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Outspoken kicker joins 'Boys.
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Lubbock rockers sing for their chance to be a "Rock Star."

QUOTABLES

"The viewers say we're not going to tolerate mediocrity anymore because we've got the classics, and there's a lot of competition out there."

NBC Entertainment President Kevin Reilly, speaking about the recent findings that show that TV viewers are watching more reruns of sitcoms than they are new sitcoms. (AP)

"People often think of glaciers as inert and slow-moving, but in fact they can also move rather quickly. Some of Greenland's glaciers, as large as Manhattan and as tall as the Empire State Building, can move 10 meters in less than a minute, a jolt that is sufficient to generate moderate seismic waves."

Goeran Ekstroem of Harvard University, speaking after a recent study showed Arctic readings could rise to levels not seen in 130,000 years — when the oceans were several feet higher than now, according to new research appearing in Friday's issue of the journal Science. (AP)

STATE

State tells tattooed troopers to cover up

AUSTIN (AP) — The state has ordered its troopers to cover up any tattoos in a move intended to preserve the officers' clean-cut image.

Starting Wednesday, the Texas Department of Public Safety began requiring the state's almost 2,700 uniformed troopers to hide any visible tattoos or brandings while on duty.

The state already mandates short hair, shiny shoes and no jewelry or piercings for troopers, said department spokesman Tom Vinger. Long sleeves or skin-colored patches to conceal body art have been added to that list.

Comments from the public about tattooed troopers played a role in the decision, Vinger said.

NATION

Tenn. pastor killed, wife, daughters found safe

SELMER, Tenn. (AP) — A popular and charismatic Tennessee minister was found shot to death in his parsonage, and his wife and three young daughters were found safe in Alabama on Thursday after a daylong search.

Church members went looking for 31-year-old Matthew Winkler when he did not show up for an evening service at the Fourth Street Church of Christ. They used a key to enter the parsonage and found him dead in a bedroom late Wednesday, Police Chief Neal Burks said. Winkler's family was gone, along with their minivan.

Tennessee Bureau of Investigation spokeswoman Jennifer Johnson said there were no signs of forced entry at the parsonage.

WORLD

127 feared dead in ferry sinking

YAOUNDE, Cameroon (AP) — Fishermen searched the seas off Cameroon Thursday for 127 people feared dead after a ferry sank.

The boat was bound for the central African nation of Gabon from a town in Nigeria near Cameroon's border. First word of the accident came when fishermen found bodies floating Wednesday off the port town of Kribi.

He cited survivors as saying 150 people from Nigeria, Burkina Faso and Ivory Coast were onboard, and 23 people were rescued. The cause of the accident was not immediately known.

Mvombo said rescue workers in the area had enlisted local fishermen in the search Thursday.

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Friends lament death of Tech freshman

By CARLOS BERGFELD
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Friends said they will remember Tech student Mark Stephen Boswank as someone who never let anything get him down and always stayed close to his loved ones.

"The love he had for his family and friends — it was unconditional," said Lyndsi Reimer, Boswank's girlfriend and a student at Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, N.C.

Boswank would be 20 this year on Sept. 30.



Boswank

Reimer said Boswank joked about everything, bringing humor to almost any situation.

His passions included sports, music and video games.

A freshman in the College of Arts and Sciences, Mark Boswank died Sunday from injuries resulting from a car accident.

"He was a huge Dallas Mavericks fan and a Dallas Cowboys fan," Reimer said.

She said Mavericks games on television would often be important family affairs for Boswank, and he and his mother watched several games together.

Reimer said the music of indie artist Elliott Smith characterized Boswank's life because Smith was Boswank's favorite musician.

Another of Boswank's favorite things was a small ball of fur named Harold, Boswank's pet Shih-tzu.

Boswank stayed close with other

long-time friends as well whom he met at Rockwall High School in Rockwall.

"He was just a great guy. Everyone who ever met him liked the guy," said Roger Kieschnick, a close friend of Boswank's and a freshman left fielder on the Tech baseball team.

Kieschnick said he planned to be Boswank's roommate in the fall, and he said Boswank was a good friend and always optimistic.

After being sick last year, Boswank made the best of it, Kieschnick said.

"He told me that he'd have it again because it was the easiest he'd been sick," he said. "Everybody made him food and stuff."

Another Tech baseball player, James Leverton, a freshman first baseman, said he met Boswank in his junior year of high school at Rockwall High and noticed his friendly demeanor.

"He was just really nice to everyone," he said.

Boswank's roommate, Stephen Ortiz, a sophomore construction

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TABC agents go undercover to spot drunks

By DANIELLE NOVY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Texans who frequent bars now have more to worry about than just the threat of a hangover; the Lone Star State recently began increasing the number of undercover agents dispensed into saloons to arrest anyone deemed dangerously drunk, said a spokeswoman for the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

Dallas was chosen as one target of a recent sting operation in which agents moved through 36 bars and arrested 20 people for public intoxication: five people for selling alcohol to intoxicated customers and two employees for being intoxicated on

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Whitmore outlines accomplishments of Tech administration

By KATIE KINNEY
STAFF WRITER

President Jon Whitmore hosted a town hall meeting on Thursday that featured the presidents of other departments at Texas Tech including the of the staff senate President Richard Verrone, faculty senate President John Howe and SGA President Nathan Nash. The presidents discussed issues going on within their senate and what will be to come next year.

President Whitmore was the first to speak about general topics on campus. He said the reason for this meeting was to inform students, faculty and staff on things they are working on and for the audience members to ask questions.

He said one of the issues he has been

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Hub City Harmony



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NOEL ARCHAMBEAULT, AS Sister Angelica, kneels on the stage when she learns of the death of her son, while Micah Meixner reacts during the "Revealing of the Death" scene in the Texas Tech Opera "Sister Angelica" performed at the Moody Auditorium at Lubbock Christian University.

The show must (and does) go on for Tech's opera in a new home

By LINDSAY WHARTON
FEATURES WRITER

Although the Allen Theatre still is under renovation, the Texas Tech School of Music will continue its performance schedule.

At 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the Moody Auditorium at Lubbock Christian University, Tech students will present two one-act operas.

Gerald Dolter, director of the Tech Music Theater

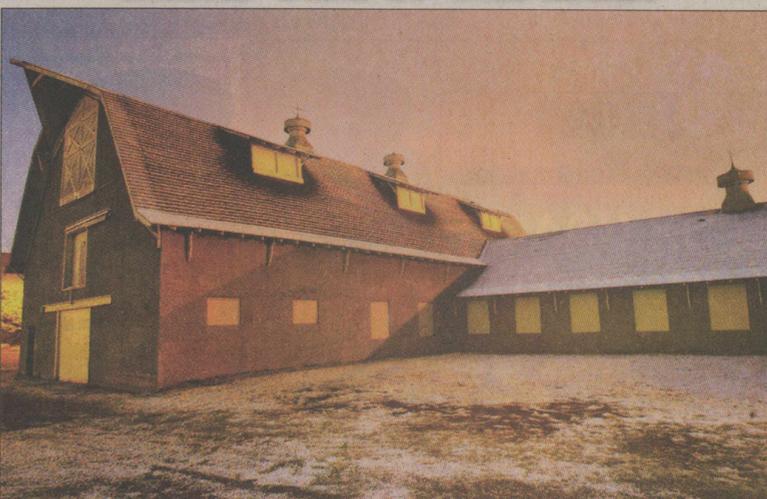
program and an associate professor of music, said he is grateful for Lubbock Christian University's facilities.

He said the participants are learning how to adapt to different environments. The Moody Auditorium does not have an orchestra pit like the performers are accustomed to.

The orchestra will be located upstage, where the audi-

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BROAD SIDE OF THE BARN



DAVID JOHNSON/The Daily Toreador

FRESH SNOW MELTS on the Texas Tech dairy barn just after it ended Wednesday night around 7:30 p.m.

Grand jury indicts Lubbock man for string of robberies

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

A Federal Grand Jury indicted a Lubbock man who allegedly took part in numerous bank robberies in Lubbock.

Ivin Darrel Wozencraft was indicted on two counts Wednesday for conspiracy to commit a bank and credit union robbery and aggravated bank robbery.

Jeffery Haag of the U.S. Justice Department said if he is found guilty, he faces a maximum sentence of 55 years in prison.

Wozencraft is the fifth person charged as part of a gang that committed a number of robberies in Lubbock dating back to April of

2004, Haag said.

Among the others arrested for the same bank robberies are James Edward Peacock, 62, David Aaron Johnson, 22, James Glen Horton, 39, and Erica Nicole Edwards, 22, with various felony offenses related to the robberies, according a press release.

Peacock, Johnson and Wozencraft were charged specifically for the April 2004 robbery of City Bank at 3251 50th St., and the May 2004 robbery of the State National Bank at 6601 Indiana Ave.

All five are in custody and their trial is set to begin in May.

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College Board faces criticism on error disclosures

(AP) — Another revelation about scoring errors on last October's SAT exam has the College Board, the test's owner, under heavy criticism even from admissions officers — a group that relies on the SAT and typically supports it.

The SAT could also face legislative scrutiny: A New York state lawmaker said Thursday he plans to hold hearings about the scoring problem next month.

With the academic world at the height of admissions season, the College Board first disclosed a scoring problem with the October version of the test on March 7. It then followed with two new wrinkles, including news late Wednesday that 27,000 exams had not been rechecked as previously thought by Pearson Educational Measurement, the College Board's scoring vendor.

Altogether, out of 495,000 tests, 4,411 students were given incorrectly low scores. One test was off by as much as 450 points on the 2,400-point exam, though the vast majority were off 100 points or less.

More than 600 students got incorrectly high scores, but those will not be changed.

Some admissions officers are exasperated.

At a time when high school grade inflation makes it harder to differentiate between candidates, many say the SAT is regarded as a valuable tool — even while they emphasize it is just one factor among many. The big problem, some said, is how the problem was handled.

"I think they botched it," said Jon Boeckenstedt, associate vice president for enrollment management at DePaul University in Chicago. "There's already an over-hyped hysteria about the importance of the SAT in the admissions process. For them not to recognize that, but to take a nonchalant approach to the problems of the scores, is troubling."

Bruce Poch, vice president and dean of admissions at Pomona College in California, said "the issue is going to be the credibility of the College Board and how it's managed it."

A growing number of schools, including Franklin & Marshall College in Pennsylvania, do not require the SAT. Dennis Trotter, the college's vice president for enrollment and marketing and dean of admission, said the latest errors call into question the test's "relevancy and dependability in the admissions process."

Boswank

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engineering technology major from Corpus Christi, said he and Boswank confided in each other.

"He was a great friend and roommate," Ortiz said.

Being 25, Ortiz said he thought he would be stuck babysitting a roommate much younger than him in the Tech dorms, but Boswank proved to be a very mature and responsible friend.

"He got me to go to classes, and I got him to go to his classes," Ortiz said.

Ortiz said he and Boswank talked

about everything — from school to relationships to video games, something in which the two shared a large interest.

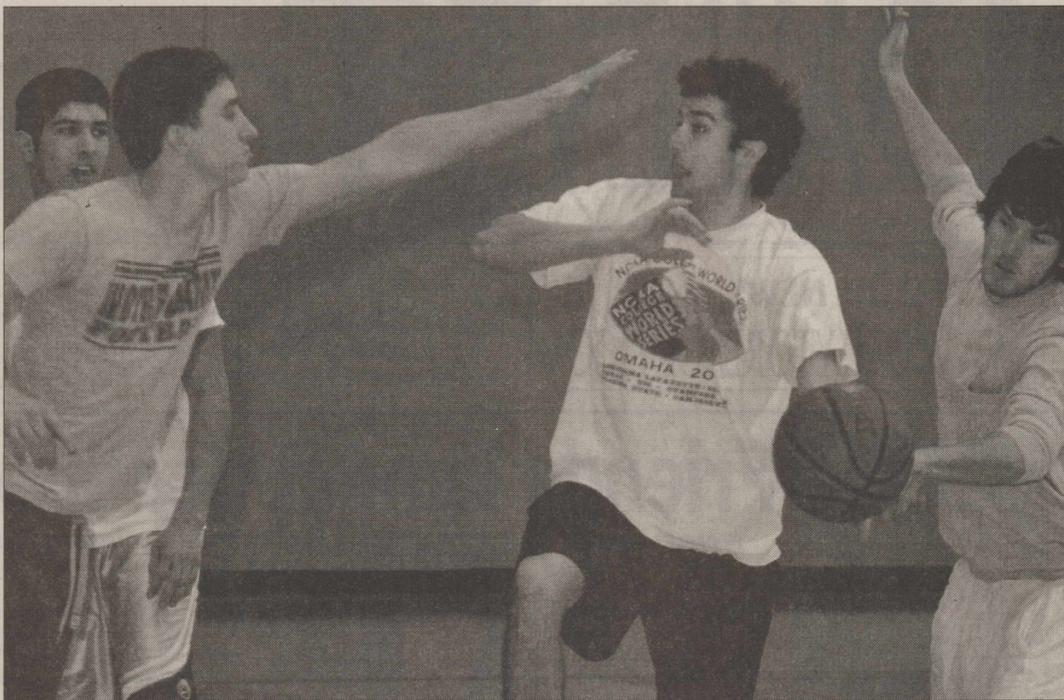
He said Boswank often was a partner for him when playing long sessions of the PC game "World of Warcraft," a massively multiplayer online role-playing game.

Mark Boswank's parents are Stephen and Marcia Boswank of Rockwall.

Services for Boswank were held Thursday in Rockwall, and Texas Tech will lower the Tech flag in Memorial Circle on April 3 in his memory.

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TENACIOUS D



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DANIEL VALENCIA, A junior industrial engineering major from Albuquerque, N.M., Gary Brownstein, a junior personal financial planning major from Wichita Falls, and Matt Tynan, a junior mass communications major from Fredericksburg, try to block a shot by Kirk Logan, a sophomore business major from Midland, during a game of basketball at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center Thursday afternoon.

N.J. community grieves for victims of bus crash

MONROE TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — They grew up together, and grew old together. Then, while on a typically adventurous vacation trip, they died together.

Ten residents of a retirement community near Princeton were among the dozen people who lost their lives Wednesday when their tour bus plunged off a mountain road in Chile. Twelve Americans died and two were injured, Chilean officials said.

The victims — all in their 60s and 70s — were part of a 64-member B'nai B'rith group on vacation on the cruise ship Millennium, according to Celebrity Cruises President Dan Hanrahan.

Ten of the dead were residents of a retirement development in Monroe Township, as were the two people injured, said Wayne Hamilton, the township's business administrator.

A couple from Connecticut also were killed, according to a rabbi who spoke with a relative of those victims.

"You just have to remember the wonderful things about these people, that they were on a happy trip," said Evelyn Goldstein, president of the Jewish Congregation of Concordia in Monroe Township, where some of the victims worshipped. "I think that's important to remember."

Cantor Eli Perlman said many of the victims had been friends their entire lives and retired together at a development called The Ponds. "They were very close and knew each other extremely well and wanted to spend their retirement years

together," Perlman said.

It is not the first tragedy for the temple. Six members lost children in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Perlman said. "This is going to be another one of those times," he said.

Rhoda Katz, 73, said she was friends with several of the victims. "It's a terrible tragedy. I have no words," said Katz, who lives in The Ponds. "They looked forward to it so. Everyone that was going on the trip was very upbeat."

The tourists were returning to the ship from an excursion to Lauca National Park when the bus plunged off the rugged highway near Arica, 1,250 miles north of Santiago, said Juan Carlos Poli, an Arica city spokesman. Poli said the bus, which had a capacity of 16 passengers, was destroyed.

Chilean officials identified the New Jersey victims as Marian Diamond, 76; Maria, 71, and Hans Wilhelm Otto Eggers, 72; Barbara, 69, and Robert Rubin, 72; Frieda, 74, and Arthur J. Kovar, 67; Shirley, 76, and Marvin Bier, 79; and Carole Ellen Ruchelman, 63.

Harold Ruchelman, 67, and Bernard Diamond, 66, spouses of two of the victims, were hospital-

ized in stable condition Thursday, U.S. Embassy spokesman John Vance said. Two Chileans — the driver and the tour guide — also were hospitalized, Poli said.

Also killed were Linda, 63, and Ira Greenfield, 68, of Stamford, Conn.

"Everyone is in a tremendous state of shock and sadness," said Rabbi Daniel Cohen of Congregation Agudath Sholom, where the Greenfields were longtime members.

Linda Greenfield, 63, was a mentor at a high school and an active volunteer in the congregation, Cohen said. Ira Greenfield, 68, was a sales clerk at a television store.

The Rubins were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, and Robert Rubin's birthday, which was Wednesday.

Arthur Kovar helped organize the trip, as he had others for members of the B'nai Brith chapter at The Ponds. "He would watch over everyone on these

trips. He was just a wonderful man," Katz said. Eggers, meanwhile, was remembered as a handyman who always helped his neighbors with odd jobs. "He really was so good to me," said John Mezzasalma, who lived next door.

"You just have to remember the wonderful things about these people, that they were on a happy trip."

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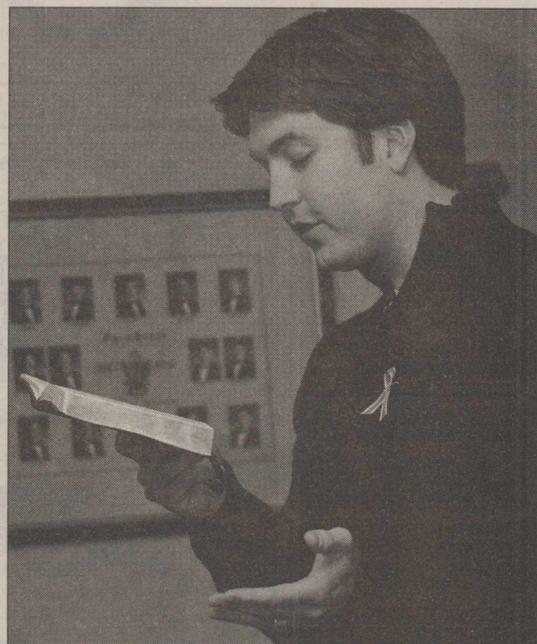
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Tech student remembered



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TEXAS TECH STUDENTS and friends of Cliff Beights sing and worship as they gather at the Farmhouse on Greek Circle Wednesday evening for a memorial service in remembrance of Cliff Beights.



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GREG MCEVILLY, A senior marketing management and business administration major from Rowlett, reads scriptures from the Bible to Texas Tech students and friends of Cliff Beights gathered at the Farmhouse on Greek Circle Wednesday evening for a memorial service in remembrance of Cliff Beights.

Tech students nab competitive scholarships

By ANDREW WOOD
STAFF WRITER

For three Texas Tech Honors College students, college life just got \$7,500 easier.

Hosam Attaya, Bobbak Mansouri and Suzanne McDonald were three of the 323 national recipients for the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, a national award given to students in engineering, mathematics and science.

Attaya, Mansouri and McDonald competed with 1,081 applicants across the country for the merit-based scholarship, which covers student fees and tuition for two years, according to a recent news release.

Much like other merit-based scholarships, achievements and career plans were key factors in the scholarship process.

Regarding the three Red Raider

recipients, some can say they already have had some outstanding accomplishments and are have set some lofty goals with a high standard.

Attaya, a junior cell and molecular biology major from Lubbock, said the scholarship program looks for "what you do well in classes to be a 'top-notch' researcher."

Attaya said he also was glad to receive the scholarship because it is pursued by more than 1,000 of the most intelligent students across the country.

"It's a national competition with the best students from universities around the country," he said. "It's a pretty stiff competition, because you have people (competing) from Yale, Harvard, CalTech, schools like that."

Attaya gave credit to Christina Ashby-Martin, Honors College faculty coordinator for National and International Scholarship, for the

award. Ashby-Martin consulted the scholarship applicants weekly and showed them ways to improve their applications.

"If anybody needs to be commended, it's Ashby-Martin," he said.

After he graduates, Attaya said he would seek a doctorate degree in cell and molecular biology and genetics.

Attaya currently researches cotton fibers and their development. Attaya said he can integrate his research experience in his postgraduate studies.

The other scholarship applicants have similar resumes.

Mansouri, a junior cell and molecular biology major from Lubbock who researches cognitive abilities with children's learning, plans to pursue a doctorate in neurobiology and neurology, according to the news release.

For McDonald, a sophomore electrical engineering major from Allen, some can say she is shooting for the stars, literally.

Along with the other three recipients, McDonald also plans to seek a doctorate, but in applied mathematics and astronomical engineering, the news release states. One of her goals to develop manned and unmanned probes for exploring the solar system.

The scholarship is named after the late Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., who spent more than three decades in the U.S. Senate. Goldwater also ran for president in 1964 before losing to the incumbent president, Lyndon B. Johnson.

The Goldwater Scholarship, established in 1986, is the "premier undergraduate scholarship of its type," according to the news release.

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Opera

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ence will not be able to see them. The singers will view the conductor through a concealed video monitor.

Dolter said it is good for the students to learn to adapt to changes in their performance environment. If they become professional singers, they will be prepared.

"There will be an occasion where they'll have to perform like this," he said.

Dolter said there are many reasons why the operas are unique and interesting.

The different tones and settings make the performance have a wide appeal to many audience members, he said.

In addition, there will be two separate orchestras for each performance. Each opera has its own ornate set and costumes.

"It's a very entertaining concert for the audience," Dolter said.

In "Suor Angelica," the main character is a woman rejected by her family because she gave birth to a son out of wedlock. She becomes a nun and constantly thinks about her son. Dolter said the theme focuses on Roman Catholicism during the 16th to 17th century era.

The opera has period costumes and uses light and fog elements for the ending scene.

Dolter said the effect is perfect for the miracle at the end of the opera.

Frank Rendon, a sophomore vocal performance major from Garland, said he enjoyed "Suor Angelica" and believes Tech students should see the opera.

"It's exquisite and dark and just beautiful," he said.

Rendon is a singer in the second performance, "Gianni Schicchi."

"It's very comedic and out there," Rendon said.

"Gianni Schicchi" is set in modern times. The opera is about a wealthy man who dies leaving his family fighting over his money. They decide to rewrite the will to give them all of the man's possessions. They ask a man named Gianni Schicchi to rewrite the will. Schicchi does rewrite the will, but he gives most of the possessions to himself.

Many of the characters in the opera are dressed as present-day hillbillies.

This is Rendon's first leading role in an opera.

Oliver Lucero, a vocal performance graduate student from Seattle, Wash., said the performers have been working since February.

He said it has been difficult at times, but the time and effort has been worth the wait.

"You take it one step at a time," Lucero said.

His only concern, he said, is that some of the opera's regular audience will not attend because the performance will take place at Lubbock Christian University.

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"It's exquisite and dark and just beautiful. ... It's very comedic and out there."

— FRANK RENDON
Sophomore vocal performance major from Garland

Police storm opposition tent in Belarus

MINSK, Belarus (AP) — Police stormed the opposition tent camp in the Belarusian capital Minsk early Friday morning, detaining scores of demonstrators who had spent a fourth night in a central square to protest President Alexander Lukashenko's victory in a disputed election.

The arrests came after a half dozen large police buses and 75 helmeted riot police with clubs pulled up to Oktyabrskaya Square in central Minsk about 3 a.m.

The police stood around for a few minutes and then barged into the tent camp filled with protesters.

An Associated Press reporter on the scene said they wrestled about 40 to 50 of the demonstrators, who were resisting, into buses. The rest of the approximately 200 demonstrators were taken into custody without apparent resistance.

By the end of the 10-15 minute operation, all of the protesters had been taken away.

Drunks

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the premises, said Carolyn Beck, a public information officer for the TABC.

Although the TABC has been arresting intoxicated bar patrons for years, Beck said a new batch of agents finished their training in January and are now increasing the clamp-down on bars statewide.

She said the increase in the TABC task force is intended to target Texas' statewide DWI problem.

"The main emphasis behind this is because Texas has the highest DWI rates in the nation," she said. "We are doing this to try to save lives."

Beck said the movement's purpose was to stop people before they put both their own lives and the lives of those around them in jeopardy.

"We are not arresting people for drinking in bars," she said. "We are arresting people for being a danger to themselves and others. There are plenty of dangerous things that an intoxicated person could do besides getting behind the wheel of a car."

Beck said the TABC's agents look for a few key signals to deter-

mine if someone is drunk enough to detain.

"The typical signs we look for are when someone gets up to go to the bathroom and they are stumbling, weaving or just being loud," she said.

Still, it is not just the customers who may be affected by the latest push of attention, Beck said. The effort is also trying to promote responsible drinking from the bartender's end.

"We are trying to get licensed establishments to sell alcohol responsibly, too," she said. "This is statewide, including Lubbock."

In response, some local bar employees and Texas Tech students offered their opinions on whether or not they agreed with the thought of undercover agents infiltrating the Lubbock bar scene.

Mandy Kumpe, a bartender at Lubbock's Adolph's Bar and Grill, said she disagreed with the new wave of undercover agents arresting adults for being too drunk inside the bar's perimeters.

"I don't agree with that," she said. "I think they should be out on the streets finding drunk drivers because they don't know how people in bars are planning to get home; they could be taking a bus or a taxi. I think they are going about this completely the wrong way."

Brandon Dunaway, the manager at Lubbock's The Blue Light, said he has never seen a customer being arrested for public intoxication inside a Hub City bar.

"I haven't noticed it being too out of hand," he said. "I'm all for everyone having a good time, but if they arrest someone noticeably intoxicated at a bar, I don't have a real problem with it."

Randy Pak, a freshman pre-med major from Arlington, said he could see both sides of the situation.

"It could go either way," he said. "If they are really intoxicated then they should probably be arrested, but if they are just kind of buzzed then they should just get a warning."

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Assata Shakur: Case of oppression in U.S.

The image most people have of the U.S. is that we are the good guys. Our country is a land of freedom and justice that treats its citizens fairly. In contrast, we see the countries we consider to be our enemies, such as Cuba, as the bad guys. They oppress their people and persecute individuals because of their religious or political beliefs.

For the most part these stereotypes hold true. However there are exceptions, when the roles are reversed and government of the U.S. behaves in a way that resembles villainous regimes and dictators can perform acts of heroism. One such case is that of Assata Shakur.

Assata Shakur is a black woman who has been and continues to be persecuted by certain authorities in the United States. Her birth name was Joanne Deborah Chesimard, and she was raised in New York City. During her time as a student at Manhattan Community College, she became involved with the black nationalist groups, the Black Panthers and the Black Liberation Army, changing her name to Assata Shakur. Though some members of these groups engaged in criminal activity, they were political activist groups and Assata did not have a criminal record.

On the evening of May 2, 1973, she was riding in a car with two other activists named Zayd Shakur and Sundiata Acoli on the New Jersey Turnpike. They were pulled over by State Troopers James Harper and Werner Foerster for driving with a broken taillight, according to Harper. Harper claims Assata Shakur opened fire on the officers, while Assata Shakur and Acoli claim it was the troopers who began shooting first. During the gunfight, Zayd Shakur and Foerster were killed, and Assata Shakur and Harper were wounded.

Harper claims after Werner was down, Assata Shakur took Foerster's weapon and shot him. However, a tendon in her right arm was severed by one of the trooper's bullets, rendering it useless. Her fingerprints were not found on any of the weapons. There was no gunpowder residue on her hands, proving she had not fired a gun.

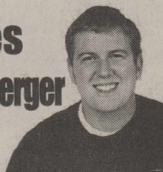
The police arrested Assata Shakur and Acoli. While imprisoned, Shakur said she was raped, beaten and tortured by policemen and guards.

Then the trials began. They charged Shakur with the deaths of both Foerster and Zayd Shakur, her best friend. She was also charged with a plethora of other crimes, including bank robbery and kidnapping. The jury acquitted her each time, as the state prosecutors' evidence was easily revealed to be contrived and false.

After trying her up in six bogus trials, the state of New Jersey convicted her of the murders of Foerster and Zayd Shakur. She was sentenced to life imprisonment and taken to the Clinton Correctional Institute in New Jersey.

In 1979, three masked armed men entered the prison and somehow liberated Assata Shakur. She hid in the U.S.

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until 1984 when Fidel Castro granted her political asylum in Cuba where she remains to this day.

The government has repeatedly requested she be extradited back to the U.S. She is listed on the FBI's Domestic Terrorist list and a \$1 million bounty has been put out on her.

The tragic story of Assata Shakur is alarming to say the least. The state pressed a case when it had none and used its authority to rig a guilty verdict.

There were campaigns to vilify her as posters calling her a dangerous criminal were strewn throughout New York and New Jersey.

The trial was first to take place in Middlesex County in 1973, but Judge Leon Gerofsky allowed for a change of venue saying it was "almost impossible to obtain a jury" in the county "comprised of people willing to accept the responsibility of impartiality" and protect Assata from "transitory passion and prejudice." When she was eventually tried in 1977, the conviction took place in Middlesex County. The jury was comprised entirely of white people, five of whom were relatives or friends of state troopers.

They totally disregarded the physical evidence that Assata was not a shooter as well as the logical question of why she would kill Zayd, who she called her best friend.

As someone who loves freedom and being able to say and do whatever I choose with no repercussions from the government, I love life in the U.S. But when I learn of government officials actively persecuting someone armed with lies and manipulation of the law, I fear for other people who live in this country. I wonder about the Assatas whose stories aren't known, who were unable to voice the injustices brought against them. How many people have been the victims of convictions based racism instead of facts? How many people have voiced dissent against the government and never been heard from again?

To top off the irony is the fact that a dictator like Fidel Castro had to save the day when the U.S. was oppressing a one of its own citizens. A leader who denies freedom to his own people provided the only avenue through which Assata could live freely.

Allowing someone's life to nearly be ruined is below the U.S. If we don't live up to justice and equality, what are we? We have to demand honesty and fairness from our government. Otherwise, our good guy image is hypocrisy.

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Personality studies biased against conservative people and values

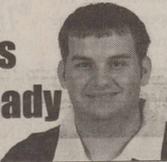
"Remember the whiny, insecure kid in nursery school, the one who always thought everyone was out to get him and was always running to the teacher with complaints? Chances are he grew up to be a conservative." This according to a new study from the Journal of Research into Personality at UC Berkeley reported by *The Toronto Star*. Researchers at Berkeley studied 95 children from the Berkeley area for the last 20 years.

The report claims confident, resilient, self-reliant children mostly grow up to have liberal politics while the whiny insecure children were conservative as adults. It found that the insecure children look for "reassurance provided by tradition and authority and find it in conservative politics. The more confident children are eager to explore alternatives to the way things are, and find liberal politics more congenial."

They found there was a .27 correlation between being self-reliant in nursery school and being a liberal as an adult. Self-reliance predicts statistically about 7 percent of the variance between children who became liberal and those who became conservative. So, if every self-reliant kid became a liberal and none became conservatives, it would predict 100 percent of the variance.

In the 1960s Jack Block and his wife and fellow professor Jeanne Block began tracking more than 100 nursery school children as part of a general study of personality. The children's personalities were rated at the time by teachers and assistants who had known them for months. Years later Block followed up with more surveys, looking again at personality and this time

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at politics, too. The whiny children tended to grow up conservative and turned into rigid young adults who hewed closely to traditional gender roles and were uncomfortable with ambiguity. The confident children turned out liberal and were still hanging loose, turning into bright, non-conforming adults with wide interests. The girls were still outgoing, but the young men tended to turn a little introspective.

Similar work was done by John T. Jost of Stanford back in 2003. He reviewed 44 years worth of studies into the psychology of conservatism and concluded that people who are dogmatic, fearful, intolerant of ambiguity and uncertainty, and who crave order and structure are more likely to gravitate to conservatism.

It also found that conservatives tended to be fear-driven dogmatists, terrified by ambiguity. The study linked Ronald Reagan, Rush Limbaugh, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini. Basically pulling out the old card trick that said all conservatives are Nazis.

To put it bluntly, these studies are crap.

Liberals have been trying for years to label conservatism as some kind of mental disorder. Ever since Theodor Adorno came out with his Authoritarian Personality in 1950, liberal and leftist social scientists have been trying to diagnose conservatism as a psychological defect or

sickness. Adorno and his colleagues argued that conservatism was little more than a "pre-fascist" "personality type."

Sympathy for communism was considered an indication of openness and healthy idealism. Opposition to communism was a symptom of your more deep-seated pathologies and fascist tendencies. So the arrogance of today's liberal so-called researcher is not anything new.

Jonah Goldberg, editor at large of National Review Online, said the main "problem with this sort of analysis is that the single best predictor of partisan affiliation is the political orientation of your parents. In Berkeley, the most liberal majority-white city in America, most children are going to be liberal because their parents are liberal."

We all know that your family has more to do with your political affiliations than anything else. If you are raised with good Christian values, a hard work ethic, a love for America and morals, then you are most likely going to become a conservative. If you are raised without morals, Christian values, hate America and think that your money is everyone's money, then you are probably going to be a liberal.

Goldberg went on to say that, "if one or two of the whinier kids turn out to be conservative, it might have more to do with the fact that their parents are whiny conservatives. Heck, if I lived in Berkeley, I might be whiny too." The study completely ignores region and how it affects political affiliation. Are all people living in the heartland whiny and insecure? Are all people in California bright? Or does it have the opposite effect? Does it cause

all insecure children to become liberal and all confident children to be conservative because they are the majority?

I would bet that if a hippie kid from California moved to my hometown of Palco, Kan., he probably would become whiny and insecure. The poor child would be stuck listening to talk about God, love for your country, respect for others, helping your fellow man, honesty, trust, hard work and the American dream.

On the other hand, I would just bet that after a while, that kid would come to realize a few things about conservative America. He would realize that we are not all backwoods rednecks, and if he was there long enough, I think he might just cut his hair and trade in the Volkswagen for a Chevrolet. But I bet the conservative children in hippieland would have a much harder time being that they have a mental disorder.

It just goes to show you how far liberals will go in their quest to rid the world of conservative thinking. Maybe liberals should spend more of their time and money trying to solve the world's problems, as they claim to want to do, rather than trying to prove that conservatism is a mental defect. In my opinion many resources could be put towards more important things at America's institutions of higher education. We could be working towards a cure for cancer or more efficient sources of energy. But, like everything else in California, logic is thrown out the window in favor ignorance.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Parents of students forgotten in flat-rate tuition debate

Tech's new flat rate tuition is a troubling issue for many students. Perhaps you need to interview the parents who are paying these tuition bills. Another group to include are the students who must pay all or some of their college expenses. Chances are good that students who take 18 hours do not have time to work. I hope they thank whoever is working their tail off to help her get out of school early.

I have three daughters in college who all work part time and depend on some sort of financial aid to help. I also have returned to Tech to finish my teaching certificate. I would gladly postpone my own college plans to give my daughters more financial assistance. However, it won't make any difference now.

The tuition has gone up so much

it will take a miracle to graduate before Tech becomes too expensive to attend. Taking an average of 12 hours a semester is a necessity, not always a choice. The so-called rebate for summer school is laughable. Most people are lucky if they have any financial aid left by the time summer school starts.

As for modeling similar programs at UT or A&M, who cares? Isn't the goal to accommodate Tech students? Don't bother telling me that part of this tuition hike will go to scholarships. Compare the few who get scholarships verses those who need money to buy gas.

Let's also remember that President Bush just cut \$12 million out of college financial aid. That means Fall 2006 is going to be a big surprise for some students. The board of regents

is discriminating against hardworking parents and overworked, stressed-out students. I have encouraged any parent who would listen to send their high school students to South Plains College first. Why pay \$700 dollars for an English class you can take for half that at SPCC?

To the board of regents, you are quickly pricing yourself out of future students.

— Heather Ammons
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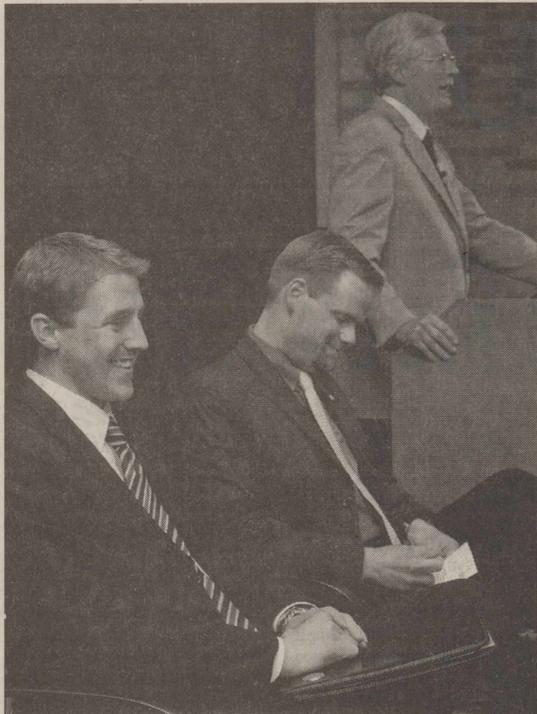
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FROM LEFT, SGA President Nathan Nash, Staff Senate President Richard Verrone and Tech President Jon Whitmore take turns addressing Tech students and faculty Thursday afternoon in the Human Sciences building.

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working on is an increase in salary for faculty and staff.

"We have gotten a 3 percent raise for our staff and faculty and we will be asking the board of regents for an additional 2 percent raise in the coming months," he said.

Whitmore also said that high enrollment is in the future for Tech.

"All indications are telling us that we will have an increase in enrollment in the fall according to our data that we are receiving," he said.

This came after Whitmore mentioned that the university is working on a recruitment program that will have more recruiters in the larger cities of Texas.

One of the accomplishments made by the university, Whitmore said, is it has eliminated the "Tech Shuffle", where students have to go to several different buildings all over campus to get their tuition and financial aid worked out.

"Now, most — if not all — of the business of paying your bills and working out financial aid can be done on the second floor of West Hall," Whitmore said.

Whitmore mentioned the university's diversity panel, which will feature a visitor from the NCAA to discuss the role of diversity and how to make our university become more diverse.

Other topics of discussion were the recent building projects across campus, including the expansion of the Business and Law school, visiting graduate school deans that will be talking about how to expand our graduate program, and also the recent appointment of Donald

Haragan to the interim chancellor position.

"We are working very well together and he is doing a good job," Whitmore said. "The regents are conducting a search for a new chancellor with the help of an advisory committee made up of students, faculty and staff."

Verrone, president of the staff senate, was next to speak about the changes going on in the staff senate. He said sometimes the staff is not always thought about when it comes to the changes in the university.

"You see students, you see faculty, but in the back you see the staff who are the ones who keep things going," he said.

Verrone talked about the fact that the staff senate has created a newsletter that allows everyone to see the accomplishments made by the staff and has room for feedback for anyone who wants more information on a certain issue they have listed.

Some of the issues include tuition fees for staff members finishing their education, a rise in parking and benefits for staff members.

Verrone said one theme of the staff senate is to build relationships by reaching out to other departments and discussing these issues because they affect almost everyone.

Something else that Verrone said they

are looking at is childcare on campus, since it seems to be something the campus needs for faculty, staff and students. Verrone mentioned that the meeting was a good thing, because it showed how the campus should work together.

"This is the spirit of communication," he said. "This is our own little city where we should all work together."

Nash also spoke about the issues the student senate has been working through, and also the things to come.

Nash said the town hall meeting actually was the student senate's idea from about two years ago, and he was happy that it finally was happening.

He said one of the big accomplishments of the SGA has been its scholarship campaign for those students who really need the financial help. He said they have raised \$1 million already

and their goal is \$5 million.

Other topics Nash spoke of were the SGA's efforts in the George W. Bush library, help connecting students with potential employers, getting a fall break, the recent senior class gift of bike lanes, and working with the Katrina relief fund.

He also mentioned they have helped decrease the number of arrests at football games and have worked with the athletic department to promote good sportsmanship.

Nash also said there were several programs that they were continuing to work on and improve on, including Safe Ride, Take a Kid to the Game, Raidergate, drowsy driving awareness and car clinics for students before holiday breaks.

"Some of our goals for the future are to continue with the scholarship program, to talk to the Austin legislature about various educational issues, and we have some ideas to get students involved in community service and to reward them for their efforts," Nash said.

After the meeting there was a reception where the members of the audience were able to ask questions that pertained to the presidents and their departments.

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Searchers look for missing boys

MILWAUKEE (AP) — An airplane equipped with heat sensors searched Thursday for two missing boys while bloodhounds scrambled through the neighborhood where the youngsters disappeared, hoping to find clues in a case that has baffled investigators for five days.

Family members suspect the boys were taken by someone, but Linda Krieg, FBI assistant special agent, said there was no evidence the pair had been abducted or a crime committed.

"It's very difficult to abduct a child, let alone two children," Krieg said. "It's outside the norm of what we see in child abduction."

About a half-dozen law enforcement divers linked arms and waded through the icy water of a lagoon at nearby McGovern Park to eliminate the possibility the boys had drowned.

Elsewhere, about 150 volunteers and 12 dogs searched Havenwoods State Forest, while the FBI conducted an aerial search using a Cessna.

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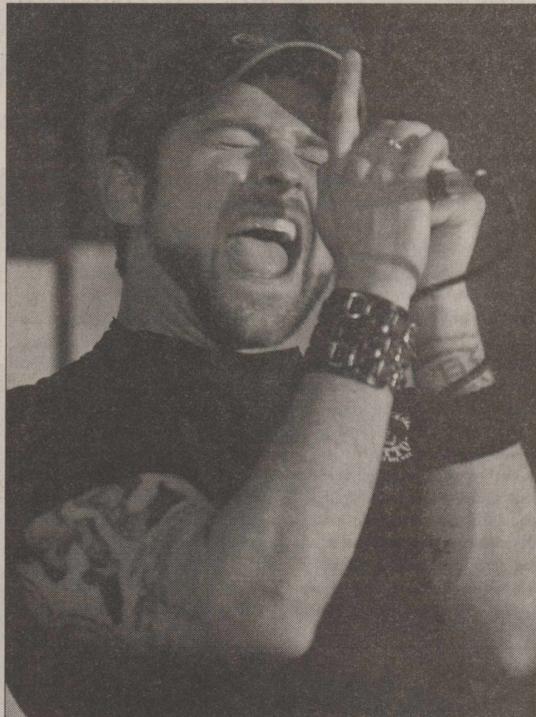
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Tech grad makes purses from mink

COMANCHE (AP) — Beth Martin is always on the hunt for mink — vintage stoles and coats, that is. Martin has developed a following in her little corner of the world for her artistic purses made with fine silks and tapesries, and accessorized with mink fur. Martin, 57, and her sister, Janda Steward, 49, of Brownwood operate The Shop, 6859 U.S. 67 east of Comanche. The two are also event planners and assist with decor and food for special occasions. Martin became interested in creating artistic designs with fabric when she was young. She graduated from Texas Tech University in 1970 with a bachelor's degree in textiles and fabric. She began a long career as a county Extension agent working in

Coleman, Concho and Blanco counties. She once had a custom drapery business, and now has a private practice as a licensed professional counselor. But through-out her professional career, Martin has always loved to create with fabric and unique accessories. "Before mink, I made purses with feathers," she said. "Now I just love the fur. It is wonderful to work with. I'm always looking for mink, either on eBay, estate sales or in resale shops." She made her first purse in 2004. "I acquired a mink coat from a friend in 2004, and she asked me to make a purse for her with the coat. When I finished that, she asked me to make purses for her family and her mother, who owned the coat — which was a very beautiful dark mink.

Partying like Rock Stars



COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador JASON ASH, OF Lubbock, auditions for "Rock Star" Season 2 on CBS, at the Texas Café & Bar Thursday afternoon.

SHOW INFO: "Rock Star" Season 2 is searching for the lead singer of a new band, Supernova. The band was formed by former Motley Crue drummer Tommy Lee, Metallica bassist Jason Newsted and Guns 'N Roses guitarist Gilby Clarke. The show will begin airing this summer on CBS, Cox Channel 7. Source: CBS Web site, www.cbs.com

Tech students, Lubbockites rock out for CBS show "Rock Star"

By CHRIS ATWOOD FEATURES WRITER

Some people love karaoke and now KLBK, the local CBS affiliate, is using it as a tool for tryouts for the second season of CBS' show "Rock Star." The call for local musicians was Thursday at the Texas Café and Bar. Eric Thomas, director of sales for KLBK, said he thought Lubbock was a great location to host auditions for the new season of the show and said he believes great musical talent exists in Lubbock. "We knew it'd be fun and good for the station," he said between sets during the audition. Thomas also said he would love for one of the participants on the show to be from Lubbock. According to the "Rock Star" Web site, the only other locations to audition in Texas were Austin and Dallas. Veronica Longoria, a South Plains College student studying applied rehab and psychology, said she believes she has an edge over the local competition because Lubbock has plenty of people who know how to rock, but every band needs somebody who can sing a ballad. The Lubbock native said she would love to sing professionally, but is preparing a backup plan in case she does not make it. Longoria also said she comes from a family of musicians.

"Everybody in my family sings or plays an instrument," she said. "One of us has gotta make it."

Longoria also said she was grateful for the support her friends gave her during her audition.

She said she found out about the audition from a friend at work, who insisted she try out.

Leona Ryder, a senior music major from Denver City, said she believes the karaoke-style audition could have been improved because artists who make it cannot make an album entirely of musical remakes. "To actually make albums," she said, "you need your own stuff."

Ryder said she had just found out about the audition Thursday afternoon, but still was eager to compete for a chance to be on the show.

She said she agrees with Thomas that Lubbock has a lot of musical talent, although Ryder said she believes the talented musicians are not getting all that they deserve.

"Lubbock has a lot of talent, but they're not getting the jobs," she said. "Bands that aren't as good but fit Lubbock's music image are getting the jobs."

Ryder also said she believes it is interesting that aside from Austin and Dallas, CBS opted to do an audition in Lubbock, mainly because it is so much smaller than the other two locations.

As the evening ended and all the participants had been taped, the footage will make its way to Los Angeles to be judged by CBS producers. CBS will call back any musician they are interested in for a second audition.

"Rock Star" will begin airing this summer on CBS, Cox Channel 7.

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Bonds lawyer plans suit over steroid book

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds plans to sue the authors and publisher of a book that alleges the San Francisco Giants slugger used steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs.

Bonds' attorneys sent a letter Thursday to an agent for the authors of "Game of Shadows," alerting them of plans to sue the writers, publisher Gotham Books, the San Francisco Chronicle and Sports Illustrated, which published excerpts this month.

The letter, signed by Alison Berry Wilkinson, an associate of Bonds' lead attorney, Michael Rains, was posted on the Chronicle's Web Site. A hearing was tentatively scheduled for Friday in San Francisco Superior Court.

"The reason we filed in the lawsuit in the simplest terms possible is to prevent the authors from promoting themselves and profiting from illegal conduct," Rains told The Associated Press

on Thursday.

He said laws prohibit people from possessing grand jury materials unless they are unsealed and said authors Mark Fainaru-Wada and Lance Williams, both also reporters for the Chronicle, "have made a complete farce of the criminal justice system."

The book, released Thursday, claims Bonds used steroids, human growth hormone, insulin and other banned substances for at least five seasons beginning in 1998.

"We certainly stand by our reporters and the reporting they did for us," Chronicle executive vice president and editor Phil Bronstein said. "Nothing that's happened will change that."

Bonds' legal team will ask a judge Friday to issue a temporary restraining order forfeiting all profits from publication and distribution, according to the letter. The lawyers plan to file the suit under California's unfair competition law.

The attorneys will ask a federal judge to initiate contempt proceedings "for the use of illegally obtained" grand jury transcripts the authors used in writing the book. Rains said profits should be forfeited because of that.

"What we're saying is, who are the real cheaters? They are the ones who are using these illegally obtained materials," Rains said.

Williams and Fainaru-Wada said the book will stand up to a court challenge.

"I don't know what the legal action they contemplate is," Williams said. "Gotham can speak to the legal issues, but the facts in our book are true and they will stand up to scrutiny."

"We fully stand behind our

reporting of the book," Fainaru-Wada added.

Lisa Johnson, a spokeswoman for publisher Gotham Books, said the publisher supports both authors. "We at Gotham Books are shocked that Barry Bonds would take such a foolish step," she said. "Any respected First Amendment lawyer in America knows that his claim is nonsense."

Rains said Bonds will not comment directly on the lawsuit but strongly supports the case.

"Barry is doing fine," Rains said. "He's had a great spring as everyone knows. His bat speaks for himself and he's not going to speak on this action and this book."

"I don't even talk about it," Sheffield said.

Book says Sheffield knowingly used 'roids

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds juiced out of jealousy, Gary Sheffield followed his training buddy's lead and Jason Giambi did it to please his perfectionist father who loved the game, according to a new book.

"Game of Shadows," which centers on Bonds' allegedly extensive drug regimen — steroids, human growth hormone, insulin and more — also undercuts Sheffield's claims that he took designer steroids unwittingly.

The book says BALCO's performance-enhancing drugs were used by several athletes, including track stars Marion Jones and Tim Montgomery, NFL players such as Bill Romanowski, and sluggers including Bonds, Sheffield and Giambi.

Sheffield has admitted that he used a cream two years ago but said he did not know it contained illegal steroids. The

authors, however, say Bonds' trainer, Greg Anderson, put Sheffield on injectable testosterone and a human growth hormone in 2002, and later sold him designer steroids known as the "cream" and the "clear."

Sheffield adopted Bonds' heavy training program when he visited the San Francisco star after the 2001 season and lived in his home in Hillsborough, Calif., for two months, according to the book.

Though the two had a personal falling out, Sheffield wanted to maintain a relationship with Anderson so he could keep getting the drugs, the authors wrote.

On Wednesday in Tampa, Sheffield denied using any drugs mentioned in the book.

"What can I do? I'm not going to defend myself my whole life," he said. "It doesn't matter to me. I don't have anything to say. No need to. It is what it is."

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Tech readies for Aggies' antics

By TREY SHIPMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Aggies and Red Raiders just don't seem to mix. When just the fourth coach in NCAA history to reach 1,400 wins can still get sick when his team visits Texas A&M's Olsen Field in College Station, it's evident that the compatibility isn't there.

"Being my age, the thing that bothers me is when they start waving and they lock their arms and start going back and forth," Texas Tech baseball coach Larry Hays said. "And it's a sea of it up there, and it kinda makes me sea sick."

Coach Hays was joking in his reaction to the way the Aggie faithful generally support their teams, but admitted the antics are something his young Raiders (18-7, 1-1 Big 12) will have to deal with when they begin a three-game series with their intrastate rivals at 7 p.m. today.

"It's a good baseball environment," he said. "It'll be good experience for our young team to go down see that. Kind of one of those things you wonder where mother is cause there's no one on your side."

The atmosphere in Aggieland is expected to be as hostile as ever for Tech as A&M (15-9, 0-3) will be searching for its first conference win after dropping three consecutive games to Missouri last weekend.

"They just got swept by Missouri, so they're gonna come out gunning for us," Big 12 strikeout leader Miles Morgan said. "They've got great pitching, and if we give up a couple runs, their pitching is gonna hold us. We just have to make sure we come out and compete."

Despite being winless in the young conference season, the Aggies do in fact own one of the better pitching staffs in the land. Their 2.17 team ERA is best among Big 12 teams and more than two runs lower than the

Raiders mark of 4.46.

The A&M staff is led by Austin Creps, who boasts a .089 ERA through 40 1/3 innings pitched.

Though the Aggies stable of arms runs deep, Morgan is leading the resurgence of a Tech pitching staff that sits at the bottom of the conference in ERA, but leads in strikeouts by a margin of 23.

"I think our pitching staff mindset is a little different from last year," sophomore catcher Matt Smith said. "As a catcher, it's really great because you just kinda sit back and let them go to work. It takes the pressure off our defense and allows them to relax a little more."

While the Raider hurlers have improved as a unit, Morgan stole the spotlight this week by being named National and Big 12 Pitcher of the Week after his complete game 15 strikeout performance last week in which he held then-No. 16 Texas to one run.

"It's crazy. It's a big honor," the redshirt freshman said. "The only way I can handle that is try to push it out of my head as much as I can and just try to focus on this week."

After having that kind of week, one might think Morgan could allow a bit of an ego to set in.

"Not when you've got a group of guys like we have. They'll let you know if you do," he said.

Coach Hays agreed though the team, along with Morgan, have enjoyed early season success, they can't afford to be overconfident heading into the home's nest that is College Station.

"We've got some good things going," he said. "Morgan's got to come down to earth. He's had a great week, and now we're going to see how he handles getting that kind of recognition. It's part of his maturing."

The stage is set for Saturday in which Morgan will square off against Creps in a classic pitchers duel, but in the wake of Morgan's success, today's starter A.J. Ramos has flown under the radar.

Ramos became the first true freshman to start a Big 12 conference game for Tech last Friday against Texas. He held the defending national champions scoreless through four innings before tiring and giving up three in the fifth.

Today he'll oppose A&M's Kyle Nicholson and will look to help the Raiders capture the series lead, in what Smith called a crucial weekend.

"It definitely is important," he said. "You never know what's gonna happen late in the season. We want to get out and get our wins early and get our win column up there and hopefully that will help us in the post season."

But if you ask Hays, that's easier said than done.

"I honestly mean this, every weekend is gonna be the same," he said. "The worse thing that can happen to is to say we took the national champions to two one-run games and feel good about it."

"You're in trouble if you look at it that way. We've got to be a scrambling team because everyone in this league scrambles and gets after it."
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Vanderjagt follows T.O. to Dallas

(SPAP) — Mike Vanderjagt, the NFL's most accurate kicker who was no longer needed in Indianapolis, signed a three-year contract Thursday with the Dallas Cowboys.

Vanderjagt wasn't re-signed by the Colts, who instead signed Adam Vinatieri earlier this week. Vinatieri twice hit winning kicks in the Super Bowl for New England, but the Patriots allowed him to test free agency.

After depending so long on inexperienced or inexpensive kickers, the Cowboys didn't pass on Vanderjagt, a former Pro Bowl kicker and unrestricted free agent. Financial terms weren't immediately known. Phone messages and an e-mail to his agent, Gil Scott, weren't immediately returned.

Vanderjagt has the highest field goal accuracy rate in NFL history (217-of-245 kicks, 87.5 percent) and holds the record for making 42 straight. But on his last attempt for the Colts during the AFC divisional playoffs in January, he badly missed a 46-yarder that would have forced overtime against Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh.

"Everyone kind of had it a foregone conclusion that Mike wouldn't be back, but you don't just get rid of guys without being able to replace them," Colts coach Tony Dungy said. "We were fortunate that we were able to replace him with a great, great kicker."

Indianapolis reportedly gave Vinatieri a \$3.5 million signing bonus and an average of \$2.5 million over the next three years.

Dallas used three kickers last season, when the Cowboys were 9-7 and missed the playoffs. Dallas lost twice by three points and had a one-point loss, and the kickers were a combined 20-of-28 on field goals with four misses under 40 yards.

Billy Cundiff was the Cowboys' primary kicker

the past four seasons, making 60 of 82 field goals (73 percent) in 53 games. He was released after hurting his leg in training camp but returned in November for six games after Jose Cortez and Shaun Suisham kicked.

But Cundiff was inconsistent, making a team-record 56-yarder against Detroit in his first game back, then missing a 34-yard tiebreaking kick in the fourth quarter four days later against Denver, the Thanksgiving Day game the Cowboys lost in overtime. Cundiff was 5-for-8 and cut before the final game, and Suisham returned for the season finale.

In 2003, Cundiff tied an NFL record with seven field goals in a Monday night victory at the New York Giants.

Since Rafael Septien set most of the team's kicking records from 1978-86, there has been a long line of kickers through Dallas, including Richie Cunn-

ingham, Chris Boniol, Eddie Murray and high school teacher Tim Seder, among others. Cundiff was the only one who stayed more than three seasons.

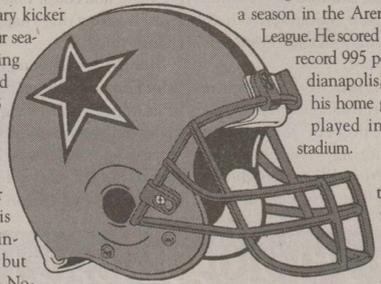
Vanderjagt, who turns 36 Friday, spent his first eight NFL seasons with the Colts after playing in the Canadian Football League (1993, 1996-97) and a season in the Arena Football League. He scored a franchise-record 995 points in Indianapolis, where all his home games were played in a domed stadium.

"Mike was tremendous for us in the time that I was here," said Dungy,

who just finished his fourth season in Indianapolis. "He made some kicks that won divisions for us, that won big games, overtime games, and I never thought that he was going to miss when we sent him out."

In 2003, Vanderjagt made all 37 of his field-goal attempts and all 46 extra points. He was 23-of-25 on field goals last season, his long kick being 48 yards.

Vanderjagt's career long field goal is 54 yards, and he's made 14 of 21 kicks from at least 50 yards. He has converted 344 of 346 extra points and scored at least 100 points every season. The last Cowboys kicker with 100 points was Seder with 108 in 2000.



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Controversial Huggins takes over at K-State

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Bob Huggins is apologizing to no one.

"I don't think I'm a bad guy," he deadpanned.

Several hundred people who streamed into Bramlage Coliseum for Huggins' introductory news conference Thursday laughed, then stood and applauded, bringing a wry smile to the face of Kansas State's new basketball coach.

The 52-year-old Huggins, who turned the Cincinnati Bearcats into a national power during 16 sometimes-stormy years, signed a five-year contract with the Wildcats. It's the most controversial hire in college basketball since Texas Tech took in Bob Knight five years ago.

Knight was one of several people Kansas State consulted before offering Huggins the job.

Although one of the winningest active coaches, Huggins was out of work for a year after Cincinnati president Nancy Zimpher refused to extend his four-year contract rollover following his arrest and conviction for drunken driving in 2004.

Cincinnati cited the arrest as the culmination of many problems. He also had been criticized for a low graduation rate and for several off-court problems involving players.

But Huggins, wearing a necktie that was bright Kansas State purple, offered no apologies.

"I don't know many people who got to know me who want me to change a bunch," he said. "I'm not perfect. I don't think anybody is. I try to fix it. When you've got something you need to fix, you try to fix it."

Huggins replaces Jim Wooldridge, who

was 15-13 this past season. He takes over a once-proud program that hasn't been to the NCAA tournament since 1996 and has struggled to escape mediocrity since Bramlage opened in 1988-89.

"I am really excited about this. I am excited about this opportunity," he said. "I do not know that I have ever been around nicer people, people more committed to doing things the right way. The more we talked, the more excited I got."

Huggins was 399-127 at Cincinnati, leading the Bearcats to 14 consecutive NCAA tournament appearances, including the 1992 Final Four. He won 10 regular-season Conference USA titles and was honored as the league's coach of the decade. He also coached at Walsh and Akron and has a record of 567-199 during a 24-year career.

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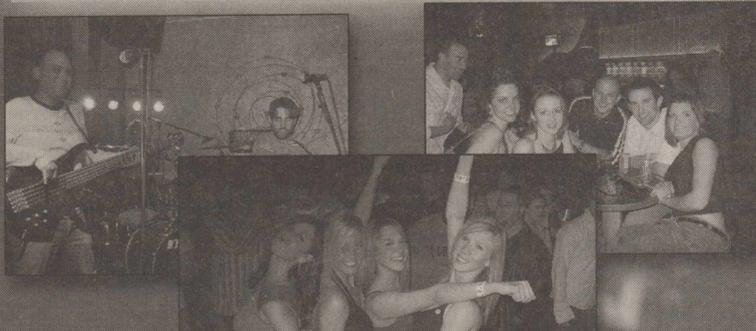
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