visiting room and waved a fake ID badge as he passed at least four jail employees.

## Filibuster

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rently, the Republican Party holds 55 seats in the Senate.

"There's no point in delaying accepting Alito," Kerr said. "They might as well just do it."

Even though the committee hearings do not begin until January, the time between now and the confirmation vote will not be a factor in the filibuster, Kerr said.

"Politically, there's not too much difference," he said. "Unless there's some huge uprising or something, filibustering is just beating around the bush."

Meghan Denney, a freshman biology major from Austin, said a filibuster will not solve the problem.

"I think it's a cop-out," she said. "You just delay the inevitable."

Denney said the country needs to unite in light of events such as the war in Iraq and Hurricane Katrina. A filibuster at the current time would divide the country more than unite it, she said.

Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., said he believes Alito will get an up-or-down vote, but other Democrats on the judiciary committee have voiced concerns about Alito's conservative tendencies while on the bench, according to *The Associated Press*.

Senators on the committee are not required to recommend that the Senate confirm the nominee of a president. After questioning the nominee and other witnesses about the nominee, the committee votes and recommends to the full Senate that they either confirm or reject the president's choice.

The only nominee the judiciary committee has voted to reject was Robert Bork, President Ronald Reagan's first nominee in 1987. Bork later was defeated on the Senate floor by a vote of 42-58.

## TiVo, Yahoo! join forces

TiVo users away from home now have no reason to miss a show as long as they have Internet access.

TiVo teamed up with Yahoo! to allow users of the live TV taping service to request recordings via Yahoo! TV at <http://tv.yahoo.com>.

As of Monday, TiVo subscribers with a Series2 box and a Yahoo! user ID could register for the service.

In addition, TiVo users will receive access to certain Yahoo! services on their TVs as part of the agreement.

This may include traffic and weather information, among other services, though when these services will become available has not yet been announced.

—Carlos Bergfeld/Staff Writer



## EA to offer video game ring tones

TV show theme songs and video game scores have become increasingly common replacements of standard cell phone ring tones.

Fans have created many of these ring tones themselves, but EA made a move last week to shift this type of business in house.

Electronic Arts partnered with Nettwerk Music Group to create

EA Recordings, a distribution label that will offer music from EA games in ringtone or mp3 format.

The songs will be available for purchase on standard digital music download sites like Apple iTunes or Yahoo! Music.

Paul Oakenfold, Mark Mothersbaugh and others have lent their talent to the soundtracks of some past EA games.

—Carlos Bergfeld/Staff Writer



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8 PM	Nightly Business	News	KLBK 13 News	That '70s Show	News	Seinfeld
:30	Charlie Rose	(35) Jay Leno (HD)	(35) David Letterman (HD)	King of the Hill	(35) Nightline	Seinfeld
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## Military duty conflicts with editorial decision

Fix your eyes on the greatness of Athens as you have it before you day by day, fall in love with her, and when you feel her great, remember that this greatness was won by men of courage, with knowledge of their duty and with a sense of honor in action. — Pericles (431 B.C.)

I've been associated with this newspaper in some form or fashion since my first year at Texas Tech. First as a columnist, then as a member of the Student Publications Committee that hired the editor, and this year once again as a columnist, I've always placed a great premium on the importance of having an independent student-run newspaper. I think *The University Daily* (now *The Daily Toreador*) has had its ups and downs, but I truly believe this year's paper is the best I've ever seen — which makes it hard for me to have to leave.

Despite my great respect for the editorial board and with no doubt as to the sincerity of their intentions, I simply disagree with the recent decision to maintain a running "Iraq Casualty Counter" on the front page. Often throughout history bad outcomes have resulted from good intentions, and I fear this is one of those cases.

It breaks my heart to see America sliding into the same pit we fell into during the Vietnam era. Obviously, I wasn't alive for that period in our nation's history, but my perceptions of it have been shaped by my association with veterans of that conflict. One that sticks out is a lecture by Maj. Gen. Ken Bowra, U.S. Army (Ret.), I remember vividly.

Bowra served as an infantry adviser in Cambodia during the early 1970s, and in April 1975 found himself slated for withdrawal as part of Operation Eagle Pull. The Congress elected the previous year had abandoned our pledge to provide naval and air support to the government of South Vietnam when North Vietnam abrogated the Paris Peace Accords. North Vietnam's Cambodian allies, the Khmer Rouge, were advancing simultaneously and threatened to overwhelm the military government of Lon Nol.

The day finally came when Bowra learned his evacuation was imminent. That night, when he told the Cambodians he had spent years fighting alongside he would see them in the morning, he knew he was lying. Two weeks later, the Cambodian capitol Phnom Penh fell to the Khmer Rouge. Under Pol Pot's leadership, the Khmer Rouge would spend the next two years murdering a third of Cambodia's population.

After I met Bowra, I pledged that, to the extent I had anything to do with it, no American service member should ever be placed in the position of betraying an ally again.

More and more this year, I'm seeing signs that the nation that once pledged to "pay any price" and "bear any burden" is getting ready to tap out. Perversely, the advocates of putting our troops through another Vietnam-type debacle are claiming to speak on their behalf.

First it was Michael Moore cynically calling on the readers of his Web site to "Help the Soldiers" while displaying a photomosaic of portraits of those killed in action made to look like President Bush.

Then it was Cindy Sheehan using the very body of her heroic son as a platform to dishonor his brothers-in-arms and advocate all kinds of loony left-wing causes. Most recently, the media used the occasion of the 2,000th American service member being killed in action in Iraq to remind us that war comes with a cost in blood and treasure.

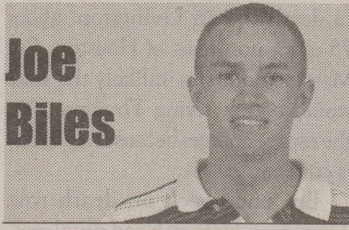
Not surprisingly, decreasing public support has marked the rising cost of the war. History tells us this is not unusual; as Harper's Magazine editor Michael Lind has pointed out, support for the war in Vietnam declined in relation to rising casualty figures at approximately the same rate as during the Korean War.

What disturbs me is our relative lack of resolve compared to the past. In Vietnam we lost 58,203 Americans. In Korea we lost 36,568. At Cold Harbor, the Union troops suffered more than 7,000 combat deaths in one hour.

I often hear neo-isolationist leftists repeat the refrain, "The Iraqis need to do more." I wonder what they're expecting — the Iraqis have sacrificed more than we have: 3,526 Iraqi soldiers and policemen killed in combat against the insurgency. They've lost 2,226 this year alone.

Every life lost is infinite in its tragedy to that service member's family and friends. From time to time, I find myself reading about the past lives of the dead, and every time I have to wonder what the U.S.

**Joe Biles**



has lost. Each 18-year-old Marine killed retaking Fallujah might have been a future president. Every 19-year-old soldier lost in the Battle of Tal Afar was a potential Fortune 500 CEO. Many of the dead had children, and I honestly can't say what is more tragic — the children who lost a parent, or the young men and women who never got to be parents.

None of those killed in Iraq wanted to be there, but none would have shirked their duty either. By definition, every member of our all-volunteer military accepts the notion that "mission accomplished" is more important than "returned alive," which is why it distresses me that some think we can honor the dead by abandoning their cause.

As best I can estimate, I'm just more than 180 days from being a commissioned officer in the armed forces — God and my performance willing. In light of all that has been sacrificed to date, with the knowledge that the theocratic despots trying to impose their dogmas on Iraq desperately want the U.S. "peace movement" to succeed, and with an eye toward the young men and women I might be someday asked to lead, I cannot associate my name with the casualty counter on the front page without some other changes.

The editors of *The DT* are great Americans who have earned my respect. I've spent a lot of time with them and, trust me, they're not the Lubbock chapter of the Michael Moore Fan Club. In this one instance, I simply feel my duty to country conflicts with their duty as journalists.

Much about the way the Iraq War has been conducted is deserving of criticism — Ambassador Paul Bremer's decision to disband the old Iraqi army, the decision early on to focus the military's intelligence assets in Iraq on the futile search for WMDs rather than on getting a grasp on the insurgency, the Pentagon's foolishly optimistic initial estimate of the number of troops needed for postwar reconstruction (made by Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz, a McNamara-esque bean counter without military experience), just to name a few.

But all of these mistakes are reasons to rededicate ourselves to our mission, not cry "Uncle."

In Saddam Hussein's Iraq, the Baath Party exercised veto power over all journalism. Today, the new Iraq is home to dozens of independent newspapers, radio and TV broadcasters, and even bloggers, all of whom stand to suffer if the insurgency prevails.

Nothing Bin Laden or Zarquawi has said to date gives me any confidence that their version of Iraq would treat journalists better than theocratic Iran, where pro-democracy bloggers are imprisoned and tortured.

If I were on the editorial board, my vote would be to keep the counter or lose it, either way, as long as *The DT's* position on winning in Iraq were clear.

As Ronald Reagan put it in 1976 after losing the GOP presidential nomination to Gerald Ford, "There is no substitute for victory, Mr. President." Without unequivocal support for victory over the Islamofascists, I fear the casualty counter will simply become a drag on popular support for the troops.

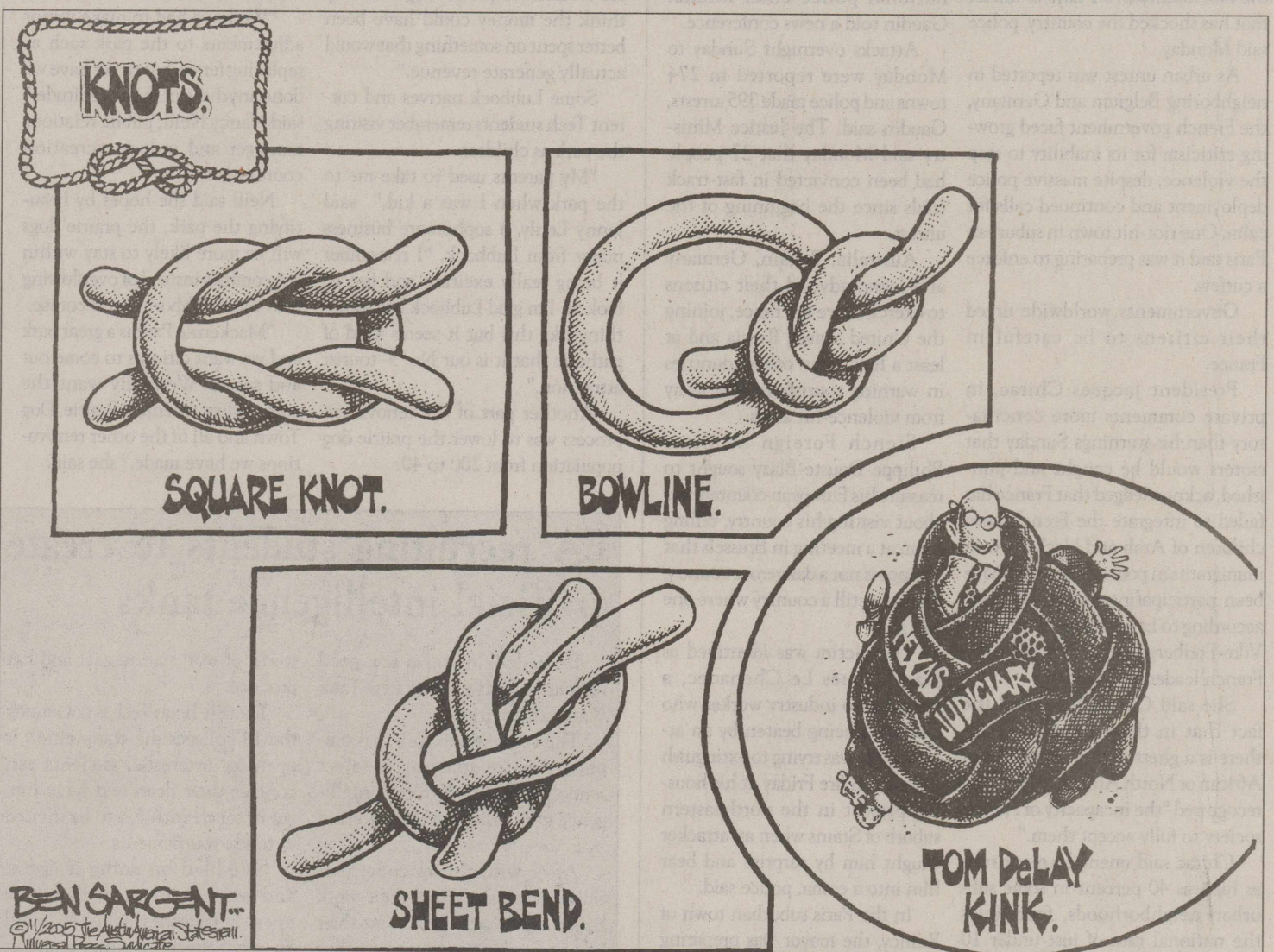
I wish I could express in words how much this country means to me and how much it hurts to see Americans once again divided. I wish everyone could feel as I do the unlimited potential America possesses for all of us.

I owe everything I have to the incredible good fortune of being born here, where everything is possible to those who believe.

The political and economic liberty that made our prosperity possible is neither our exclusive birthright nor is it free. If we give up on these things in Iraq, our enemies, seeing the discount price of defeating America, will surely challenge us elsewhere. If that happens, I wonder how long it would be before we gave up on ourselves.

America now faces a choice between what is right and what is easy. I pray we choose wisely.

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## Hip to the hop, you don't stop

### Rap music promotes both positive and negative aspects of black culture

Rap music comes a dime a dozen these days. It has splintered into many different factions and has worked its way in to just about every genre of mainstream music. I was surprised, but pleased when I heard the Nelly/Tim McGraw song last year, but I figured it would stop there.

Just a few days ago I saw a country western video on CMT in which the artist was rapping with a twang. I am glad to see the progression and acceptance of rap, but I am concerned with its current state. With so much of it lacking in quality, it makes it difficult to discern good hip-hop.

*Hip-hop is about the quality of music; rap is about selling the product.*

Rap seems to be a type of music that people either love or hate. I have heard rap described as innovative and fresh to "nothing but a bunch of nonsense over a disco beat." Despite how you feel about it, one thing that must be understood is that hip-hop cannot be judged by the same standards as other music.

Paramount to the genre is the lyrics. Bottom line: If the rhymes are weak, then the song sucks. The ability to create good story and make smooth transitions is essential to the success of the song.

In fact, I think this is what distinguishes hip-hop from Rap music: the skill of the artist and the content of his or her music.

In hip-hop, you have groups and

artists like a Tribe Called Quest, Tupac, Notorious B.I.G., and currently Snoop Dogg, 50 Cent, Eminem and Kanye West (hate him or love him, respect the skill) who have good rhymes and storylines.

In rap you have the infamous Mike Jones and the equally annoying Ying Yang Twins who create crappy music and repetitive catch phrases meant to sell even crappier products like "Crunk Juice."

Hip-hop is about the quality of music; rap is about selling the product.

Secondary to the rhymes is the beat. Let's face it — a good beat can transform any song from mediocre to excellent. It's what grabs your attention and prompts you to listen to the song. The best example I can give you of this is one of my all-time favorite producers, Timbaland.

Just about anything that man touches, (or produces, rather) is a huge hit. He knows how to craft a good beat with good lyrics to make an even better song. Not only that, but he blends, rhythm, harmony and originality instead of just sampling someone else's music. If more producers took his lead then there would be better music out all around.

A huge factor in determining the quality of hip-hop is the consistency of the artist. Do they keep producing good music? In my mind, that plays more into the reputation of an artist than how many times he or she was shot or the length of their arrest rap sheet. Longevity is important in the hip-hop community, and if the artist is a one-hit wonder, he or she gets no respect (Just like Rodney Dangerfield).

Now, I know there are dissenters out

**Raven Morgan**



there who hate any form of rap music, and for that matter any form of music that has its roots in a different ethnicity.

I'm not saying that if you don't like rap music you're racist, but rap is a genre that is based in an urban culture and urban economics. It's understandable that an upper-middle-class white kid from the suburbs might not relate to a being poor, ethnic and from the Bronx.

It's also understandable that people don't like the side effects of rap music. Young people with baggy clothes, a disrespect for women and the negative depictions of black youth are all aspects that people dislike.

Personally, I hate the use of the word, "nigger." Some of our parents, my parents included, were part of the Civil Rights movement and they did not fight so hard in order for use to use a hateful word so casually.

Some negative outcomes are genre specific. With gangster rap (which some of you might be too young to remember) there was a rise in gang violence. Some people took the words of their idols a little too seriously and, unfortunately, took the lives of others.

With the current state of rap, which I like to call "All about the Bling Bling," there's been a rise in excess spending and

credit card debt for those trying to keep up with the Mike Joneses.

There are positives of rap music. Just like rock before it, it has become a worldwide phenomenon. I have seen rap music videos from all over the world. My favorite is a Japanese music video called "Tainted Donuts" for the anime series, "Trigun."

The globalization of hip-hop is leading to more cultures interacting, which in turn, leads to more ethnic groups inter-dating.

Some may see interracial dating as a bad thing, especially in West Texas. If you do, keep your thoughts to yourself.

Stop staring at couples, giving them dirty looks, or asking them if their parents know what they are doing. Nobody likes a hater so mind your own damn business.

For those of us that are in interracial relationships, make sure you truly love and care for that person and you are not doing it to be part of a trend or for shock value. There are better ways to get into a music video.

The purpose of rap is to tell a story and convey a message. Unfortunately, the genre has lost its focus. Even though rap has taken off on a "bunny trail" and wandered from the main path, the genre still is young and still feeling growing pains.

Despite the negatives, it still has the power to unite people of all cultures and get the heads nodding and the booties shaking in a global groove.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Tech fans should show respect for other teams

I am not a fan of the Texas Aggies, but I was embarrassed, upset and frustrated when the students in the south and southeast end zone sections of Jones SBC Stadium started their "Raider Power" chant during the Aggie band's playing of their school song.

They also booed as the band approached the south endzone during halftime.

How rude and undisciplined. Not only is it poor sportsmanship, its bad manners as well.

It's sad that student fans also boo every visiting team as it enters or leaves the playing field — even those teams who have never been to Lubbock before.

I wonder what the people from Indiana and Florida thought about our Texas hospitality? Let's grow up, let's act nice, let's be friendly.

We should treat our guests the way Nebraska treats theirs.

Frances T. Ansley  
Lubbock resident for more than 50 years

#### Arresting students should not become tradition

As a Texas Tech student and huge football fan, I have had it with the policy of harassing and arresting students as they walk in the football games to support their school and team. Is it that harmful for students who are of legal age to have a beer or two before you walk into a football game?

If arresting students who have had something to drink is the motive, why is it that regular fans that walk into other gates do not get questioned?

Why are there only two or three state troopers at every other gate as opposed to 10 to 15 "policing" the student gate? I am curious as to what message the administra-

tion at Tech is trying to convey.

I can understand arresting students who are out of line while walking into the game. However, it appears to me that they are seeking out people who are simply minding their own business.

I feel belittled every time I see an ad in *The Daily Toreador* or through Tech Announce e-mails warning us that we will be arrested while walking into the game. For a school that is constantly seeking new traditions, this is a tradition that must stop.

Blake Ezell  
Senior public relations major from Dallas

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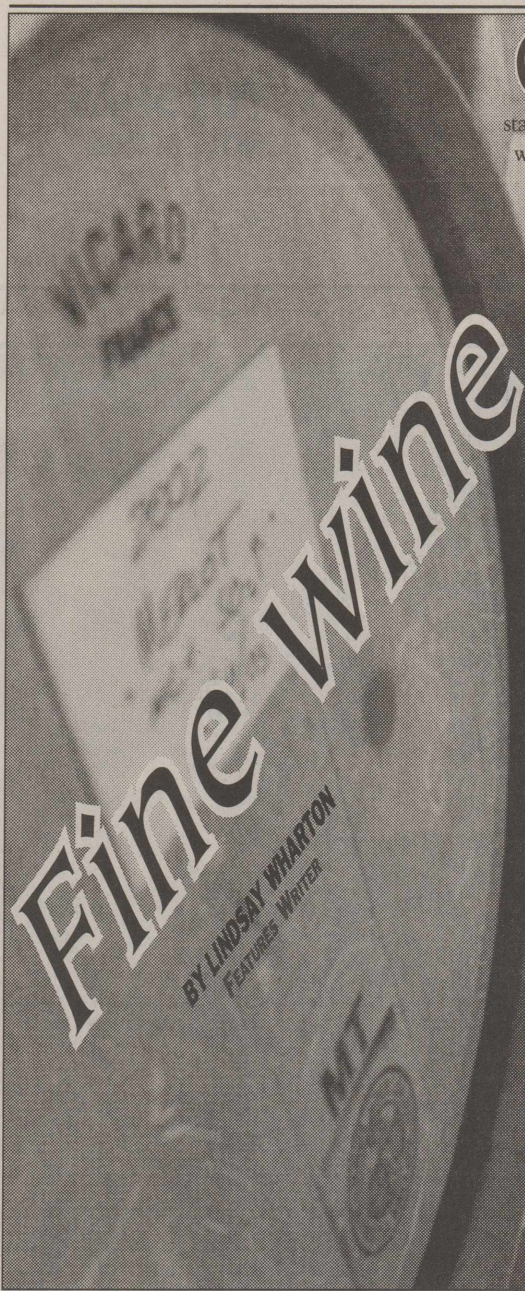
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Outside the city limits, past the liquor stores and gas stations, are the second and third top wine producers in the state of Texas. The Llano Estacado and Cap Rock wineries seem out of place amid the liquor stores and small farmhouses.

Russel Gillentine, the tasting room director for the Llano Estacado winery, said the West Texas area is ideal for growing grapes.

"Fourty-three percent (of grapes grown in Texas) are grown in this area," he said.

The arid climate coupled with the hot days and cool nights encourages grape growing.

Neither winery has a vineyard. Both contract local producers to supply the grapes.

The harvest season is in September when the wineries process the grapes and begin the production process.

Jeremy Wilson, a senior finance major from Cleburne, gives tours at the Cap Rock winery.

Producing wine is an intricate process that involves several large rooms filled with machinery. The process begins with the pressing of the grapes. Red wines use the seeds and skin of the grape so the process is slightly altered.

Both types of grapes are de-stemmed, and the red grapes are crushed. Then, fermentation occurs.

"The sugars begin to turn into alcohol," he said.

This process takes about two weeks, and then the grapes are pressed and filtered. The liquid is then placed in an oak barrel for one to three years.

There are different options wineries have to enhance or alter the flavors of the wine.

"We're stopping the fermentation process if we want to create a sweeter wine," he said.

Jim Evans, the assistant tasting room director for the Llano Estacado winery, said the drier white and red wines go through fermentation longer than the naturally sweeter wines.

The type of barrel used can affect the flavor. The American barrel will cause the wine to have a stronger flavor, and the French barrel creates a subtler flavor.

After the wine is ready to sell, a machine fills the bottles and shoots nitrogen into the bottles in order to displace the oxygen contained inside. Excess oxygen causes the wine to oxidize and taste bitter.

The wine is then vacuum-sealed and corked. Wine is sold at the optimum drinking stage and is generally good for about seven years.

Both the Llano Estacado and Cap Rock wineries have a rich history of wine production.

Three Texas Tech professors started the Llano Estacado in 1976. Robert Reed, Clinton McPherson and Roy Mitchell wanted a local winery for West Texas.

Gillentine, said the winery has grown and improved since the opening. During the first few years, it produced about 12,000 gallons per year. Now the winery can produce up to 220,000 gallons.

"We are the largest producer of premium wine in Texas," he said. "We've had a good year."

Evans said the establishment ships wine to all the major cities in Texas.

The growing season is generally stable in Lubbock, he said, so the wine business remains stable.

Wilson said Cap Rock does not have as easy of a time at the beginning of the winery's history. It was created in 1988, but went bankrupt in 1990.

"They went too big too fast," he said.

A bank took over the winery until two Houston investors decided to take their chances on the wine establishment. The investors took over, but they did not change much about Cap Rock except the wine labels.

The wine industry has been steadily productive in West Texas and does not seem to have any roadblocks in the future. Both wineries offer tours and free taste testing.

## Mencia minds the LBK Friday

By JAY LANGLEY  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Carlos Mencia has been seen in more than 85 million living rooms with his TV series "Mind of Mencia." As part of a 16-city tour, Mencia brings his "Mind of Mencia Live Tour" to the Lubbock Civic Center 8 p.m. Friday.

Mencia's publicist Stacey Pokluda said Techsians attending the comedy show can expect to be offended.

"He offends everybody," she said. "He is an equal opportunity offender."

Mencia has a unique comedy style, Pokluda said.

"He does not really tell jokes," she said. "He has a point of view which he is not afraid to share with his audience. Either you agree with his point of view or you don't. But I think Carlos just says what everyone is thinking but is afraid to say."

"Mind of Mencia" debuted on Comedy Central July 6. The premiere episode was the third-highest rated show for the network.

"Carlos has definitely become more popular since the debut of the show," Pokluda said. "The shows have

sold out a lot faster on this tour than on any of his other tours."

Pokluda said in his 100-minute routine, Mencia covers issues including ethnic stereotypes, race relations, immigration, war, patriotism, capitalism and family.

"His comedy is very tell it like it is," Pokluda said. "That is one of the reasons he has developed such a large following."

Mencia, the 17th of 18 children, was born in Honduras and raised in east Los Angeles.

In an October news release, Mencia said truth in comedy is the best kind of comedy.

"I think we all feel the same things most of the time, we just don't know how to put them into words," Mencia said in the news release. "When I'm on stage, I say it. The truth makes people laugh."

Filming of the second season of "Mind of Mencia" starts in March coinciding with the release of "Mind of Mencia Season 1" March 21.

The "Mind of Mencia Live Tour" tickets may be purchased at the Civic Center box office, online at [www.selectseatlubbock.com](http://www.selectseatlubbock.com) or by calling (806) 735-1288.

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Spirit Arena to sport red and green

It's not Christmas yet, but Lady Raiders, Green Wave are in action tonight

By TRAVIS CRAM SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

Fans will be treated to a two-for-one special Tuesday night when the No. 13 Lady Raiders face Everyone's Internet at 6 p.m., followed by a serving of Tulane and the Houston Jaguars at 8 p.m. today in the United Spirit Arena.

Players from both teams are excited about the games, and for Tulane, it is a match long overdue.

Junior Jami Montagnino said she and other Green Wave players cannot wait to take the court and play their first game since moving to Lubbock after Hurricane Katrina wiped them out of New Orleans.

"It'll be nice to finally get a game in after everything that has happened," she said.

The Tulane players have been living together on the Texas Tech campus, which Montagnino said has been fun and brought them closer together since the disaster in Louisiana.

Tulane coach Lisa Stockton said although the transition has been an adventure and, as hard as it is being away from the comforts of home, the players and she are less stressed than when they first got here.

"The administration here at Tech and everyone in the community have made it so much easier on us," she said. "The hardest adjustment is probably the size of the campus."

Tulane will enter the 2005-06 season with a much younger squad than they have had in recent years. Montagnino and senior D'Aundra Henry are the only two upperclassmen accompanied by five sophomores and four freshmen on the squad.

Montagnino leads the Green

Wave into competition this season after averaging 7.5 points per game last season and was the only player to start in all 27 games.

The Lady Raiders are looking to win their second-straight exhibition game before they face-off against No. 3 Louisiana State Sunday in the State Farm Women's Tip-Off Classic.

Tech beat Love and Basketball Thursday, 68-59. Senior point guard and State Farm Wade Trophy finalist Erin Grant led the way for the Lady Raiders with 14 points and four steals. Freshman

LaVonda "Tiny" Henderson had 10 points in her first game along with junior Alesha Robertson's 14.

Senior LaToya Davis showed

her versatility on the court putting up 13 points and 13 rebounds while dishing out six assists.

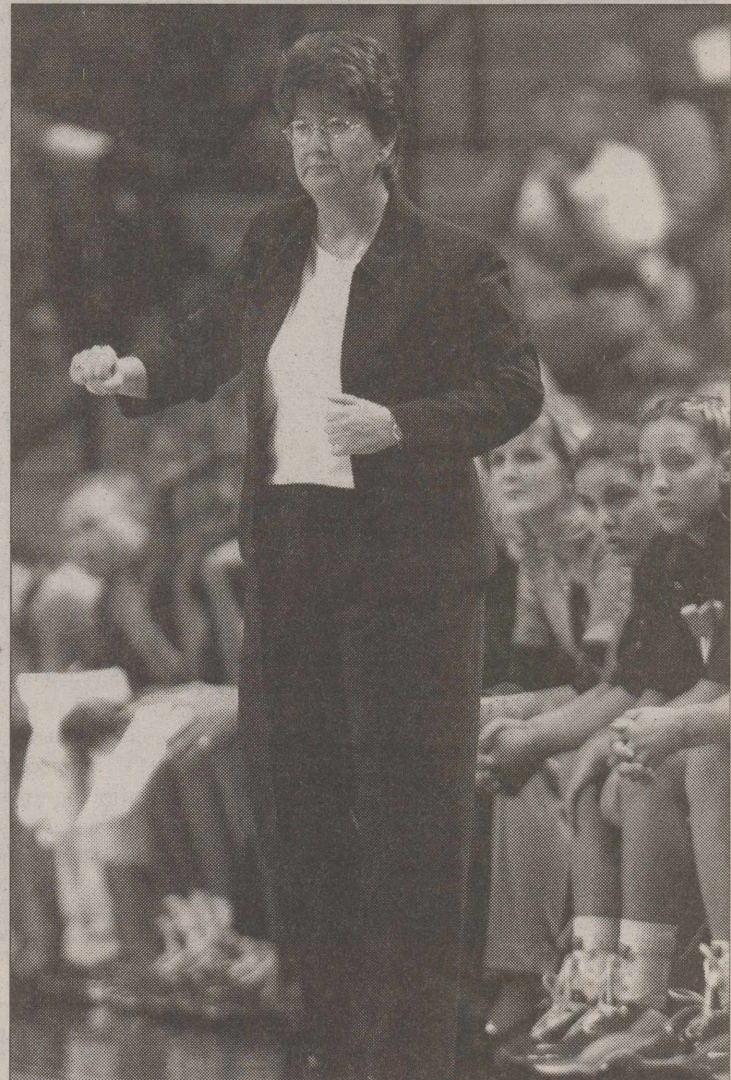
Although the play in the first half was cluttered with mistakes for the Lady Raiders, they led 30-26 at the half, Grant said it is good for the team to address any problems now before they take on LSU.

"It's going to be sloppy," she said. "That's what exhibition games are for."

Tech will continue to play without senior Chesley Dabbs, who is out with a knee injury, and coach Marsha Sharp said she will be day-to-day until they know more about her rehabilitation.

"We're probably not going to have her against LSU," she said. "Certainly what I would be most interested in is if we can have her available for Big 12 play, but that's really the time we will need her the most."

Everyone's Internet has been on a Texas tour, playing different teams across the state including No. 12 Texas during its last game, beating the 'Horns 68-60.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

LADY RAIDER COACH Marsha Sharp instructs her squad during a game last season. Sharp is entering her 24th season on the bench for the Lady Raiders.

'There's always next year,' need not apply to 2005-06 Lady Raiders

The old sports adage reminds us "there's always next year."

The Houston Texans probably said it earlier than the Houston Astros this year, and the Texas Tech Lady Raiders have come close to greatness but surrender to the motto yearly.

Last year, the Lady Raiders made it to the semifinals of the Big 12 tournament and the Sweet 16 of the NCAA postseason.

Tech lost just five regular-season games last season and never fell from the rankings.

Each season, the Lady Raiders and their faithful fans start with high hopes, live up to that outlook and then fall just short of the best.

Bryan Wendell



This year's team, however, will be different. But to understand why this team of Lady Raiders has a great future ahead, let's first look at the past.

In the '90s, Tech was one of the nation's top teams. The Lady Raiders boast the fifth-highest winning percentage during the decade, bested only by

powerhouses Tennessee, Connecticut, Louisiana Tech and Stanford.

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the Lady Raiders have enjoyed similar success, starting each year ranked at least in the Top 13 in the nation.

In stark contrast to the Tech football team, the Lady Raiders preseason features games against formidable foes.

Seeing Duke, Louisiana Tech and Stanford early in the season has helped strengthen the Lady Raiders in past years — even if all three games ended in Tech losses.

Also, let's not forget that no amount of creative scheduling would prevent Tech from having to play Texas, Baylor, Iowa State and Kansas State at least once each season.

Sixteen straight appearances in the NCAA tournament and six Sweet 16

trips in the past seven years are proof of the strength that the Lady Raiders exhibit.

So what does this year hold? The ESPN/USA Today Coaches' poll says Tech is the 13<sup>th</sup> best team in the nation.

As for tough schedules, the Lady Raiders will open against No. 3 LSU in the State Farm Women's Tip-Off Classic Nov. 13 at the United Spirit Arena.

This year's team is less of a question mark than those from previous years, and because of that, I predict the women on the team will need less time to gel.

When you bring back the team-selected MVP from the past two seasons and Tech's all-time assist leader (Erin Grant), the player with the highest

field-goal percentage in Tech history (LaToya Davis, 60.6 percent), the player who has made the most 3-pointers in a single game in Tech history (Alesha Robertson, nine) and a second-team All-Big 12 selection from last season (Chesley Dabbs) how can you go wrong?

Let's not forget the power of Erin Myrick, the cunning of Judith Smith or the skill of Darrice Griffin — all sophomores.

Tech has excellent balance this season, from beyond the 3-point arc to inside the painted area; the Lady Raiders can go around, outside of, over and through defenses to score the basketball.

The loss of 6-foot-5 Cisti Greenwalt certainly hurts a little, but the Lady Raiders relied on her to do too much at times last season and often mimicked her streakiness.

The team went as Greenwalt did last season, and now, the Lady Raiders can overwhelm teams by not having one clear scoring threat.

Whenever the Lady Raiders were deep in the shot clock or in trouble last season, Greenwalt always was a quick option in the post. Now, that option still exists with Davis, but also can be found from midrange with Dabbs or from pretty much anywhere with Robertson.

Championship-winning teams are balanced teams, and the Lady Raiders are balanced this year more than any I can remember.

So this year I can see the Lady Raiders losing some games during the season that they were guaranteed to win on paper.

What I don't see happening, however, is Tech faltering or backing down when taking center stage at the Big 12 or NCAA tournaments.

This Tech team is too deep and too talented to "wait until next year."

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