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There's a new show kicking off in town.

STATE
Exploded bus operator charged with killing 23

MCALLEN (AP) — A tour company has been charged with conspiracy and other crimes in the deaths of 23 nursing home residents whose bus caught fire and exploded as they were trying to flee Hurricane Rita.

In an indictment unsealed Wednesday, Global Limo, Inc., and owner James H. Maples are accused of conspiring to falsify driver time records and failing to inspect the company's bus fleet to make sure the buses were safe.

Maples, 65, was arrested Wednesday at his McAllen home and released on a \$75,000 secured bond that restricts his travel. Maples appeared briefly Wednesday afternoon, quietly telling a U.S. magistrate that he understood the charges. He was not required to enter a plea.

The bus caught fire Sept. 23 on a freeway near Dallas as it was evacuating residents of Brighton Gardens nursing home from Houston as Hurricane Rita churned in the Gulf of Mexico. The driver and some passengers escaped, but others were trapped when oxygen tanks on board fed the flames and exploded.

NATION
Police drop Sheehan's latest charges, apologize

WASHINGTON (AP) — Capitol Police dropped a charge of unlawful conduct against anti-war activist Cindy Sheehan on Wednesday and apologized for ejecting her and a congressman's wife from President Bush's State of the Union address for wearing T-shirts with war messages.

"The officers made a good faith, but mistaken effort to enforce an old unwritten interpretation of the prohibitions about demonstrating in the Capitol," Capitol Police Chief Terrance Gainer said in a statement late Wednesday.

"The policy and procedures were too vague," he added. "The failure to adequately prepare the officers is mine."

The extraordinary statement came a day after police removed Sheehan and Beverly Young, wife of Rep. C.W. "Bill" Young, R-Fla., from the visitors gallery Tuesday night. Sheehan was taken away in handcuffs before Bush's arrival at the Capitol and charged with a misdemeanor, while Young left the gallery and therefore was not arrested, Gainer said.

"Neither guest should have been confronted about the expressive T-shirts," Gainer's statement said.

WORLD
Dealers using puppies to transport drugs

NEW YORK (AP) — Colombian drug dealers turned puppies into couriers by surgically implanting them with packets of heroin, federal authorities said Wednesday.

Investigators believe the ring used the dogs, as well as human drug swallows, to conceal millions of dollars in liquid heroin on commercial flights into New York City for distribution on the East Coast.

Ten puppies, including Labrador retrievers, were rescued during a 2005 raid on a farm in Colombia, the Drug Enforcement Administration said, while announcing more than 30 arrests.

A veterinarian had stitched a total of 3 kilograms of heroin into the bellies of six pups. Three later died from infections after the drugs were removed.

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Saddle Tramps suspended for hazing

By MICHELLE CASADY
STAFF WRITER

The victory bells may not ring out for the Saddle Tramps. After an alleged hazing incident the evening of Jan. 26, the organization's registration has been temporarily suspended.

According to police reports, the incident took place on the east side of the Administration building. The report also noted there would be no further police investigation into the incident.

"I don't think there's anything else we're

doing regarding the incident," Maj. Gordon Hoffman said. "I believe our part of it (the investigation) is finished as far as I know."

Ethan Logan, associate director of the Center for Campus Life, said when an organization has its registration suspended, it loses specific university privileges, funding and the use of space.

Though the legal authorities are no longer involved in the case, according to police reports, the on-campus

investigation continues.

Managing Director for Communications and Marketing, Shelia Allee, said the suspension is temporary pending a full review by Student Judicial Programs.

Any allegations of wrongdoing go to the Center for Campus Life in the form of a referral. Once the referral is there, it is decided whether there is enough of a claim to make a case. If it is decided a case can be made, a referral is then sent to Student

Judicial Programs. If it is then decided the case should be heard, the organization or person in question can choose between two different types of hearings.

An administrative hearing consists of the organization facing allegations and one administrator from the university hearing the case then deciding on punishment.

A university discipline committee hearing consists of at least but not limited to one member of the faculty, one member of



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Regents provide insight into Smith resignation

By BRYAN WENDELL
MANAGING EDITOR

When Dr. David Smith announced his resignation from his chancellor position Jan. 24, rumors began to fly about the reasons behind his departure.

The decision was confusing to many Texas Tech students who heard comments from the two sides in the separation agreement.

On one side was Smith, who before announcing his intent to resign said he had "unfinished business" for himself and the university.

Opposite him was the board of regents, who praised the work Smith did during his five years as

Tech's chancellor.

"Dr. Smith did an outstanding job. The growth and the accomplishments at Texas Tech in the past five years have been outstanding," said Robert Black, a Tech regent out of Horseshoe Bay, speaking in a telephone interview from his home.

With the two sides seemingly happy, the question was what brought Smith and the board to the bargaining table for what Black repeatedly calls a "mutually agreeable separation based on an agreement between the parties."

When asked this question, Black said he did not know exactly how

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More details revealed in double-homicide case

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

Steven Tyler Logan of Lubbock was arraigned Tuesday at the Lubbock County Courthouse, on two counts of capital murder in the alleged killings of his mother and grandmother, police officials said.

Logan, 19, is being charged with the murder of Vicki Logan, 52, and Wanda Faye Turner, 73, which occurred Friday afternoon at the 2700 block of 80th Street.

Logan was arrested Sunday on one count of murder, but was arraigned on two counts of capital murder Tuesday.

A statement from Lubbock Police

Lt. Roy Bassett stated it was likely the original charges were put together as soon as possible based on the evidence, since it was unknown whether Logan was a flight risk, and because of the lack of knowledge of Logan's intentions and whereabouts.

When more information was collected, the charges were raised.

Sgt. John Gomez of the Lubbock Police Department said the case will now go to a grand jury where the police will present all the evidence for the case.

He said the police have collected evidence from witnesses and neighbors of Logan fighting with both his

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Seeing Red

Friday's Go Red Day aims to remind women of their No. 1 killer

By LAURA BURRUS
STAFF WRITER

February is not just about hearts on Valentine's Day; it is about learning to take care of the heart all the time.

The American Heart Association of Lubbock will kick off its yearlong Lubbock Goes Red Campaign Feb. 3.

Go Red for Women began four years ago to raise awareness among women that heart disease is their No. 1 killer.

Allison McMillan, Lubbock's corporate market director for the American Heart Association, said she believes it is important to inform women about heart disease.

"The main goal with this campaign is to educate women about heart disease," she said, "and let them know that heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women."

Carol Conrad, an administrative assistant at Lubbock's American Heart Association, said not very many women realize heart disease is their No. 1 killer.

"Many people are unaware of the fact that heart disease is the No. 1 killer," she said. "Most people think cancer is the No. 1 killer."

Conrad said the campaign is designed to inform women about heart disease and teach them how they can help prevent it in their own lives.

McMillan said about 100 companies in Lubbock have partnered with the campaign and will encourage their employees to wear red Feb. 3. She said companies are offering their employees incentives by letting them wear red shirts and jeans to work in exchange for a \$5 donation to the American Heart Association.

McMillan said the symbol the association chose to represent Wear Red Day is a red dress. She said the dress was chosen because it is something that women relate to, and the color red was chosen because it is the color of passion and represents a vibrant life.

She said the association will pass out more than 25,000 red

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WILLIAM C. "WILLIE" McCool is immortalized in a statue at Coronado High School. McCool, of Lubbock, was killed in when the Columbia shuttle exploded on re-entry in 2003.

Three years later, seven fallen heroes of space flight remembered

By ANDREW WOOD
STAFF WRITER

The Columbia Space Shuttle exploded Feb. 1, 2003, killing the seven astronauts on board.

Wednesday marked the three-year anniversary of the disaster, which happened 16 minutes before the astronauts' scheduled landing in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Rick Husband, an Amarillo native and Texas Tech graduate, and Lubbock-native William McCool were two of the seven astronauts aboard that shuttle.

Joelle Lowe, a junior psychology major from Lubbock, said she remembers where she was when she heard about it.

"I just remember I was at work when I heard about it on the radio," Lowe said. "I thought it was terrible."

The explosion happened at about 9 a.m. Central Standard Time when Elyse Weatherford and others around the world heard it.

"I remember it was really early in the morning," said Weatherford, a senior public relations major from Dallas. "I asked my dad what he knew, then we saw on the news why it happened."

Weatherford said people should remember the tragedy

and be more "cautious and supportive" of the astronauts.

After the blast, some of Columbia's remains were found in East Texas.

Weatherford said she has friends from Nacogdoches and Lufkin who went to look for the debris.

According to www.spacedaily.com, investigators discovered that a piece of foam insulation damaged the heat shield and caused the ship to fall apart.

"I remember when it took off, the foam cracked the heat shield," said Hunter Atkins, a senior zoology major from Dallas.

Husband graduated from Amarillo High School in 1975 before he came to Tech and received a bachelor's in mechanical engineering in 1980. Husband also graduated from California State University in 1990 with a master's in mechanical engineering.

Between his time at the two schools, Husband was in the U.S. Air Force.

According to Wikipedia.org, Husband spent more than 3,800 hours in the air.

In December 1994, he was selected as an astronaut candidate and began training at the Lyndon B. Johnson

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dress pins throughout the year. "There are two pins on each card," McMillan said. "We want women to keep one and give one to someone they love to let them know that heart disease is a killer. We want women to take care of their hearts."

She said the campaign is national and people will be hearing about the campaign on national TV shows such as NBC's "Today Show." She said different landmarks in Lubbock will "go red" as well and citizens of Lubbock should look for them.

Conrad said the association will have a Red Day Conference on May 17 to serve as a fundraiser. She said the conference would have different seminars for women regarding heart disease. She said lunch will be provided at the event.

She said individual tickets can be purchased for \$25 or a table that seats eight people can be reserved for \$250.

Conrad said this year's goal is to get more women at the conference than last year's conference.

"It's grown every year," she said. "Last year we had about 325 attendees. We are hoping to get 500 for this year. It might be ambitious, but we're really going to try."

According to www.american-heart.org, nearly 150 people in Texas die of cardiovascular disease and stroke each day.

According to its Web site, the association suggests daily exercise to help keep the heart healthy. The site suggests that light housework, like sweeping the floor, is better than no activity at all. It also suggests taking breaks at work to walk around and stretch.

According to the site, women need to know the right questions to ask their doctor which include, "What are my risk factors for heart disease?" "What are the signs of a heart attack and stroke?" and "What is a healthy eating plan for me?"

Other heart healthy tips can be found at www.americanheart.org.

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PREVENT HEART DISEASE

Heart disease is the No. 1 killer among women, but nearly 150 people in Texas die of cardiovascular disease or stroke each day.

Though not all heart disease is preventable, there are factors that might help a person reduce their risk of heart disease.

- Eat a balanced diet with lots of fruits and vegetables.
- Eat with other people, you will eat less than if you eat alone
- Mix half a regular soda with half of a diet soda
- Use the stairs instead of the elevator
- Hide the remote control and get up and change the channels on your TV
- Stop smoking

Source: American Heart Association Web site

Alcohol, drug citations top Tech PD list of most common on-campus occurrences

By **MATT EARLE**
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Police Department is commissioned to provide the community with a safe and secure academic environment. Tech officially staffs 73 personnel with 48 being commissioned officers.

Tech police officers see a wide variety of crime on campus including aggravated assault, robbery, arson, motor vehicle theft, and marijuana and underage alcohol consumption.

Jack Floyd, a safety officer for the Tech Police Department, said vehicle break-ins are one of the bigger problems.

"Burglaries in vehicles come in waves," Floyd said. "Its more of a seasonal thing than anything else."

Floyd said he does not believe Tech students are doing the break-ins. He said when arrests are made for vehicle intrusions, the culprits tend to be people outside of the Tech community looking for an easy steal.

People who are arrested on campus usually are not repeat offenders, Floyd said. The department has found an exception, however. "There's a guy who steals bikes, and we've caught him a couple of times," Floyd said. "He just really likes bikes."

Floyd said many break-ins are sporadic, but a large number do occur around during the holidays.

Tech officials have been looking to curb these trends by allowing students to park their vehicles within the parking garage during winter break.

This is a safe and effective way to monitor the vehicles with video surveillance, Floyd said.

According to the Tech PD's Web site, www.safety.ttu.edu.com, alcohol and drug arrests and citations are the most common occurrence within the residence halls.

Kerstin Scates, a junior interior design major from Dallas, said she has personal knowledge of this type of crime.

"I was smoking weed, and the cops just came in," Scates said. "I don't think it's that big of a deal. I know two or three girls who have been ticketed for the same thing."

Scates said she was intensely questioned about who supplied her the weed.

She said the Tech police officers threatened to take her to jail several times if she did not reveal her dealer.

Scates said she was cited with a ticket, but refused to inform the police of her dealer.

Assistant Police Chief Gordon Hoffman said there is no protocol to go by when arrests and citations occur.

He said alcohol is a Class C

offense, and marijuana is a Class B offense.

"Most class C offenses, we issue a citation," Hoffman said. "These citations are handled much like a traffic violation."

For Class B offenses, Hoffman said an arrest usually would occur. "Class B offense, we usually arrest and take them to county jail," Hoffman said.

Most citations and arrests occur because a resident adviser calls and complain about noise, or an officer will be on an unrelated call and suspects marijuana or alcohol is being consumed by a resident, Hoffman said.

Issuing a ticket or arresting a student is usually left to the discretion of the investigating officer.

According to the Tech PD Web site, 36 arrests were made per year for underage alcohol consumption in the residence halls between 2002 and 2004.

This is in comparison with six drug arrests on average during the same time span in the residence halls.

More citations were issued than actual arrests from 2002 to 2004.

There were 155 alcohol-related tickets issued during this period, as well as 22 drug related citations.

Tech offers a wide variety of safety and educational programs intended to reach out to students who have been victims of crimes or have alcohol or drug related substance abuse problems.

Programs include residence hall programs and an online educational program.

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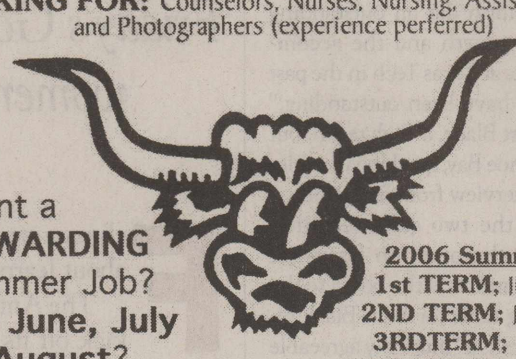
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Students, professors offer mixed reactions to State of the Union

By DANIELLE NOVY
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President George W. Bush's State of the Union address may have elicited a steady stream of standing ovations Tuesday evening, but some Texas Tech students and faculty are a little more skeptical about Bush's plans.

Peter Summers, an assistant professor of the economics and geography department, said he had predicted the speech to stay on the well-beaten path.

"I had probably expected, with his approval rating fairly low, that he would stick to familiar themes and not bring out any risky or terribly new proposals," he said.

Furthermore, the address broke little ground on topics such as Bush's energy plans, Summers said.

"My first impression was that it sounds like stuff he said before in his energy plan," he said. "The administration does not have a realistic response to oil alternatives."

Summers said he suspects Bush's focus in the coming months will be keeping a Republican legislative branch of government.

"His biggest priority will probably

be to retain the Republican majority in Congress," he said.

Matt Wisniewski, a junior business major from Plano, said he believes Bush's address was right on the mark.

"I completely agree with President Bush's assertion that America is winning the hearts and minds of people in the Middle East," he said. "With the elections in Egypt, with Syria pulling out of Lebanon, with Libya destroying its weapons of mass destruction, with Palestinian election, with 11 million Iraqis voting, it shows that democracy is on the move."

Wisniewski said Bush's speech was filled with issues that needed to be stated.

"The nation needs to get off its addiction to fossil fuel and invest more federal money in renewable energy sources and nuclear energy," he said, agreeing with Bush statement that the United States is addicted to oil.

Wisniewski said he does not think the president repeating himself is necessarily a bad thing.

"The State of the Union address is a definitive moment in a presidential term where he has a

direct connection to the American people," he said. "A national audience is watching, and it is a time for the president to state his goal for the country."

Jeff Edwards, an assistant professor in the economics and geography department, said he believes the address was fairly predictable.

"State of the Union addresses are all always boring laundry lists," he said. "Nothing much is ever gained; they are just formalities in some sense."

Other faculty, like Anna Marie Tacon, an associate professor of health and exercise sport sciences, voiced such dislike of the president that they chose not to tune in to the address at all.

"I didn't watch because I can't stand the man," she said. "I think he is ruining our country."

She said she disagreed with multiple aspects of his policy, especially that regarding the war in Iraq.

"The worst part is the Iraqi War and all the erroneous information," she said. "He so strongly urged us to enter the war, but hasn't given us a deadline."

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Local BBB warns students of scam

By ANDREW WOOD
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Along with the college student's challenges of studying and working, many do not expect added stress from credit card debt. That is why the local Better Business Bureau is stepping up.

The BBB of the South Plains is warning local college students about a card that can put them \$300 in debt.

According to a BBB news release, the Las Vegas-based company, Consumer Credit Services, is sending people the First National Card, a membership card that appears as a regular credit card. Once the card is activated, the user has \$200 in credit, but is offset by the \$198 registration fee.

According to the news release, Consumer Credit Services has "unsatisfactory standing" with the BBB because of some unresolved complaints.

"As of January 24, this company had 765 complaints filed against it in the last 36 months reporting period," the news release states. "Complaints have concerned billing issues, refunds and exchanges, sales practices, product issues, advertising issues, delivery and service issues."

The BBB is warning students at Lubbock Christian University,

South Plains College and Texas Tech because most college students do not have as much experience dealing with membership cards as older adults, said Nan Campbell, president of the BBB's local chapter.

"I get these mailings all the time, so I know college kids do," she said.

She said students are more vulnerable than older adults because they do not have as much experience in those situations.

"I wouldn't say people are stupid and fall for it. It just happens," she said. "Students may not be as experienced in the world as somebody like me."

The First National Card is not a scam, she said, but takes advantage of people who do not read the details.

"Well, we weren't sure, but we think there was aiming to college students in the area," Campbell said. "We basically wanted for everybody to know if you don't read the fine print, it's not a credit card."

Although the card looks like a real credit card, its only purpose is for people to buy from their catalog. Campbell said she is unsure of the

products offered in the catalog. People can activate the card when they dial an 800 number, just like they would activate a regular credit card.

"It makes you think it's a bank credit card, but it's not," she said.

The BBB's alert is not a strike against Consumer Credit Services, she said, but is a warning.

Campbell said people should read the entire letter and look at the company's track record at www.bbb.org before activating the card.

For people who receive the letter, her main advice was to shred it and throw it away, especially because the BBB has received more than 700 complaints.

She said she first heard of the card when a Tech student came to the office to complain.

"Basically, these kinds of mail outs are trash worthy," she said, "We don't say that very often to toss it in the trash, but this part, we do."

For more information, visit www.bbbouthplains.org.

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PUPPY LOVE



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ALITA ESTES, A junior art major from Lubbock, Katie Barnes, a freshman psychology major from Houston, and Sarah Ross, a sophomore theater major from Midland, pet a black puppy in the Wall/Gates Lobby Tuesday afternoon, during the Puppy Play Time event hosted by the Wall/Gates Complex.

W. Va. governor asks for halt in coal production for mine safety checks

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Gov. Joe Manchin called for all coal companies in West Virginia to halt production and perform safety checks after two more mine workers were killed Wednesday in separate accidents.

"We're going to check for unsafe conditions, and we're going to correct any unsafe conditions before we mine another lump of coal," Manchin said.

A miner was killed at an underground mine when a wall support popped loose, said Caryn Gresham, a spokeswoman for the state Office of Miners' Health Safety and Training.

The second fatality occurred at a surface mine when a bulldozer struck a gas line, sparking a fire and killing the operator, said Dirk Filpott, a spokesman for the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration.

The deaths brought to 16 the number of mining-related fatalities in West Virginia this month.

"West Virginia remains committed to putting the safety of every one of our miners first and foremost, far above any production that might come from that mining operation," Manchin said at a news conference.

The governor said he did not know how long it would take the state's 229 surface and 315 underground mines to conduct safety checks, which would include reviewing mine conditions, safety

checklists and designated escape routes.

As he issued his call for a production shutdown, the governor was joined by Bill Raney, president of the West Virginia Coal Association.

"If you don't have a safe mine, you don't have a productive mine," Raney said.

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and grandmother before the murder.

"He was living with his mother for two weeks before she kicked him out of her home for reasons unknown at this time," Gomez said.

Turner lived next door, so he moved in with her after being forced out of his mother's house.

"There is evidence of Turner contacting a locksmith to get the locks of the house replaced before she was murdered," Gomez said.

According to Bassett's statement, strangulation was listed as the cause of death for both women.

Police got the call Friday afternoon and arrived at the scene to find Logan outside the house. When they entered the home and found Vicki Logan and Wanda Faye deceased.

After police arrived to Logan's home to find the two dead, Logan was taken into custody for questioning, but was released shortly after because police did not know if he was involved.

On Sunday, Logan surrendered after a warrant was issued for his arrest.

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MINE DISASTERS

Despite four reported mining incidents so far in 2006, the number of documented mine disasters by time period show mining always has been dangerous. These statistics include coal, metal and non-metal mines, and categorize a mine disaster as five or more people being killed.

- Through 1875: 23
- 1876-1900: 118
- 1901-1925: 356
- 1926-1950: 170
- 1951-1975: 44
- 1976-Present: 15

Source: U.S. Mine Rescue Association

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Prison system needs reform

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Crime has been a problem since nearly the beginning of recorded history. The rates of crime have fluctuated periodically in many ancient and modern societies.

Currently, America has one of the highest crime rates in the world. Why is this? From 1974 to 2004 the number of American adults incarcerated increased from 1.3 percent to 2.1 percent. The 1991 crime rate was about 313 percent the rate in 1960. What accounts for such a dramatic increase? More research and improvement has occurred on prisons than ever before in America. Why aren't these new educational inventions working?

First of all, I blame the American people's lack of traditional values. The absence of the supportive family social structure, as a result, is much to blame. Fifty-six percent of jail inmates matured in a household with a single parent or guardian. More than half of incarcerated women claim they have been physically or sexually abused when younger.

The lack of a basic moral groundwork perpetuates itself through a society in escalating degrees through the generations. Nearly half of all inmates claim their parents were incarcerated. Violent crimes generally are motivated by hate, lust and anger — yet these, for centuries, have been preached against as a deterrent to a successful society.

Second, I blame media desensitization. Violence in movies, video games, television and music causes frequent stimulus that

Rebekah Wilks



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perpetuates this desensitization process. For example, in 1960, Alfred Hitchcock's, "Psycho," showed violent scenes of murder and blood that were shocking to many individuals at the time. Some may argue that the visual effects were not as advanced as cinema now, however, much more could have been done, but was not as a result of the societal shock value.

Now, recent movies such as "Hostel" demonstrate far more brutality and gore than would have ever been thought in 1960. These recurring images distort reality and cause perverted thoughts in truly affected individuals. Violent video games have been linked with the 13 percent to 22 percent increase in violent behavior.

The American Academy of Pediatrics study on media violence stated, "Interpersonal violence, as victim or as perpetrator, is now a more prevalent health risk than infectious disease, cancer, or congenital disorders for children, adolescents, and young adults. Homicide, suicide, and trauma are leading causes of mortality in the pediatric population ... Extensive research evidence indicates that media violence can contribute to aggressive behavior, desensitization to violence, nightmares, and fear of being harmed." This same study stated that prolonged exposure to such media depictions result in increased acceptance of violence as a suitable means of solving problems and attaining one's goals.

Third, I blame the jail system and incarceration process. I believe that the jail itself is not harsh enough of an environment. Why is it that many sympathize with hardened torturers, murderers, and rapists? No one can know the grief and pain an innocent individual and their family goes through until they have experienced it themselves.

Your chances of being a victim of a crime in 1960 were 1.89 percent. In 1996, that increased to 5.097 percent. The numbers for violent crimes reflect these statistics. A percentage does not mean much until I say that approximately 13 million American citizens are these victims, and one and a half million of them are of violent acts. I once heard

someone defending the number of criminals in the prison system by saying that it provides a "natural resource" to the police and supplies them jobs. Don't you think if there weren't criminals, society could find another, better job for those extra policemen?

Proponents of this theory state that the prisoner is like a "pent-up animal" that will become hostile and resentful. Well, if that analogy is used, a wild horse is a good example. When bound, this horse will try to break free and become very aggressive and vindictive. However, once one breaks his spirit, he is much safer and much more productive.

The prison system must be so miserable for the individual involved that they never want to come back. According to the Justice Department, the rate of returning criminals rose from 1983 to 1994, in the same amount of time the number of inmates doubled. A criminal arriving at prison with one or more prior arrests has from 40.6 percent to 82.1 percent chance of coming back.

The logic of educating the prisoners in jail, to me just does not make sense. This place needs to be worse than anything they ever could have imagined. After they have been "broken," and reach society after their prison term, they could attend prison "camps" that could be set up to show them how to get a basic job, education and live a morally commendable life. These programs would accompany follow-ups on their progress and much advice, but no "free incentives." Criminals do not need to be given any reward for the heinous acts they commit.

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Students unnecessarily empha'size' weight

I've gotten a lot of responses to my interracial dating column. Some were good and some were bad, but the most interesting comment was from a person who compared interracial relationships to being an overweight person.

Although, I personally don't see the comparison (one you can't change unless you're Michael Jackson; the other you can lose via pills, gastric bypass surgery, or ex-lax) it made me think about the painful existence of overweight people.

As an overweight person, I must make the distinction between being overweight (big person) and morbidly obese.

An obese person (a la Austin Power's "Fat Bastard") is the type that avoids all forms of physical activity. This includes walking to class, doing laundry or having sex. They physically cannot perform any of these tasks because their obesity prevents them from doing so. They consume large amounts of calories without regard to their well being and insist they can't help themselves because they were born that way.

I'm not saying there aren't people who genuinely suffer from a disease or birth defect, I'm saying there are people who blame everyone else but themselves and make no attempts to change their lifestyles. They have settled into the "fat" person mode, which includes sweatpants, moo-moos and sandals as everyday attire.

Big people (a la Queen Latifah) do care about how they look. They try to dress appropriately for their bodies and current trends (that is to say, most of the time, sometimes you have to avoid styles like mini skirts with Ugg boots like the plague). Big people participate in physical activities and many of us work out on a regular basis. This also might surprise some of you, but we also watch what we eat too and that includes those of us who are not diabetic!

In the mind of the big person, there are two worlds: the morbidly obese and the skinny people. Obese people have exceptions made for them (like handicap license plates or Rascal scooter chairs). Skinny people (Paris Hilton) have the world handed to them on a silver platter. Just because they look good in an Armani mini skirt (which is so ultra-short and so ultra-tight that you can see their unborn children), people treat them like gods. They are the ones who harass, pick on and belittle big and obese people just for kicks.

Big people are the ones in the middle. We get no exception, we have no silver platter, we just get the short end of the stick (like going shopping and all that is left are the sizes too big or too small for you).

Raven Morgan



It's like going to the Gap and being completely ignored by the sales person because they think you can't possibly fit anything in their store. When that happens, I get supreme pleasure when skinny people walk into stores like Lane Bryant or Casual Male and are virtually ignored by the sales people. Hey, I know it's mean, but it's karma.

We are the ones who watch the skinny women grab their skin (because that's all there is to grab, besides bone) and hear them say, "Look at me, I'm sooo fat." The next time I hear a skinny girl say that, I am going to sit on her. Worse yet, if they are your friends and you tell them that they aren't fat, but you say you are, they straight-up lie to your face and say, "Oh your not fat, you look good the way you are."

Dating is even worse. Big people are the ones who are referred to as, "she has a cute face," or "she's got curves," or my personal favorite, "she's got a great personality," when the fact is, it is all code for a bigger person that isn't the cookie cutter image that everyone else wants to be. Granted, it's been a long while since I was single, but I still remember the pain of watching everyone else dating or going to a dance and being a wall flower, or worse yet, a pity dance.

Many of us are happy the way we are, and resent the media's and everyone else's image of the perfect human body. It's better to realize that God created all types of people: the obese, the big and the small. Respecting each other is the best thing to do. Sure, you might see a big guy in Wranglers or an obese woman in a tube top, and it might be tempting to stare, point and laugh. However, the best thing to do is keep your comments to yourself.

In 20 years you may not be laughing anymore when your metabolism slows and you pack on the pounds. Suddenly, those jokes you told in your early 20s are not so funny. (Ah, middle age, the great equalizer!)

The best thing to do is enjoy life now, stop making fun of people, and enjoy your body while you can still burn the carbs. When you hit your 40s, you'll only be a former image of what you once were. So, shut up and eat your biscuit before it goes to your thighs.

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Saddle Tramps

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the staff and one student hearing the case of the said party.

"The process is the same either way, it's just the audience that changes," Logan said.

As the Student Code of Conduct states, while the Saddle Tramps are under investigation for allegedly hazing, they will not be allowed to hold meetings on campus, receive funding from the university, or be allowed any special privileges by the university.

Logan, a former Saddle Tramp, said he was not aware of the use of drugs or alcohol, or anyone being physically hurt in the alleged hazing incident.

In spite of the recent allegations, Logan said he believes the future of the Saddle Tramps is sound.

"Will they continue? I suspect that they will always continue," he said. "They are a large part of the history and tradition at Texas Tech University."

Saddle Tramp President Brad Billings sent out a news release with a statement about the alleged incident.

"Several of our members encouraged new members to come to their induction ... in costume. The Saddle Tramps apologize for this situation. It was inappropriate and a stupid thing to do on our part ..." Billings said in the news release.

In a phone interview, Billings could not confirm allegations that the induction ceremony was mandatory or reveal the nature of the costumes.

"I think it's in our best interest to leave it where it's at," Billings said. "That's all I really have to say at this time."

Tyler Key, former head pledge trainer for the Saddle Tramps, resigned

from his position and also resigned from the organization after the alleged incident.

"Saddle Tramps is an excellent organization that I will always be proud of," he said in a phone interview. "I have the highest level of confidence that Saddle Tramps will move past this incident and continue serving this university with the same dedication it has for the past 70 years."

According to the Center for Campus Life, Saddle Tramps was formed in 1936 in order to promote spirit and athletics at Tech. During the suspension of the Saddle Tramps, the High Riders will continue to oversee the Raider Red program, Logan said.

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Saddle Tramp History

The Saddle Tramps organization was formed in 1936 by Arch Lamb, and is most commonly known for its role in Texas Tech spirit.

The Saddle Tramps, along with the High Riders, often are the man behind the mask — suiting up as Raider Red at local events and athletic events.

The organization also stands on the field before and after football games, forming a "Bell Circle," and often are toward the front row of the stands at basketball games.

Other main roles include ringing "Big Bertha" at parades and other campus events, ringing the victory bells after Tech athletic victories, "painting the campus red" with crepe paper before home football games, building the Homecoming bonfire and participants in the Carol of Lights.

Source: www.ttu.edu/traditions/tramps.php

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the two sides met, but said he could not comment on personal issues.

"It just happened, and Dr. Smith was saying that there are a lot of accomplishments to be made, but Dr. Smith's unfinished business was for the university, not for himself," Black said.

That contrasts what Smith said after declining the position as chancellor of the University of Georgia System. After Smith dropped out of Georgia's hunt, he was quoted in *The Daily Toreador* as saying he still had projects and goals he personally wanted to achieve for Tech.

Instead, Smith and the regents agreed to part ways, a decision Black insists "wasn't a resignation; it was a mutual separation agreement."

Smith stands to gain more than \$1 million in severance pay — more money than he was slated to get in the termination chapter of his contract at Tech.

When asked repeatedly, Regent Bob Stafford of Amarillo in a phone interview refused to deny the statement that Smith was bought out of his contract and forced to resign, saying "I stand by the statement that Chairman (Rick) Francis published."

But Regent Mark Griffin of Lubbock in a phone interview did deny that Smith was pressured into leaving his post.

"I, as one regent, was not aware of any situation where we asked for his resignation," Griffin said.

Regent Black said Smith and the regents had a "good relationship" while Smith was in office, but when asked if there ever were disagreements or disputes between the parties, Black quipped, "Listen, I have disputes with my wife."

When asked repeatedly, Black would not deny that there were ever talks of firing Smith, saying, "I do not comment on confidential discussions with respect to the board."

But if Smith was fired and it was ruled the firing was done without cause, Smith would have stood to make much more money than he will through the separation agreement.

Although their relationship may have had disputes, Black said there was no replacement for Smith already waiting in the wings.

"There is nobody in mind right now," Black said. "The search committee is entering with an open mind. We would love to have somebody by the first of September, but time is not in the critical factor; it's finding the right person."

As for Smith's future plans, Regent Griffin said he feels Smith will look into positions at other campuses.

"I think after the Georgia job search, he started seeing that there were other things out there for him," Griffin said. "I just think he came to the realization that there might be some other opportunities out there that he might want to pursue."

Black said Smith continues to have a vision for Tech that his replacement likely will follow this vision, but he said he is not sure what Smith will do next.

"The board wishes him well in whatever career pursuit he

chooses," Black said. According to Chancellor Smith's separation agreement, he is set to make a hefty income after he leaves the office of Texas Tech Chancellor.

In the agreement, Smith will be given the remaining amount of his contract, which totals to \$716,633.07. Smith also will receive compensation amounting to \$371,461.

In addition to this, Smith will be given tenure status in the department of pediatrics of the School of Medicine of the Tech Health Sciences Center. As a tenured professor of pediatrics, he will receive \$250,000 every year.

Smith will be able to take paid developmental leave beginning March 1 and ending May 31.

In addition, Smith and his family will be able to inhabit the Tech House, home of the Tech chancellor until July 31, although he will be officially leaving office Feb. 28.

Tech General Counsel Pat Campbell said he does not believe the deal is abnormal.

"The house is paid by the university so it is best served to the community if it is occupied. Now if we find a new chancellor in that time, we will have to make other arrangements," he said. "The tenure amount is once again a negotiated amount. Not all professors receive this amount. Some are paid a lot more and some a lot less, this was just the negotiated amount."

Smith was unavailable for comment as of press time.

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Bus routes, traffic issues on agenda for SGA meeting

The Texas Tech student senate will have its ninth meeting of the 41st session in the Langford Lab of the Electrical Engineering building, Room 101, at 7 p.m. today.

Two resolutions will be voted on at the meeting.

Senate Resolution 41.20 includes the need for a bus turnout in front of the Business Administration building, as well as a light-controlled crosswalk. Proponents of the resolution believe it will result in greater student safety and a smoother flow of traffic.

Senate Resolution 41.25 addresses the problem of having two stop signs at the 15th Street and Akron Avenue intersection. The resolution hopes to solve traffic congestion and safety problems.

The meeting also will cover reports to the senate president on SGA election poster approvals and the SOAC candidate debate.

According to the senate press release, the candidate debate for the upcoming elections will be held during the SOAC meeting Feb. 15 at 6 p.m.

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Lubbock police make arrests in last week's armed robbery case

The two suspects in last week's armed robbery have been arrested.

Lubbock Police Lt. Roy Bassett issued a statement stating the two men who allegedly robbed Plains Bell Federal Credit Union Jan. 26, Dale Wayne Imhoff and Jeremy Michael Yost, were arrested Wednesday at about 1 p.m.

Twenty-one-year-old Yost was arrested after being pulled over by Lubbock police at Fourth Street and Milwaukee Avenue. Imhoff, 20, was arrested after being pulled over at Erskine Street and Milwaukee Avenue, according to Bassett's statement.

The arrests only pertain to the Jan. 26 robbery, though police originally believed that robbery to be related to a similar robbery at the same bank in October.

The Plains Bell Federal Credit Union was robbed under similar circumstances Oct. 19. In both robberies, the bank tellers were instructed by the suspects to lie down. No suspects have been listed or arrested in the Oct. 19 robbery.

According to the statement, the investigations of both cases are ongoing.

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'Millie': A truly 'Modern' performance

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Fedora hats, smoke-filled jazz bars and the feeling of optimism once characterized New York City in the roaring 20s. Starting Thursday night, these same things will characterize the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium.

The musical comedy "Thoroughly Modern Millie" will begin its run in Lubbock on Thursday and will go until Feb. 4.

"The message it's sending out is about love and courage and how to

be happy with what you have but still wanting more," said Fang Du, an actor in the off-Broadway play.

Du plays a Chinese brother who works in New York, kidnaps young women and then sells the women overseas for prostitution. He has acted in the play since September.

The play was the most honored new show to premier on Broadway in 2002. It took home six Tony Awards including Best Musical and Best Orchestration.

Michael Cedar, company manager, said the response has been "astronomical" so far on this tour.

"Since it's a fairly new show, a lot of audience members have never seen it before and are giving standing ovations," Cedar said. "It's just gut-wrenching laughter, and I'm not saying that because I'm the company manager."

Du said every audience has given the play a standing ovation, but the most humorous scene from the tour so far has not been one planned out.

During one of the performances, a bird flew into the auditorium and started going along with the play, he said. During the scene a sound device off stage was supposed to simulate a bird's chirp, but on that night, the bird was already in the theater chirping. He said the audience members laughed harder at

that then they did at anything else in the play.

"The whole experience has been great," Du said. "It's really exciting to go to a new city and have a new audience."

The company sometimes will perform one-day shows where it will travel during the day and then perform at night. Du said this has been a great opportunity for him, and it should show other college actors they too could do something similar after graduation. Du graduated from the University of Virginia in May.

"We've had great audiences," Du said. "Mostly we have older crowds because the play takes place in the

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8 AM	Dragon Tales	Puppy	Sesame Street	Paid Program	Judge Mathis	Tony Danza
9 AM	Callou	Regis & Kelly	Price Is Right	Judge Joe Judge Joe	The View	Tyra Banks
10 AM	Barney	Jeopardy!	Young and the Restless (HD)	Judge Hatchett	Victory Life	Starting Over
11 AM	Mister Rogers	Jeopardy!	News	Jerry Springer	All My Children	Access Hollywood
12 PM	This Old House	News	KLBK 13 News	Bold & Beautiful	Eye for an Eye	People's Court
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2 PM	The Lions	Reading	Inside Edition	Oprah Winfrey	Maury	Just Shoot Me
3 PM	Buster	Cyberchase	Dr. Phil	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	That '70s Show
4 PM	Clifford	Arthur	News	KLBK 13 News	Evening News	Family Feud
5 PM	Maya Miguel	Nightly Business	News	KLBK 13 News	Family Feud	World News
6 PM	Newshour with Jim Lehrer	Wheel Fortune	Millionaire	Survivor Exile "The First Exile"	Four Kings (HD)	CSI: Crime Scene "Killer" (HD)
7 PM	This Old House	Shared History	The Office (HD)	Without a Trace "Odds or Evens" (HD)	King of Hill	Malcolm
8 PM	Slavery & America	News	KLBK 13 News	(35) Jay Leno	Roseanne (HD)	Late Late Show
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Open Jam — 10 p.m. Texas Café (The Spoon), no cover.

MONDAY
Anthony Garcia — 9:30 p.m. Bash Riprock's, \$5.
Wes Nixon Presents an all-acoustic, original open mic — 10 p.m. Blue Light, no cover.
John Sprott — 10:30 p.m. Hub City, \$5.

TUESDAY
Andy Wilkinson — 7 p.m. La Diosa, no cover.
John Sprott — 9 p.m. at Cricket's, no cover.
Wes Nixon Open Mic — 10 p.m. Bash Riprock's, no cover.
The Sean Frankhauser Trio (Open jazz jam) — 10 p.m. Rocky LaRue's, no cover.
Christian & Travis — 10:45 p.m. Hub City, \$5.

WEDNESDAY
Peej & Poda — 8:30 p.m. La Diosa, no cover.
Plain Brown Wrapper — 10 p.m. Crickets, no cover.
Dr. Scoob & The Acoustic Grove — 10 p.m. Rocky LaRue's, no cover.
KDAN Live Stream — 10:30 p.m. Whiskey Dix, no cover.

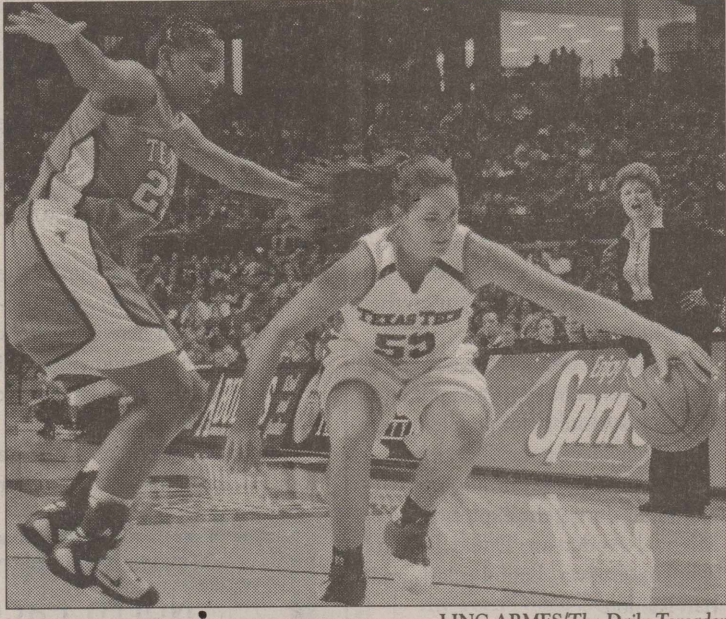
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Burned orange; Tech rolls over 'Horns 2006 class puts 'D' in Raiders

By TRAVIS CRAM SENIOR SPORTS WRITER
After hitting two 3-pointers against Nebraska, junior Brooke Baughman decided she needed to take the perimeter shot more often...



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TEXAS TECH FORWARD Alesha Robertson, center, tracks down a loose ball in the Lady Raiders' 84-63 victory over Texas Wednesday at the USA.

put together a 15-5 run en route to an 18-point lead with 13 minutes left in the game.
Senior LaToya Davis, sophomore Erin Myrick and sophomore Darrice Griffin combined for 34 points in the paint against the Longhorns...

a volatile part of the Lady Raider offense, which is beginning finally fall into place.
'It just gives us so much more balance on offense,' she said.
Baughman's last trey and Davis's free throw gave Tech its largest lead of the game...

By TREY SHIPMAN SPORTS EDITOR
If defense does in fact win championships, the Texas Tech football program might need to clear some room in its trophy case.
Coming off its best season since 1977 and an appearance in the Cotton Bowl, Tech hauled in the No. 17 recruiting class in the nation, according to Scout.com.
Wednesday was National Signing Day for football programs throughout the nation...

but sometimes you might get three or four really good receivers," he said.
On offense, the Raiders welcome seven offensive linemen, two running backs, two wide receivers, two tight ends and one quarterback to a unit that averaged 495.8 yards per game last season.
Names Raider fans could become accustomed to during the next four to five years include receiver Michael Crabtree, running back Baron Batch and quarterback Taylor Potts.
Crabtree, a former quarterback at Dallas Carter High School, was ranked as the No. 16 athlete according Rivals.com.
Midland product Batch, was ranked as the No. 27 running back nationally by Rivals.com...

TEXAS TECH FOOTBALL 2006 RECRUITING CLASS
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