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Gaming guru speaks.

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"We see people on the roadways talking on the phone, checking their stocks, checking scores, fusing with their MP3 players, reading e-mails, all while driving 40, 50, 60, 70 miles per hour and sometimes even faster."

Jacqueline Glassman, acting administrator of the government's highway safety agency. A study released Thursday by the government showed distracted drivers were involved in nearly eight out of 10 collisions or near-crashes. (AP)

"It is graphic, but if we do not talk candidly, then it is easy for people to turn away and worry about other matters."

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, in a speech at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in Alexandria, Va. Gonzales used strikingly graphic language Thursday to focus attention on online child pornography and said Internet services companies are not doing enough to combat the problem. (AP)

### STATE

#### Baylor students warned against Playboy posing

WACO (AP) — Officials at the world's largest Baptist university have warned students that they could be disciplined if they pose for Playboy.

Photographers from the magazine featuring pictures of nude women spent two days this week at a Waco hotel interviewing students from Baylor University to pose in the Big 12 conference issue, which will run in October.

Playboy spokeswoman Theresa Hennessey would not say how many women showed up but said the turnout was less than at other schools "because Baylor is a religiously affiliated school."

Hennessey said Playboy is "not looking to get any of these women at Baylor in trouble or kicked out of school."

### NATION

#### Highway deaths up for first time since 1986

WASHINGTON (AP) — The highway death rate rose slightly in 2005, the first increase since 1986, the government said Wednesday.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said in a preliminary report that 43,200 people died on the road in 2005, up from 42,636 in 2004.

The fatality rate also inched up to 1.46 deaths per 100 million miles traveled, an increase from the record low of 1.44 in 2004.

Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta called highway deaths a national tragedy that can be prevented.

"Every car has a safety belt, every motorcycle rider should have a helmet and everyone should have enough sense to never drive while impaired," Mineta said.

### WORLD

#### Iraq's PM abandons claim on another term

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Bowing to intense pressure, Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari agreed Thursday to allow Shiite lawmakers to find someone else to head the new government, abandoning his claim on another term in the face of Sunni and Kurdish opposition.

Al-Jaafari's stunning reversal appeared to mark a breakthrough in the months-long struggle to form a national unity government to try to curb the country's slide toward anarchy and enable Washington to begin bringing home its 133,000 troops.

Leaders in the seven-party Shiite alliance, the largest bloc in the 275-member parliament, were to meet Friday to begin choosing a replacement.

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## Emotions, foiled plot mark Columbine anniversary

Families touched by massacre mark anniversary in different ways

By ROBERT WELLER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — Far from a nuisance, the calls that Dawn Anna gets every year on the anniversary of the Columbine massacre bring back warm memories.

"When you call you are remembering Lauren," Anna told a reporter.

Lauren Townsend, 18, was among the 12 students and one teacher killed seven years ago Thursday, when teen gunmen Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold attacked the school in the bloodiest such assault in the nation's history. She was valedictorian of her class.

"When you hit bottom you don't stay down there very long. Issues come that take you back. But we

have chosen to remember Lauren's light and beauty," Anna said.

A fund in Lauren's name that gives scholarships and wildlife grants has raised \$100,000.

Columbine High School was closed Thursday, as it has been on every anniversary, and the families found their own ways to

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### 5 arrested in alleged school shooting plot

By MARCUS KABEL  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

RIVERTON, Kan. (AP) — Five teenage boys accused of plotting a shooting rampage at their high school on the anniversary of the Columbine massacre were arrested Thursday after a message authorities said warned of a gun

attack appeared on the Web site MySpace.com.

Sheriff's deputies found guns, ammunition, knives and coded messages in the bedroom of one suspect, Sheriff Steve Norman said. Authorities also found documents about firearms and

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## ROUSING A REQUIRED REVOLUTION

### 9:15 a.m. protestors want better parking

By MICHELLE CASADY  
STAFF WRITER

Putting together a PowerPoint presentation, writing a five-page paper or making a short film all are normal projects students are expected to complete in order to receive a grade. Honors History 2301, is not your normal class. Assistant professor of American studies in the Honors College Megan Nelson assigned her class to organize and participate in a protest as part of their grade.

"I've always been interested in experimental learning," Nelson said. Nelson's class chose to protest evening parking fees for on campus parking. The protest took place at 9:15 a.m. Thursday in the McClellan Hall parking lot.

"We wanted to pick something that would be on everyone's mind. Traffic and Parking is on everyone's mind," said Jeff Conn, a sophomore international business major from Fort Worth.

The class chose the name NAACP, which

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KELLY MATHERLY/The Daily Toreador

MEMBERS OF ASSISTANT professor Megan Nelson's U.S. History 2301 class protest against parking fees after 5:30 p.m. as Nelson's Activists Against Controlled Parking in front of the McClellan Hall parking lot by the Student Union Building Thursday morning.



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UNITED STUDENTS AGAINST Apathy members, left to right, Noveen Fatima, a freshman marketing and management major from Clovis, N.M.; Daniel Dean, a freshman from Lubbock; and Natalie McCoy, a freshman English major from Lubbock, hold up a banner as Tyler Key, a junior history major from Dripping Springs, holds a protest sign in front.

### 11 a.m. class fights against Tech's apathy

By ANDREW WOOD  
STAFF WRITER

Immigration. Incentive-based tuition. Nuclear war. All controversial issues some people on campus don't believe Texas Tech students care enough about.

It was a rainy Thursday morning at the Free Speech gazebo, where students in Megan Nelson's 11 a.m. honors history class gathered together to protest apathy among Tech students.

As part of a class assignment, Nelson's students came in blue shirts with "Who cares about apathy?" written on the front while holding up signs addressing issues ranging from gasoline prices, immigration and nuclear weapon proliferation to local issues, such as incentive-based tuition and the North Overton project.

"We're a group of students who come together to fight trends of apathy among college students," said Tyler Key, a junior history major from Dripping Springs, who held a sign that read "I'd be more apathetic if I weren't so lethargic."

The rally gave the students first-hand experience in protesting.

"We've been studying the protest move-

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## Changes continue as Lady Raiders introduce new assistant

By TRAVIS CRAM  
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

After being in Lubbock for less than one month, Texas Tech Lady Raider basketball coach Kristy Curry has what she said is her "A+ list" of assistant coaches to sit beside her on the bench for the next five years.

Tech announced the staff signings Thursday afternoon at the United Spirit Arena, completing the coaching roster.

The list includes former coaches

and players who have some tie to Curry one way or another, except for Baylor associate head coach Bill Brock.

Brock served the last six years under Lady Bears coach Kim Mulkey-Robertson and helped Baylor to a Big 12 championship, as well as a national title in 2005.

Brock said he is excited about being at Tech, where one daughter has graduated and another currently is enrolled as a student, and to have the chance to be around the tradi-

tion of Tech basketball.

"Coaches like the consistent challenges," he said. "And that's what this is, a challenge to get this program back to a Top 10 stature."

Brock said he will continue his duties in Waco until May 1 and then officially will come on board as associate head coach.

The other assistant coaches include former Purdue Boilermaker Sherika Wright and Kelly Curry, Kristy Curry's husband.

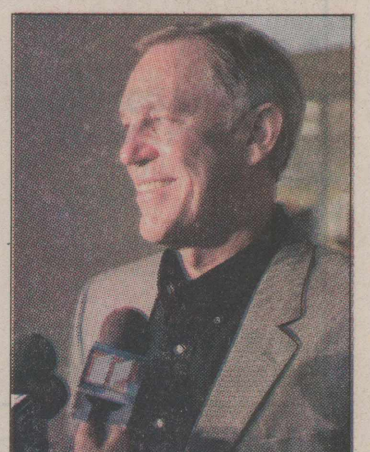
Kelly Curry spent the last seven

years with Kristy Curry at Purdue as her assistant coach, helping the Boilermakers to seven NCAA appearances, including a national title game, and five Big 10 championships.

Wright was a Naismith Award finalist while playing at Purdue under Kristy Curry from 2000-04 and also was an All-Big 10 first-teamer.

She said she is excited for the opportunity to coach and has aspirations of one day becoming a head

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COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador  
BILL BROCK, NEW assistant head coach for the Lady Raiders.



SMALL-TOWN GUYS



CAITY COLVARD/The Daily Toreador

DYLAN BEMBERG, A graduate architecture student from Houston, gets some help from twin brother, Ryan, with his Master of Design Studio model of Lubbock, Thursday afternoon.

Fowler takes reins with 'good mix' of senators at first student senate meeting of 42nd session

By PAUL ROBERTS  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Student Government Association held the first meeting of the 42nd Session of student senate Thursday and welcomed its new members with arms wide open.

Internal Vice President Matthew Fowler expressed some emotions about the upcoming year about the student senate.

"We have a good mix of senators returning to lead the path, and new senators with fresh ideas," Fowler said. "The chemistry is just right to have a great session."

After the new members took oath and were sworn in, they concentrated their efforts on the senate meeting.

External Vice President Chris Huff discussed two projects SGA has been working on, which include additional bus routes and longer hours for Safe Ride.

Fowler said additional bus routes would

simplify parking problems for students and save students money from high gas prices. However, in order for more bus routes to be added, additional funds are needed.

Huff said the SGA officers are attempting to team up with several apartment complexes to save Tech students money.

"We have two options: Increase the transportation fees Tech students pay for in their tuition, or have the apartment complexes assist in the payment of the additional fees," Fowler said.

Safe Ride, a taxi pick-up service for Tech students, added more hours of availability, Huff said. Instead of running from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m., Safe Ride now can be called from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. This way people have a ride to the bars, and home from a friend's house after

the bar, Huff said.

One resolution was discussed during the meeting. It concerns the attendance of senators at the student senator retreat. The resolution was passed making the retreat mandatory for all senators.



Tech's first Student Regent Chad Greenfield addressed the senate, discussing his link with the board of regents and Tech students.

He said it is a great opportunity for him to see what is going on with the board and to represent Tech students about their concerns.

The student senate discussed several projects for the upcoming semester, which include the process of implementing a Fall Break and the addition of a leisure pool on campus.

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Apathy

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ment in American history, and we decided we want to express our right to gather to inform and motivate students," Key said.

Not only did the project teach the history students about current events, but it encouraged them to make a difference.

"I think the class helped to make me realize the contributions I can make," Key said. "I'm motivated to do what I can."

While some students held up signs and shouted out against apathy, others passed out blue fliers with the definition of apathy and information about controversial issues, such as child soldiers from other

countries and domestic spying.

One of the students passing out fliers was Rachel Browning, a freshman English and Spanish major from Frisco.

"I think it's really interesting because it's a different way to experience learning," she said. "It's actually a first-hand experience to see a protest in-person."

Browning said the students were given the assignment at the beginning of the semester before splitting into groups and

researching their given topic.

Browning's assigned topic was "invisible children," which is about forces in Africa who kidnap children and make them fight in wars.

"I didn't know about the topic, so it really informed me," she said.

The students in Nelson's class will have to write a report on the apathy protest. To Browning,

this was more than just a class project.

"The grade is good and all," she said. "As we got more involved, people started caring about their topic."

Though the rain began to fall, it did not keep the students from exercising their First Amendment right.

"I surely don't think it'll distract us from the task at hand," Key said. "We're committed to doing what we can to fight apathy, rain or shine."

Simon McGown, a freshman architecture major from Nacogdoches, also withstood the rain and said he wanted to get his point across to other Tech students.

"I was really worried since I heard there was a 90 percent chance of rain," he said.

In addition to the fliers and picket signs, Nelson's students also

had a chance to discuss their assigned topics or general apathy with other Tech students.

"I've really been enjoying the one-on-one (discussions) here," McGown said. "People have beliefs as a starting point, but they must end it in action."

McGown said he has been eager to participate in the protest since he found out about it at the beginning of the semester. He said apathy was his idea for the protest.

"I just wish it wasn't just an hour and a half," he said.

Nelson, who focuses on American modern history, said protests have had an integral role.

"So much of American modern history is defined by protest," she said. "I thought it would be a good idea for students to experience a

protest of their own."

The students brought various topic ideas to class, and apathy was the one that brought them all together.

"This class decided they were really disturbed by the apathy of Tech students," Nelson said.

Nelson said she found the idea unique because it is such an abstract issue.

"I think it's an interesting type of protest because it's trying to fight a trend," she said.

While the rain forced other student organizations inside, she said she was impressed with her students staying outside.

"I think that's pretty hardcore," Nelson said.

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Anniversary

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remember.

"We are going to take a hike in the great outdoors," said Anna.

Joe Kechter, father of Matthew, and Don Fleming, father of Kelly, played golf before visiting the graves of their children, both 16 when they died.

"This year has been tougher than the last couple for me personally. You just never know. Some years it is easier and some years it is little harder," said Kechter.

"It is going OK. With time some of the grief is alleviated. You are never over it," said Fleming.

For Brian Rorhough, a persistent advocate for public disclosure of all investigative records of the shooting, it was a day like any other.

"We will spend a lot of the day thinking about Dan, and later I am going to co-host a radio show about how the investigation was mishandled. The public has a right to know what happened," he said.

Rorhough and the families of other victims say

the Jefferson County sheriff's office ignored warnings Harris and Klebold planned violent acts. Then-Attorney General John Salazar said that although some investigative files were missing, he found no evidence of negligence by investigators.

A lawsuit filed by victims against the parents of the teen killers was settled. The testimony the parents gave remains confidential.

Jefferson County Sheriff Ted Mink, who took office after the massacre, has not yet decided whether to release some contested files, including video and audio tapes the teens made and a diary kept by Harris' father.

The Klebolds and Harrises contend the material is private, but families of some of the victims believe it is public record and should be disclosed. In a lawsuit filed by The Denver Post to make the material public, a court ruled that state law

left the decision up to the sheriff.

Work is to begin on a \$1.5 million memorial near the school June 16. Construction was delayed because parents and victims said the high school library, where most of the victims died, should be rebuilt first.

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*"It is going OK. With time some of the grief is alleviated. You are never over it."*

— DON FLEMING  
Daughter Kelly killed in Columbine shooting

Firefox under fire

The United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team issued an alert Monday saying users of Mozilla computer programs may be subject to computer attacks.

The alert advised users of the Mozilla Suite, Firefox Web browser or Thunderbird e-mail client to upgrade to the latest versions of the software, which fix the problems.

The vulnerabilities in releases before the new Firefox version 1.5.0.2 and Thunderbird 1.5.0.2 allow hackers or applications to crash the client's computers or take control of a client's computer and influence their browsing.

A government organization, the United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team is a branch of the National Cyber Security Division under the Department of Homeland Security.

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references to Armageddon in two suspects' school lockers.

"What the resounding theme is: They were actually going to do this," Norman said.

Norman said he would ask prosecutors to bring charges of conspiracy to commit murder against the teens, ages 16 to 18. Attorney General Phill Kline said in a news release that his office was taking over the prosecution at the request of the Cherokee County attorney.

Deputies' interviews with the suspects indicated they planned to wear black trench coats and disable the school's camera system before starting the attack between noon and 1 p.m. Thursday, Norman said. The suspects apparently had been plotting since the beginning of the school year.

Officials at Riverton High School began investigating on Tuesday after learning that a threatening message had been posted on MySpace.com, he said.

The message discussed the significance of April 20, which is Adolf Hitler's birthday and the anniversary of the 1999 Columbine High School attack in Colorado, in which two students wearing trench coats killed 13 people and committed suicide, the

sheriff said.

"The message, it was brief, but it stated that there was going to be a shooting at the Riverton school and that people should wear bulletproof vests and flak jackets," Norman said.

School officials identified the student who posted the message and talked to several of his friends, Norman said.

But Riverton school district Superintendent David Walters said the significance of the threat didn't become clear until Wednesday night, after a woman in North Carolina who had chatted with one of the suspects on Myspace.com received more specific information that there would be about a dozen potential victims, at least one of whom was a staff member. She notified authorities in her state, who contacted the sheriff's department, Norman said.

Norman said that the potential victims were popular students and that the suspects may have been bullied.

"I think there was probably some bullying, name calling, chastising," he said. He also said investigators had learned the suspects were computer buffs who liked violent video games.

About 900 students in all grades go to school on the campus.

Riverton is an unincorporated area of about 600 people along what once was the famed Route 66 in southeast Kansas, near the Oklahoma and Missouri borders.

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STEPHANIE KELLEY, A sophomore art history major from Fort Worth, and Stephanie Blanchard, a senior human development and family studies major from Lubbock, toss up ice cream while working at Coldstone Creamery.



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Attorney general uses graphic language to call attention to Internet pornography

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Alberto Gonzales used strikingly graphic language Thursday to focus attention on online child pornography and said Internet services companies are not doing enough to combat the problem.

"It is graphic, but if we do not talk candidly, then it is easy for people to turn away and worry about other matters," Gonzales said in a speech at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in Alexandria, Va.

Acknowledging that his descriptions could make people uncomfortable, Gonzales said he wanted to make sure people knew what was going on.

"I have seen pictures of older men forcing naked young girls to have anal sex. There are videos on the Internet of very young daughters forced to have intercourse and oral sex with their fathers. Viewing this was shocking and it makes my stomach turn," said Gonzales, who was accompanied by his wife, Rebecca.

It was their second visit to the center, created in 1984 as a clearinghouse for

information about missing and exploited children.

Ernie Allen, the center's president, said many Americans continue to hold mistaken impressions of the issue. "We hear all the time that this is really just adult porn, 20-year-olds in pigtailed made to look like they're 15," Allen said. "This is about children being sexually victimized. They're young children and they're getting younger."

Without identifying companies, Gonzales said some investigations have been hampered by the failure of Internet service providers to retain certain records long enough to help authorities identify purveyors of child pornography. He did not propose a remedy Thursday.

But he did support tripling the criminal fines for companies that fail to report apparent violations of child pornography laws — to \$150,000 for the first instance and \$300,000 for subsequent failures.

The Justice Department has never written regulations establishing standards on how to report illegal activities or mandating how long records must be kept.

Kate Dean, director of the United States

Internet Service Provider Association, said AOL, Earthlink, BellSouth, Verizon and other association members "currently have robust policies in place to ensure that law enforcement can obtain the information they need to prosecute child pornographers."

Dean said the companies would welcome a discussion with Gonzales on the issue.

The Internet companies last year made 34,939 reports to the missing children center, which forwards them to law enforcement authorities, said Michelle Collins, director of the center's exploited children unit.

Last week alone, there were 938 reports, Collins said.

"Several people a week are being arrested somewhere in the country because of information provided by an electronic service provider," she said.

The Justice Department was criticized recently by a victim of child pornography, who said investigators were acting too slowly on information he provided on 1,500 pedophiles. Justin Berry testified to Congress in early April that he starred in his own Web cam child pornography business for five years.

Jail House Rock  
Clovis officer, inmate arrested after drug-smuggling attempt

By PAUL ROBERTS  
STAFF WRITER

Clovis, N.M., police arrested one Curry County Detention Center inmate, his wife and one detention center officer for an alleged drug smuggling attempt by the three into the facility, Clovis police said.

Bryon Logan, 24, his 28-year-old wife Yvonne Logan and the officer, Damien Purdue, 29, were arrested and charged with conspiracy to distribute marijuana and conspiracy to bring contraband into jail, said Lt. James Schoeffel of the Clovis Police Department.

Logan faces additional charges of criminal solicitation and his bond was set at \$50,000. Purdue's bond was set at \$10,000.

Schoeffel said Clovis police detectives received a tip about a conversation between the Bryon Logan and his wife about their alleged plan, which led to the discovery of the contraband.

"In this conversation, Logan's wife said she would be dropping off the package, and she told her husband the location of the drop off," Schoeffel said. "We received this information before it happened and we made the arrests."

Police said they found a plastic bag with the narcotics inside, underneath Purdue's vehicle. Police searched the vehicle, but did not find any narcotics or drug paraphernalia.

He said their plans were probably to sell and distribute the marijuana with the detention center's inmates.

"We have heard rumors in the past about narcotics getting into jail," Schoeffel said. "Luckily, we ended this one before it began."

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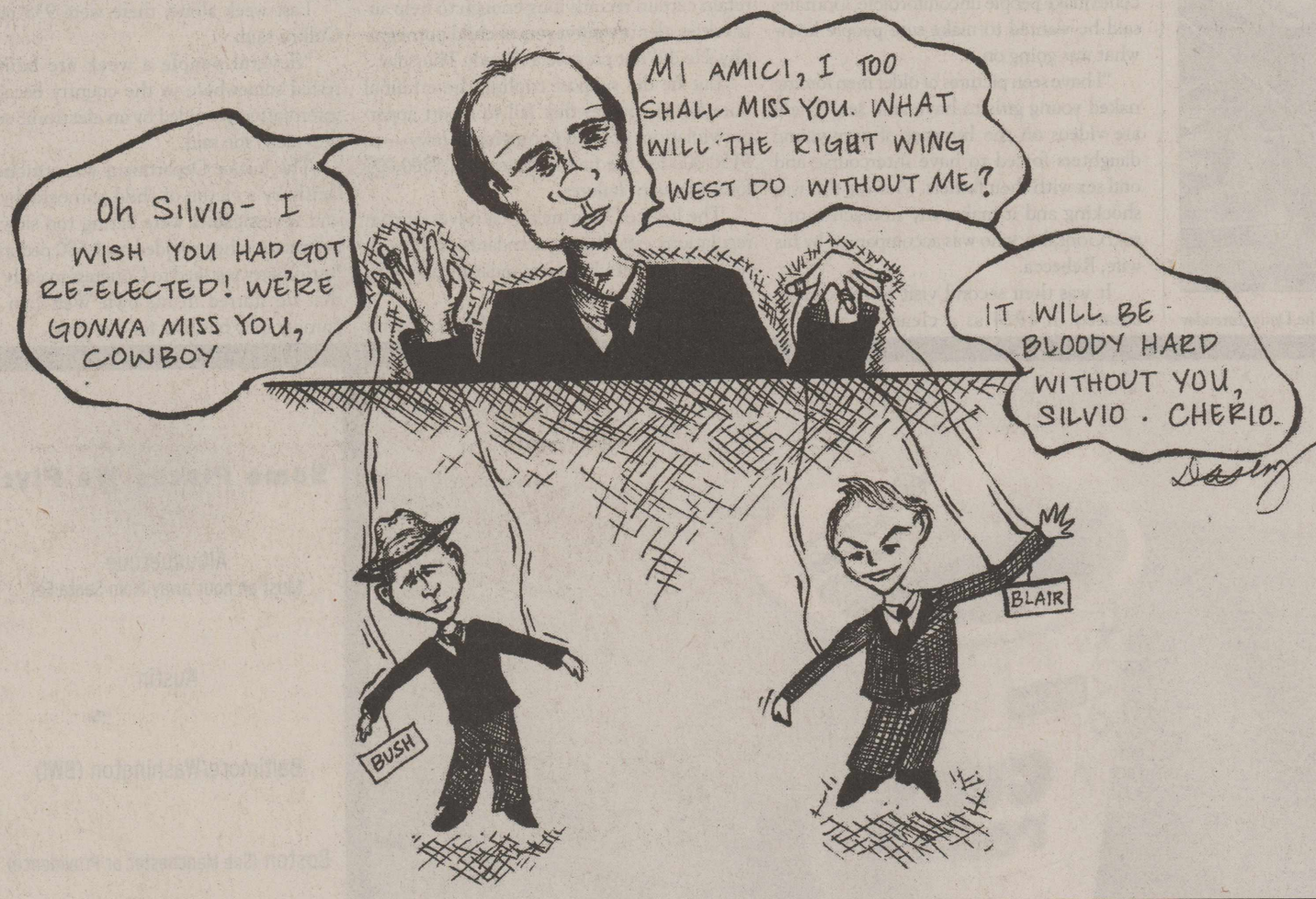


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## Almost activism

### Class-required protests fall short of real political demonstrations

**James Hershberger**



In my book, there's nothing quite as sweet as political protests, except maybe cherry snow cones.

Since I was little, I remember seeing pictures of the women's suffrage parades and Martin Luther King Jr.'s march on Washington D.C., and realizing the honor in standing up against the establishment. I admired those brave enough to demonstrate their opposition to policies and waited for my time to join them.

I was excited when I heard there would be two protests at Texas Tech this week. One was against people not being able to park on campus after 5:30 p.m. without a parking permit, and the other was against student apathy, both worthy causes that I agree with.

Word was getting around and the spirit of revolution filled the atmosphere. There were some clever fliers by the parking faction that mocked parking tickets being passed around and interesting ideas were being discussed about how to best get the point across. Though as an employee at *The Daily Toreador* I'm supposed to report the news rather than make it, I was looking forward to stopping by the events and encouraging the protesters.

However, all my enthusiasm left me when I learned that the protests were part of a project for two different sections of a history class.

Don't get me wrong; I definitely give kudos to the professor for coming up with a creative assignment. I also commend the students for being willing to participate even though some left their comfort zones.

Yet, I find something disingenuous about students holding up signs and chanting slogans, not because of a passionate desire for progress, but to earn a good grade. I found out they chose their cause based on class consensus, not because of glaring injustice. It felt contrived, false. How ironic is it that a protest against apathy had to be spurred by a professor?

Maybe my resentment is misdirected. These students did raise awareness to some important issues and utilitarian philosophy says the ends justify the means. I just find it frustrating that interest in political activism has seemed to be declining at Tech since I came back in Fall 2002.

I remember participating in a protest freshman year about the lack of diversity in Tech's predominately white and male faculty. A stream of more than 100 people marched from the law school to Memorial Circle, singing songs and carrying signs. I remember encountering people I knew from classes staring at me in disbelief as I carried my poster reading "Being diverse is a blessing, not a curse." They asked me about it in the following days, and I was able to share my views with other people on that subject.

In previous years, Tech has held a "Take Back the Night" march, a demonstration against violence. The march would commence in Memorial Circle

where a guest speaker, one year it was a rape survivor, would deliver a speech on the need to stop violence. It would close with a candlelight vigil to honor those who lost their lives. No march has been organized for this year.

I used to know a lot of student activists who led protests and worked to bring about improvement. These people have graduated, and it seems no one has stepped up to replace them and as a result, the units of political activism have decayed. Lubbock was one of the few large cities in Texas that did not have a protest about Congress' proposed illegal immigration laws, while students in junior high conducted school walk-outs. The faculty at Tech remains as white and male as it was four years ago, but what is lacking is people being mad about it.

The officers of the Student Government Association receive salaries ranging from \$1,250 for the president to \$1,000 for the vice-presidents and \$500 for the other three officers, according to a previous *Daily Toreador* article. These officers also have permits to park in the lot in front of the Student Union, a much more convenient location than the commuter lots. I do not feel like my student fees go to good use by paying these salaries when the SGA doesn't do much. I bet many students agree, but again, where is the movement to right this wrong?

Despite the seemingly dismal situation of these and other concerns going unanswered, I remain hopeful. I know there are students on this campus who are interested in greater things than beer and TV. There are people who are leaders and have courage and want to leave Tech better than they found it. I want to see these people rise up and rattle cages of those who take advantage of ignorance and abuse those who can't speak for themselves like my friends and I used to do. Conjure the spirit of activism again. Get pissed off about the injustice happening on campus and in the world and do something about it.

A pair of history classes reminded us Thursday about the honor of activism by replicating protests. Now let's see the real revolutionaries come forth to stick it to the man. Back in the day, the Tech newspaper's unofficial motto was "raising constructive hell on Texas Tech campus."

Raiders, you have my blessing in your endeavors to raise some constructive hell.

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## Farewell column a license to vent

This is my last column. All yearlong I have tip-toed around issues that really tick me off to remain neutral and prevent those damned hate-mail letters. This time I'm letting it all out and if you have a problem write an e-mail so I can delete it.

• **Luxury-car drivers:** Just because your parents bought you a Lexus, it doesn't give you the right to drive like a jackass. You don't have the right of way in every situation, and you actually might have to yield to someone, or even a pedestrian or two. Perhaps if your parents had spent more time and money on your driving education and not your vehicle you would know that.

Since this is Texas I have to mention truck drivers. I am convinced any parent who sends their child to college in a Ford F-350 extended bed crew cab 4x4 truck, is not the brightest crayon in the box. We've all seen these jerks that take up two parking spots; not because their truck is that big, but because they can't handle their vehicle. To add insult to injury, these drivers bully anyone who is in a smaller car. It seems to me these people clearly are compensating for something, and unfortunately there is no surgery that can fix stupidity. The only students who should be driving those trucks are the ones that grew up on farms, and they know how to handle their vehicles.

• **Men:** I could state the obvious and tell you all to stop thinking with your genitals, but I know it is impossible. I will ask that you be considerate of us females. Guys, girls sleep with you because they want a relationship. If you don't want that, let her know from the beginning, and if she still sleeps with you, she is stupid.

Also, don't ask us to wear sexy clothes and then get mad when other guys look at us. You asked for that and you got more than you could handle. Sarcastic comments are not cute to us. You look like a jerk and eventually will make us cry.

Driving on University Avenue with your windows down and your music up does not make you look cool. You look like an idiot and who is hard of hearing later in life.

Grooming is important to us. So, please cut your toe nails, shower daily, and wash your clothes. Never wear pink, no matter what your girlfriend tells you!

• **Women:** Stop sleeping with men for attention. If you are trying to fill a void, they have toys for that. Don't use crying as a tool of manipulation. Men find it cruel and unusual punishment. If you want to get back at him, steal his Xbox 360.

It's not cool to come to class dressed as a slut. Yes, guys are going to check you out because they are wired that way, I can guarantee you they are not thinking about taking you out for dinner and a movie.

**Raven Morgan**

All yearlong I have tip-toed around issues that really have ticked me off to remain neutral and prevent those damned hate-mail letters. This time I'm letting it all out and if you have a problem, write an email so I can delete it.

Entrapment is illegal: don't ask a question when you don't want to know the answer.

Stop trying to change the "Bad Boy." Dating nice guys is better; you can easily over power their will.

It is important to have your make-up on before you leave the house; It is dangerous to put your make-up on while you're driving. And, just because you have an SUV doesn't mean you are good at driving it.

• **White People:** White people make up 90 percent of Texas Tech campus. For the love of God and all that is holy, please stop complaining minorities are taking up all the spots for admission. And, if you don't want to get beat up, never, ever, say that to a minority. It's really hard for us to feel sorry for little Whitey Ford who didn't get into Tech the first time around, when he drives a BMW and went to the University of North Texas instead.

And if you think that all the minorities are taking the good jobs, think again, there aren't enough of us with college degrees to be a real threat to you unless you are applying in San Antonio or Atlanta.

Additionally, please be more sensitive to other cultures. I am really sick and tired of hearing white people question black, hispanic and Asian history months. I can't speak for the other cultures, but as for blacks whose families have been here since before the Civil War it is important for us because it celebrates a people that survived under tremendous adversity.

Many of us have little or no ties to our African Ancestry and we have to celebrate our culture as it existed in America. Black people don't have the luxury like whites do of saying they are

German, French or English. The best many of us can do is hypnotize that we are possibly East African. And, contrary to popular belief, Africa is a continent, with many different cultures, languages and people who do look different from each other. And just like white people think minorities all look alike, we think the same about you too.

• **Black People:** My brothers and sisters, can we please stop using nigger as a greeting? I realize the use of that word by blacks is supposedly meant as a positive thing, but we sound ignorant when it's used, especially when we are talking about our friends. Our music is infested with it and we have the nerve to act surprised and angry when some white or hispanic person tries to use it the same way we do. Let's cut the crap and all stop using it.

Also, not everything is racially motivated. Granted, we live in Lubbock; a place that still has laws in its records that state black people are hazardous to white people's health, but it is possible some people aren't trying to hold us down (at least, not actively). Sometimes a look or a comment should be taken at face value. If you constantly look for racial discrimination, you will find it. I'm not saying racism doesn't happen here, believe me I know, but sometimes its better to rise above it instead of doing what you really want to do and hurt somebody.

• **Religious Fanatics:** It's cool that you love God, Jesus, Allah, Buddha, Yahweh or the Blue Chipmunk, but stop pushing your beliefs on others. It's not up to you to condemn people to hell, or ostracize them because they had an abortion, are homosexual or are a Democrat. Mind your own business and worry about your own belief system. I realize that most religious fanaticism is born out of good intentions, but so was the Ku Klux Klan and al-Qaida, and they consider themselves as true followers of their faiths and not terrorists (yes kids, the Klan considers themselves to be Christians).

• **The Right-Wing:** Stop making any person who criticizes President Bush, or anything remotely associated with America, look like they hate their country. Your pursuit to promote your fiscal, ethical and moral policies has succeeded in trampling on the nation's First Amendment rights. People can't openly talk about the problems that exist in this country for fear of being called

soft on terrorism. Freedom of speech is a right guaranteed by this nation's Constitution. It was established to allow people to voice their opinions and force change. But what's the point of saying anything if absolutely no change will come and your phone is tapped?

• **The Left-Wing:** My biggest problem with the Democratic Party is that they have no stance what-so-ever, well, other than the direct opposite of the Republican Party. What do you support? What are you against? Can anyone tell me if the Democrats support gay marriage? Are they in favor of hate-crime legislation? So many women and ethnic minorities have sworn allegiance to this party without any thing to go on other than it has nothing to do with George Bush. You have various groups and each has a stake in the party, but they have not come together with a clear vision. In fact, with the amount of star power behind it, I often wonder if the Democrats are as money hungry as the Republicans.

• **Finally, college students:** We have a tendency to believe we're special just because we got into college. I'm willing to bet a retarded chimpanzee could do the same. Getting in isn't hard: staying in is the real work. That's when you begin to appreciate the sacrifices people made for you to get here. Instead, we are the rudest, most inconsiderate people on the planet.

We trash the places we live in and decrease the value of property. We continually are disrespectful to campus employees, and we walk around with rose colored Gucci glasses on expecting and demanding the world be given to us. I'm not saying all college students are like that, but most are spoiled (including myself) and could use a dose of reality.

It's a good thing it takes longer to graduate now because if we left our college cradle any sooner, we'd die from sheer shock. The world doesn't owe us anything, it doesn't care who our parents are, and it doesn't care if we pledged Alpha Beta Gamma Delta Sigma Omicron Theta Pi-house. All they want to know is can we stand and deliver, and most of us can't.

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# Crossing over: Immigration and video games merge

Speaker highlights games featuring issues larger than fun and games

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A small, digitized version of a Mexican crosses the Rio Grande by jumping between floating tires, drowning cats and fellow countrymen.

Before the character can cross Interstate 10 and secure his freedom, a digital representation of a border patrol officer detains the hopeful immigrant.

"Oh! He got sent back by 'la migra!'" shouts Rafael Fajardo, assistant professor of Electronic Media Arts Design at the University of Denver, while displaying one of his creations Thursday night in the Texas Tech School of Art.

The game, an obvious homage to "Frogger," has replaced the dilemma of a frog's troubles in crossing dangerous intersections with an immigrant's attempt at successfully traversing the Mexican-American border.

"There seemed to be a game of 'Frogger' being played by people who crossed the Rio Grande and IH-10," he said.

If successful, the player is rewarded with a victory screen featuring a representation of McDonald's golden arches next to a Statue of Liberty.

In his ongoing collaborative project called SWEAT, Fajardo and his team of designers work together to make culturally investigative and relevant games, of which the above-mentioned "Crosser" was the team's first.

"Games became that one place where I thought I might have the strongest opportunity," Fajardo said.

The games are available at Fajardo's Web site, www.SUDOR.net. Sudor is the Spanish word for sweat.

"I'm going to use 'spanglish' a lot in what I do," he said. "We're sort of crossing the border simultaneously all the time."

In a complimentary game to "Crosser" called "La Migra," the story's roles are reversed, and players control a border

patrol officer who can shoot handcuffs or bullets at Mexicans to thwart their immigration efforts.

Mirroring reality, Fajardo said a player using bullets to make the game easier would not yield good results.

"You're not going to be rewarded for shooting and killing because the body, the carcass, is going to stay there," Fajardo said, after accidentally shooting and killing a Mexican citizen.

The player's victim remained where he was shot for the remainder of the game, bathed in a crude pool of blood.

"He's there to remind me of my shame," he said. "You actually don't get to win the day by killing."

Fajardo said he wanted to show both sides of the immigration dilemma.

From the perspective of each party, they may be attempting noble causes — trying to secure a future for their family or working for their government — although their paths ultimately must conflict.

"If you've got a high school diploma and you want a good federal job, la migra's not a bad option," Fajardo said of border-dwelling citizens.

For "La Migra," Fajardo got some of his ideas from the classic space-shooter "Space Invaders."

Other influential games for Fajardo were "Utopia" for the Intellivision, a

game about warring islands; "The Legend of Zelda: A Link to the Past" for the Super Nintendo, a large-scale fantasy adventure; and the "Harvest Moon" series of farming simulation games.

Fajardo's games use graphics with a retro-aesthetic, similar in graphical styling to the games listed among his influences, and he claims his team codes each pixel by hand.

Although they may look dated when compared to games of today, Fajardo says the games' simplicity makes them more accessible to play or even emulate in development for future hopeful designers.

He said he believes moving out of the 2-D realm to 3-D games would be a mistake as he has not yet fully explored two-dimensional game in the context of cultural investigation.

"I started using the 8-bit aesthetic before the nostalgia started to hit," he said. "I thought we'd moved ahead too fast."

Fajardo came to Tech as part of instructor Carolyn Tate's course on organizing public forums in the arts.

"I knew nothing about games or game theory, so I've had a lot of fun," Tate said.

One of the graduate student organizers of the event worked with Fajardo from 1998-2000 in creating his first digital games when Fajardo was the student's instructor at the University of Texas at El Paso.

"From the moment that we met, we knew that we were multicultural and could start working together," said Francisco Ortega, a graduate student of art from Juarez, Mexico, now studying at Tech.

Ortega said games present simplified versions of life, with conflicts, aims and rules all at work in a smaller working model.

"These three elements are everywhere in society," he said.

For Fajardo's next project, the de-

signer has begun work on a project he claims will be much more massive than anything he has done before.

Titled "Juan and the Beanstalk," the game has several different fragments resembling mini-games making up a larger world.

The player takes the role of Juan Valdez, the Colombian coffee icon who Fajardo says is his idol.

Fajardo said he wanted to present players with the option of growing either coffee beans or poppies, both viable options in Colombia today.

In a mini-game within "Juan and the Beanstalk" called "Fifa! Fo! Fum!" the player commands Valdez in a game of soccer with famed Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar.

If the player wins, Juan is murdered by Escobar, showing the reality of life.

"This is how Pablo worked," Fajardo said. "You either accepted his bribe or you accepted his lead."

Fajardo's games may touch a sensitive spot with those familiar with the situations presented in them.

This is done intentionally, not for shock value, but to educate, he said.

"How game-play might communicate some cultural truth to the player, regardless of where they're from, is what I'm thinking about," he said.

Fajardo said MTV recently awarded SWEAT with a grant to develop a game, and the topic he has chosen is migrant farm work.

Speaking on traditional games, Fajardo said there is not necessarily a distinction between games and learning.

"Will Wright definitely wants to teach in his games," said Fajardo, speaking on the creator of simulation titles

"Sim City" and "The Sims."

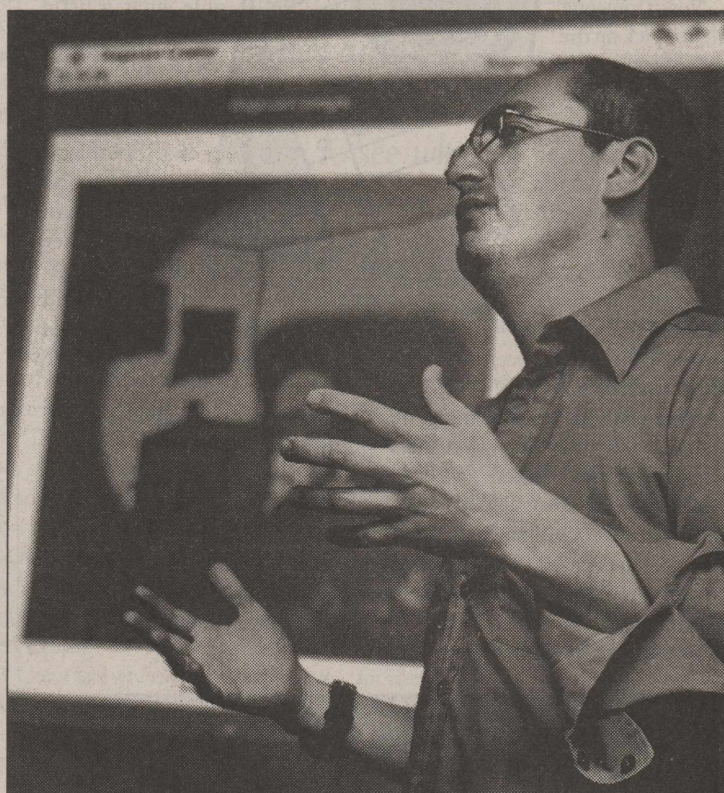
Fajardo said Nintendo's attitude toward the democratization of game development intrigues him, and he looks forward to pursuing avenues that may lead to games available outside of the art and tech-savvy world.

"If I can get the word out in the right places, then yes, I want the large audience," he said.

With a development team of 25, up from four a few years ago, Fajardo says he is excited about the future, despite the stress of larger-scale development.

Fajardo's game will be available for free play from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today in the foyer of the Art building.

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RAFAEL FAJARDO, ASSISTANT professor of electronic media arts design at the University of Denver, gives a presentation in the Art building Thursday evening about how video games can present serious subjects such as immigration.

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## Southwest picking up drink tabs in counter of American's free flights

DALLAS (AP) — Drinks will be on the house for Southwest Airlines Co. customers who fly from Dallas Love Field through Memorial Day.

That was Southwest's response Thursday to a free ticket giveaway by rival American Airlines.

Now if someone will just pick up the tab for airport parking. American launched service at Love Field last month, challenging Southwest's domination at the airport near downtown. But American executives admit that their Love Field flights have been operating only about half-full.

American tried to shake things up Wednesday night by giving vouchers for free round trips between Love Field and four cities to about 20,000 fans at the Dallas Mavericks' final home game of the regular season. The vouchers could be worth more than \$3 million in travel if they are all redeemed.

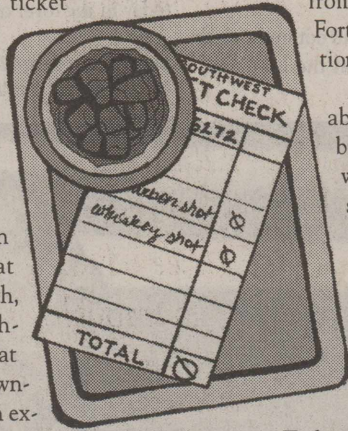
Southwest Chief Executive Gary

C. Kelly took credit for American's offer, saying it was a response to Southwest's new service from Dallas to St. Louis and Kansas City, which competes with American flights from nearby Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

"It's remarkable what a little bit of competition will do," Kelly said. Then he told reporters that Southwest would respond to American by offering free drinks, including the Wild Turkey bourbon favored by Southwest Chairman Herb Kelleher.

"I just now thought of that," Kelly said. The free drinks will be offered on all Southwest flights from Love Field, beginning Friday and running through Memorial Day.

A spokesman said there will be a two-drink maximum on alcoholic drinks.



## Moussaoui defense team rests

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Defense lawyers closed their case for sparing Zacarias Moussaoui's life Thursday after the government admitted it had no evidence that he and would-be shoe bomber Richard Reid were to have joined in a hijacking as part of the Sept. 11, attacks, as Moussaoui claims.

Prosecutors then opened their rebuttal case with testimony from psychiatrist Raymond Patterson, who has examined Moussaoui and disputes claims of doctors summoned by the defense that the terrorist conspirator is schizophrenic.

In its last arguments, the defense introduced a statement that was agreed to by the government and presented to the jury considering whether Moussaoui should be executed or imprisoned for life. It said there was no information indicating al-Qaida had instructed Reid to work with Moussaoui on a terrorist operation.

Moussaoui had stunned his trial on March 27 by claiming for the first time that he had intended to participate in the terrorist attacks before his arrest a month earlier, and that Reid was to have been one of his accomplices.

His lawyers hoped the statement would help undercut that claim and bolster their argument that their client is lying about his role in the attacks to inflate his place in history or achieve martyrdom through execution.

Earlier, defense lawyers tried to bring Reid to court from the federal prison in Colorado, where he is serving a life sentence for attempting to detonate a shoe bomb on a trans-Atlantic flight in late 2001.

That bid was thwarted. But defense attorneys were able to obtain from the government its agreement on

the statement about Reid instead.

"No information is available to indicate that Richard Reid had pre-knowledge of the Sept. 11 operation or was instructed by al-Qaida leaders to conduct an operation in coordination with Moussaoui," the statement said.

The statement also said Reid had named Moussaoui as the beneficiary in his will and two FBI analysts concluded that was an unlikely decision for him to make if they were going to be on a joint suicide mission.

The statement also said that the FBI has learned from al-Qaida sources that Reid had been ordered to undertake shoe-bombing attacks in late 2001 with another operative, Saajid Badat, who pulled out of the operation and has never been heard from again.

The two FBI analysts also said that it was unlikely Reid was part of a Sept. 11 plot with Moussaoui because he spent the period from May to September 2001 traveling abroad, including Afghanistan, Pakistan, Israel, Turkey and Amsterdam and The Hague in the Netherlands.

By contrast, the statement said, all members of the Sept. 11 operation were in the U.S. by July 2001.

Finally, the defense also introduced evidence that six al-Qaida operatives with direct roles in planning and assisting the Sept. 11 plot, including mastermind Khalid Shaikh Mohammed and planner Ramzi Binalshibh, are in U.S. custody and have not been charged at all.

Some Sept. 11 families have criticized the government for bringing charges only against Moussaoui and not seeking indictments against Shaikh Mohammed and others.

## Prosecutors concede they don't believe all of Moussaoui's confessions

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Prosecutors acknowledged on Thursday the government has no evidence to support — and actually doubts — part of Zacarias Moussaoui's dramatic courtroom confession that he was involved in the Sept. 11 attacks: His claim that shoe bomber Richard Reid was to be on his team.

Thanks to legal maneuvering outside court, the potentially damaging concession reached the jury in a decidedly undramatic way: It was part of a stipulation agreed to by the government and read to the jury in the monotone voice of defense lawyer Alan Yamamoto.

The disclosure came shortly before the defense rested its case for sparing the life of the 37-year-old Frenchman. Testimony in the trial concluded after prosecutors presented their only rebuttal witness, psychiatrist Raymond Patterson, who examined Moussaoui. Patterson disagreed with defense experts who testified the terrorist conspirator is a paranoid schizophrenic.

On Monday, jurors who must choose execution or life in prison for Moussaoui will hear closing arguments and begin deliberations.

The windup of testimony in the 1 1/2-month roller coaster trial covered several issues:

— Seven more people who lost relatives in the attacks testified on Moussaoui's behalf about how they have devoted their lives to reconciliation rather than vengeance. The defense called 13 victim relatives over two days to try to blunt the impact of nearly four dozen victims and relatives whose heart-rending testimony for the prosecution had some jurors wiping their eyes.

— The defense read another government-approved stipulation acknowledging that six al-Qaida operatives who directly planned and put in place the Sept. 11 plot, including mastermind Khalid Shaikh Mohammed and planner Ramzi Binalshibh, are in U.S. custody and have not been charged. Some Sept. 11 families have criticized the government for charging only Moussaoui, whom they consider marginal, and not major players such as Shaikh Mohammed.

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— STATEMENT FROM RICHARD REID'S ATTORNEY

## Inattentive driving to blame in most traffic accidents

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Those sleep-deprived, multitasking drivers — clutching cell phones, fiddling with their radios or applying lipstick — apparently are involved in an awful lot of crashes.

Distracted drivers were involved in nearly eight out of 10 collisions or near-crashes, says a study released Thursday by the government.

Researchers reviewed thousands of hours of video and data from sensor monitors linked to more than 200 drivers, and pinpointed examples of what keeps drivers from paying close attention to the road.

"We see people on the roadways talking on the phone, checking their stocks, checking scores, fussing with their MP3 players, reading e-mails, all while driving 40, 50, 60, 70 miles per hour and sometimes even faster," said Jacqueline

Glassman, acting administrator of the government's highway safety agency.

A driver's reaching for a moving object increased the risk of a crash or potential collision by nine times, according to researchers at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute.

They found that the risk of a crash increases almost threefold when a driver is dialing a cell phone.

Video footage shows four different angles of the driver — the face, a view of the steering wheel and instrument panel, and front and rear views of the vehicle — and offers a look at the moments before a crash:

— a young woman craning her neck to look out the driver's side window before rear-ending a stopped car. She cups her hand over her mouth in disbelief.

— an out-of-control sedan skidding

in front a woman's car, causing a collision. The air bag deploys and the driver's hair, tied back behind her ears, flies into her face.

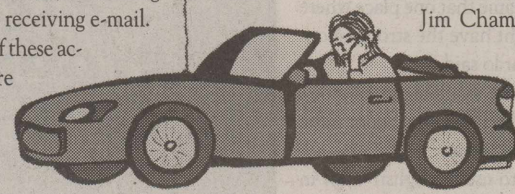
Researchers said the report showed the first links between crash risks and a driver's activities, from eating and talking to receiving e-mail.

"All of these activities are much more dangerous than we thought before," said Dr. Charlie Klauer, a senior research associate at the institute. Data from police reports had estimated that driver inattention was a factor in about 25 percent of crashes.

Some safety organizations said the study was part of a growing body of

research and worried it might lead to reactionary laws.

"I urge legislators not to interpret these results as a need for new legislative initiatives. It is simply not good public policy to pass laws addressing every type of driver behavior," said Lt. Col. Jim Champagne, chairman of the



Governors Highway Safety Association.

For many drivers, the research offered more proof of what they see on their daily commutes.

John Simpson of Christiansburg, Va., said his "personal favorite" is once seeing a woman in traffic "with her knees up on the steering wheel, sheet music in her lap and she was playing the flute."

But Simpson, a 20-year-old who works for a fire safety business, says multitasking can be a necessity. For example, he must take calls from customers while driving in his Chevy Astro van.

"I'm notorious for the cell phone and coffee. But if you're up on the road at 6 o'clock in the morning, coffee is probably the best thing in the world," he said.

For more than a year, researchers studied the behavior of the drivers of 100 vehicles in metropolitan Washington, D.C. They tracked 241 drivers, who were involved in 82 crashes of various degrees of seriousness — 15 were reported to police — and 761 near-crashes. The air bag deployed in three instances.

The project analyzed nearly 2 million miles driven and more than 43,300 hours of data.

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MEMBERS OF ARMY ROTC march in the rain during the Changing of the Guard ceremony at Memorial Circle Thursday evening. LINC ARMES/The Daily Toreador

Parking

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stands for Nelson's Activists Against Controlled Parking. The group believes after 5:30 p.m. no one should have to pay to park.

"They have that right," said Lee Sonnenberg, assistant director of university parking services. "They paid for their spot, and they have the right to protest."

Sonnenberg said he does not believe the protest will be effective in bringing about policy change.

"(Paid parking after 5:30 p.m.) was approved by the board of regents years ago," he said. "Anyone who uses the system pays for and supports the system."

Nelson said this is the first year she has assigned such a project to her classes. "When I was putting together this class I saw a trend of protests in American history and their effectiveness," she said. "I thought that would be a great idea to have students experience this for themselves."

Nelson said the planning and execution of the protest was only phase one of the assignment. Phase two consists of the students writing a paper about whether their protest fits the American protest tradition.

"We were learning about all the protests that took place after and during the Vietnam War and we wanted to see what they had to go through," Conn said.

Nelson said her expectations were met for phase one of the project but she is not sure if she will continue the

project in the future.

"I'm going to ask the students what they thought about it and see how well they were analyzing it," she said. "I will use that to gauge and see if it was a useful exercise."

The entire class had to agree on one topic to protest. Nelson said the only rule was they could not protest the assignment itself.

"I think it went very well," said Rebecca Saathoff, a senior music and art history major from Lubbock. "We had a lot of people participating who weren't in our class. This is something that affects not just Tech students but all members of the community, as well."

During the protest, Saathoff's role was to act as a spokeswoman.

"This started as a class project, but lots of us got really into it," she said. "And since we got such a great reception we plan to do a follow-up on it. Because of the overwhelming support we feel this (changing the parking policy) is something we can definitely accomplish."

Conn said while he does not believe the protest will have an immediate effect, he said he believes their voices and presence were felt.

"I think it would be cool to do an-

other one if we could get more people involved," he said.

Nelson said she met no opposition to her teaching style within the Honors College.

"The Honors College is very supportive of this type of learning experience," she said. "Not only did the students get to see what type of restrictions administration places on student activities on campus, but they also got to learn how to work with the administration to get things accomplished."

Nelson also commended the grounds crew and the police on their cooperativeness. Though she admitted she had no set vision for the project, Nelson reiterated her happiness with outcome.

"I just wanted the students to see how students in the past have been powerful figures in protests," she said. "I wanted them to see that they do have power, and I think that a lot of students don't realize that. I'm glad to see the students got passionate and involved."

Sonnenberg said he believes in order for change to take place there will have to be a "complete rescission of the park-and-pay system."

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*"We were learning about all the protests that took place after and during the Vietnam War and we wanted to see what they had to go through."*

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Jury begins deliberations in Vioxx trial — more than \$1 billion at stake

RIO GRANDE CITY (AP) — A jury began deliberations Thursday in a trial over whether the once-popular painkiller Vioxx caused a fatal heart attack in a 71-year-old Texas man.

Plaintiff attorneys asked the jury to award the family of Leonel Garza \$22 million in compensatory damages at and \$1 billion in punitive damages.

"Bottom line, you look at all the evidence, the evidence is pretty clear what this case is about," Garza attorney David Hockema said. "Merck lied and people died."

Lawyers for New Jersey-based pharmaceutical company Merck & Co., which pulled the popular painkiller from the market in 2004, said Garza had suffered a quarter-century of heart disease, so Vioxx could not be blamed for his death.

The jury in this small city on the

Mexican border will decide the nation's sixth Vioxx case. As of March 31, 11,500 Vioxx lawsuits had been filed against Merck.

Joe Escobedo, another plaintiff attorney, said that studies showed the drug caused "excess cardio events" years before the drug was introduced and e-mails between Merck employees and medical consultants showed doubt as to whether it should be marketed to certain populations. He said Merck was in a race to release a potential blockbuster arthritis drug and ignored its dangers.

"What kind of a punitive damage award is going to catch Merck's attention?" Escobedo said. "One thing that they do understand is money."

Merck attorney Richard Josephson reviewed in his closing arguments Garza's history of heart disease, begin-

ning with a quadruple bypass in 1989. He also noted Garza's smoking habit.

"He had every single risk factor that you can have," he said. "The idea that Mr. Garza was in good health and only had a 1 percent chance of having a heart attack is science fiction. ... You'll see that Mr. Garza's time was up."

Baldemar Garza, a local attorney on the Merck team, said the jury should "use your common sense."

"Twenty-two million? Come on, folks. A billion dollars? ... I don't want for everyone else to laugh at us."

Garza died within a month of taking Vioxx for arm pain in 2001.

Merck lawyers contend that the attack was the end result of 23 years of heart disease and that Garza took the drug for only a week, not long enough to cause a heart attack.

Family attorneys say Garza's veins had been cleared and that a stress test shortly before he died showed less than

a 2 percent risk of a fatal heart attack within a year. They said he had taken the drug for almost a month.

Of the five cases decided in the country so far, Merck has won three and lost two. In the two losses, the company was ordered to pay one plaintiff \$253.4 million and the other \$13.5 million.

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TIMES, THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'

On Saturday, millions will gather to reflect on 36 years of Earth Day, steps to improve environment

By RUTH BRADLEY FEATURES WRITER

When 20 million Americans celebrated the first Earth Day in 1970, smog filled the air of many major cities...

On the 36th annual Earth Day, which is Saturday, Americans will celebrate the changes that have taken place...

According to the U.S. government's Earth Day Web site, www.earthday.gov, emissions of six kinds of pollutants have decreased by more than 50 percent since Earth Day was first observed.

At the EPA's Earth Day Web site, www.epa.gov/earthday/history.htm, a timeline shows the gradual improvements in environmental regulations and standards.

Though the American people have made strides toward protecting the environment, Scott Holaday, a professor of biological sciences, said there still is a lot of work to do.

"It's not something where you can sit back and say, 'We've done all this,'" said Holaday. "Because we haven't, we're just getting started."

Holaday said many important problems exist that people should be thinking about in relation to Earth Day. In particular, he said he is concerned about the climate change, overpopulation and pollution.

Holaday said he does not believe many people are sufficiently aware of these and other environmental issues.

"The U.S. has been spoiled to the point that they don't realize these things," he said.

John Hanson, former president of the Texas Tech Association of Biologists, said the U.S. also is behind in conservation measures.

"Especially as Americans we're pretty wasteful when it comes to water, paper, stuff like that," he said.

People should try to be aware of these

issues on Earth Day, he said, and of ways they can affect them, even by small actions like reusing paper to conserve trees or carpooling to conserve energy.

Delilah Clark, president of Grassroots, a student organization that works to help with environmental concerns, said students also should be aware of their personal habits and how they affect the earth.

"It's not just about me," she said. "It's where my trash goes, where my products come from... it's everything that's involved in the cycle of living."

Clark said she believes it is important to be involved with protecting the environment. She said another way to get involved is by recycling.

Grassroots currently is working on an initiative to bring recycling back to Tech campuswide. The university has not had a campuswide recycling program since 2003.

"We're the only Big 12 school that

doesn't have a recycling program that's campuswide," Clark said.

Grassroots currently has bins set up at Bledsoe, Sneed and Gordon residence halls. The organization's members hope to see the program expanded to include all of campus.

Clark said she believes recycling is a good way for people to help preserve the Earth. "A lot of people feel like the problem of environment degeneration is too big for them to handle," she said. "Recycling is a small way to help with a big problem."

Hanson said though many of the things students can do to help may seem small, they will help in the long run.

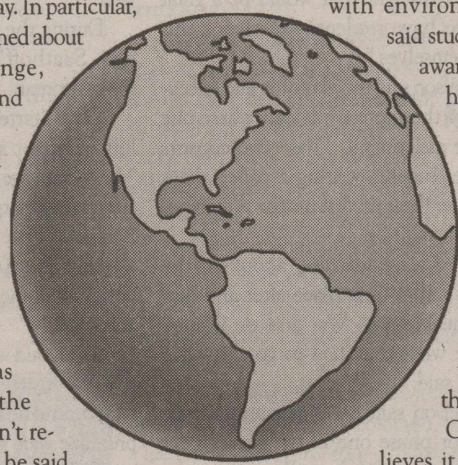
"If everybody does it, then yeah, it makes a huge difference," he said.

Especially on Earth Day, students should be aware that the way they treat their environment matters Clark said.

"I think things can improve if people realize they can make a difference," she said.

For more information about Earth Day and ways to help protect the environment, visit www.earthday.gov or the EPA's Earth Day Web site at www.epa.gov/earthday/index.htm.

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It's a stampede to offer Web-delivered video — with some stumbles

By FRAZIER MOORE AP TELEVISION WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — Here is a moment to marvel at.

Half-century-old episodes of "I Love Lucy" are now available on Google's new Video Web site for a nominal charge to my credit card, to be viewed on my computer any time I wish. Amazing!

Understand: This is the "I Love Lucy" I saw as a child when it aired, brand-new, at 9 p.m. Mondays on CBS, flickering on my family's black-and-white Magnavox TV. Not to belabor the obvious, but that was long before the Internet, home computers or even charge cards.

A breakthrough like this makes me stop and wonder how people will experience "I Love Lucy" 50 years from now — maybe some sort of patch?

And I must admit: Accompanying the thrill I get from cool new media, I feel the intermittent pangs of an identity crisis. After all, I claim to be a TV writer. But what does "TV" even mean anymore? So who am I becoming?

It's no news (though it's in the news daily) that TV and the PC have found their point of intersection, and are milking it for all it's worth. The boundaries continue to dissolve as "TV-watching" is refashioned into "PC-watching."

The long-prescribed role for the audience is breaking down. Now viewers can also be interactors, contributors, producers (not to mention critics).

Will the circle be unbroken? "By and by" seems a pretty safe bet.

The YouTube Web site, with the slogan "Broadcast Yourself," is already scoring plenty of attention and mouse-clicks with its thousands of contributed video clips (including "Cockroach-Controlled Mo-

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Let them entertain you . . .

LOS ANGELES (AP) — This time, it was Vanna White's turn to spell out a name — her own.

The longtime letter-turner on "Wheel of Fortune" was all smiles Thursday as she received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

"I remember my parents telling me, at the age of

10, 'You can do anything you want.'" Dad, we did it!" said White, 49, who debuted as host Pat Sajak's assistant in 1982.

Guests at the 2,309th star's unveiling included Sajak, "Wheel of Fortune" creator Merv Griffin, "Jeopardy!" host Alex Trebek and White's father.

"I picked her because she knew the whole alphabet," Griffin said. "She is America's sweetheart."

White grew up in North Myrtle Beach, S.C., studied to be a model and moved to Los Angeles to pursue acting. She struck TV gold with "Wheel of Fortune," clapping and turning letters called out by contestants.

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# Rain doesn't spoil celebration

Despite Thursday's storms, freshmen still gather at Urbanovsky Park to end first year at Tech

By JEREMY REYNOLDS  
FEATURES WRITER

The rain Thursday night came down in sporadic sheets instead of all at once. The weather dampened but did not drown the Center for Campus Life's end-of-the-year celebration for Texas Tech freshmen in Urbanovsky Park.

Mickey and the Motorcars, an Austin country music band, stood under a tarp-layered stage singing to a handful of students with free T-shirts slung over their shoulders and free hotdogs extending from their mouths.

The end-of-the-year celebration is meant to give the freshman class a pat on the back for its first year at college, Emily Curtis, coordinator in the Center for Campus Life, said.

"The freshman year is a hard time for anyone," Curtis said. "So we're giving them something to do on a Thursday night to get away from studying and meet new people."

This is not the first event the Center for Campus Life has promoted this year. Every Friday night the center shows a movie, Curtis said. Other events include a Welcome Week experience and Casino Night.

"It's our way of helping students enhance their college experience," she said.

With the year coming to a close, the times of running down from someone's residence hall room in only a towel because he or she has

locked their keys in their room are almost over. The late-night fire alarms and the unforgettable odor of every floor's bathroom are rounding the bend, but Haley Mueller said she will not miss any of it.

"Coming to college is a nervous time for anyone," said Mueller, a freshman early childhood development major.

For Mueller, one of the worst parts of her freshman year was not in the classroom or in the bathroom. It was in the basement.

"Doing laundry sucks," she said. "At home I took the time

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— EMILY CURTIS  
Center for Campus Life  
Coordinator

to separate everything out in lights and darks, and wash them on the right temperature. Now, I throw everything in the machine at once and wash on cold."

One tip Mueller would like to pass on to anyone who will live in the residence halls next year is the importance of making friends with the other people on the floor just in case he or she runs out of quarters downstairs.

The general consensus of the crowd standing around listening to Mickey and Motorcars was that most students love the Texas Tech campus, but have awkward feelings toward Lubbock.

Mueller was one of the few who stood out in the pack.

"I like Lubbock," she said. "But I don't know why."

Holly Lumley, a freshman early childhood development major from Santa Fe, N.M., said her freshman year has been a fun and interest-



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FROM LEFT, TIM Sansone, a freshman civil engineering major from San Antonio, and Kerrie Kauss, a freshman business finance major from Big Spring, draw names for a raffle following a performance by Mickey and the Motorcars Thursday evening at Urbanovsky Park. The raffle and performance were part of an end of the year celebration for Texas Tech freshman.

ing one.

"You have more freedom and you get to choose what you learn," she said.

Dana Gosko, a freshman advertising major from Duncanville, is another first-year student who said she had a unique freshman experience.

"The dorms sucked," she said. "The water was always turned off and there was some black stuff that overflowed from the drains. But, it was all worth it because you meet a lot of people."

As part of her meeting and greeting of her fellow freshman class, Gosko not only attended almost all of the Tech football games, but she attended in matching shirts with a few other girls.

"We wore the shirts to all the games after we got them and then to one basketball game," she said.

In high school, Gosko said she

never was too fond of the sports' scene. She did not follow her school's football team religiously nor did she go to many basketball games. But, during her freshman year at Tech, her new friends changed all that.

"You come here and you meet so many people who know so much about sports," she said. "Now I know a lot about football and basketball, and I follow it a lot closer now."

Cristina Talcott, a freshman interior design major from New Braunfels, said she was nervous coming to Tech, like a lot of other students, but after two semesters of work she has finally come to love the city.

"I just like the people at Tech," she said. "There's always something to do."

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## Web

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bile Robot" and "The Easter Bunny Hates You").

Likewise free for the viewing are video clips from bona fide professionals. For instance, standup comedy and excerpts from "The Daily Show" await us on Comedy Central's site, just to name one from the dozens of such Web destinations.

For something a little more sober minded, we can view the full "NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams" online, as soon as three hours after its broadcast. Imagine! Cyberspace delivery of one of TV's oldest, most enduring institutions: the dinner-hour network news.

Or, for a newfangled information product, CNN's Pipeline plugs each subscriber into four simultaneous video streams — some of it live, some of it taped pieces or raw footage — to access at will. (Launched late last year, Pipeline costs \$2.95 per month.)

There's nothing less than a stampede to bring new video content to the Web. As just one example, NBC has announced for this summer an online music-competition series, "StarTomorrow."

And recently the *Los Angeles Times* reported that "Steven

Spielberg, actor-producer Ashton Kutcher and reality TV impresario Mark Burnett are just a few of the Hollywood heavyweights trying to develop new programs for the Web."

But few new-media announcements have packed the punch of ABC's plan to put old-media shows, including its hits "Desperate Housewives" and "Lost," on its Web site. For this two-month test launching in May, the episodes will be free, though accompanied by unzappable commercials. This is "just the beginning" of what lies ahead, ABC has pledged.

Of course, Apple's iTunes already lets us download, for permanent access, current episodes of "Lost" — with no commercials, but at a cost of \$1.95 — along with a rash of other programming, from "Jackass" to "Dora the Explorer." (And how cool is it to watch your shows on that tiny, carry-anywhere iPod screen!)

But how many choices can we sift through even now, at the outset of this TV-PC courtship? Already the options are daunting: old or new; free or fee; streaming or download; on loan or for keeps; fuzzy, postage-stamp-size picture or full-screen, razor-sharp display.

Which brings me back to Google Video, and its sundry fare including "Twilight Zone" and "The Brady Bunch" as well as Michael Jackson's "Thriller" video and even segments of "The Charlie Rose Show."

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## Raiders hoping to catch a break

By TREY SHIPMAN  
SPORTS EDITOR

When catcher Matt Smith was helped off the field last Friday after a play at the plate against Kansas State, the Texas Tech baseball team could have panicked. Maybe even more so when it found out he could be on the shelves for six to eight weeks.

Smith proved to be a driving force behind the Red Raiders' success at the plate this season, batting .376 with seven home runs and 41 RBIs.

Also regarded as a leader off the field, when it was determined Smith had a partially torn medial collateral ligament, he wasn't the only one who felt the pain.

"(Smith) going down is a huge loss for the team," said Smith's replacement, junior outfielder Blair Wilkins. "I can't let you know how extreme that loss was."

The feeling around the Raider clubhouse is similar, but teammates

are showing faith in Wilkins.

A regular outfielder in the Tech lineup this season, Wilkins made his debut behind the dish in the Raiders' 7-2 win over No. 11 Arizona State Tuesday. Though he caught most of his high school career, spent a season catching for Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham, Ore., and worked the position some for Tech in the fall, he admitted there is some rust to shake off.

"To tell you the truth, it was a little tough," Wilkins said of his outing against the Sun Devils.

But if you ask Smith, the Raiders are in good hands.

"He had a great game against ASU," he said. "For the most

part he just looked really relaxed. That's really good for not catching most of the year, being able to get in there and do it."

Ironically enough, Wilkins move to the outfield was caused by a knee injury suffered while at

Mt. Hood. Reverting back to a position so crucial to a team, and so mentally and physically demanding, especially mid-sea-

son, is a lot to ask of a player.

For Wilkins, to feel added pressure filling the shoes of a contributor like Smith, it's to be expected — not exactly.

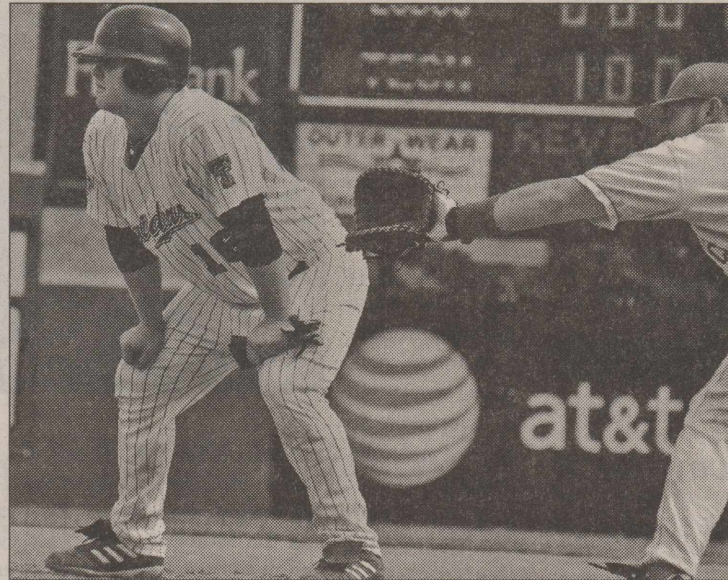
"I don't (feel pressure)," he said. "I always feel pretty relaxed because I always think, I'm here at Texas Tech, on a pretty big level of playing baseball, and I've made it this far. Whatever got you here is what you do naturally."

Though, Wilkins did admit that trying to learn the individual tendencies of an entire pitching staff is challenging.

"My main thing is that I haven't seen every pitcher, I haven't caught them all," he said. "It's like seeing a new pitcher hitting, not knowing what he throws, how it moves exactly and stuff like that. I'll just get better as I go."

The ability to develop a rapport with a pitching staff is important at any level, and Tech is no exception. Raider starter Colt Hynes said the camaraderie the Raiders have developed, as a team will help ease the transition from Smith to Wilkins.

"He's been adjusting real well,"



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TEXAS TECH SOPHOMORE Matt Smith leads off first base in a Red Raider game earlier this season at Dan Law field. Smith, the Raiders' starting catcher and offensive leader, partially tore the medial collateral ligament in his left knee in a play at the plate against Kansas State. Smith said doctor's told him he likely will be out for six to eight weeks, but if rehabilitation goes well, he possibly could return to the lineup in three to four weeks.

the lefty said. "That's the good thing about this whole change is we've got really good team chemistry anyway, everybody relies on everybody else."

"I can see how (chemistry between pitcher and catcher) would be a factor, but everyone's pretty close here, so I don't think it will be that big of a deal."

Something that is a big deal is the Raiders' hosting the No. 13 Oklahoma Sooners in a three-game series starting at 6:30 p.m. today.

OU enters the Hub City brimming with confidence. As if sweeping Missouri in a conference series last weekend wasn't enough, the Sooners followed the performance by crushing No. 1 Rice, 15-3, on Tuesday.

"We're playing a team that's pretty confident in what they can

do," coach Larry Hays said. "You look at certain things and say that we're even, but the place we're not even is they have an all senior infield, an all senior starting rotation, and they're healthy. That's a big edge for them."

The Raiders (26-14-1, 6-7-1 Big 12) currently sit in sixth place in Big 12, while the Sooners (29-10, 8-4) hold down the third slot. Just as every series in conference play Tech has its hands full. But according to Wilkins, if the Raiders can take one step at a time, there will be no need to panic.

"We just have to make sure we play 27 outs each game," Wilkins said. "Everybody knows what we need to do it just hasn't been happening the entire game. We just need to concentrate one game at a time, every inning."

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### BIG 12 BASEBALL STANDINGS

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NEBRASKA	10-2	30-5	
OKLAHOMA	8-4	29-10	
KANSAS	7-8	27-15	
BAYLOR	7-8	23-15	
TEXAS TECH	6-7-1	26-14-1	
OKLAHOMA ST.	5-7	22-12	
MISSOURI	6-9	17-18	
KANSAS ST.	3-8-1	23-10-1	
TEXAS A&M	3-12	19-21	

### SPORTS WEEKLY/ COACHES POLL

WEEK OF APRIL 17TH

1. RICE
2. CAL STATE FULLERTON
3. NORTH CAROLINA
4. NEBRASKA
5. FLORIDA STATE
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7. SOUTH CAROLINA
8. GEORGIA TECH
9. CLEMSON
10. OREGON STATE
11. ARIZONA STATE
12. NC STATE
13. OKLAHOMA
14. ALABAMA
15. MISSISSIPPI STATE
16. ARKANSAS
17. VIRGINIA
18. LSU
19. MIAMI, FLA.
20. VANDERBILT
21. C OF CHARLESTON
22. OLD DOMINION
23. NOTRE DAME
24. USC
25. KENTUCKY

### RED RAIDERS

#### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

- TODAY**  
vs. No. 13 OKLAHOMA 6:30 P.M.  
("TURN BACK THE CLOCK," \$1 DAN LAW DOGS)
- SATURDAY**  
vs. No. 13 OKLAHOMA 6:30 P.M.  
("BASEBALL SQUARES")
- SUNDAY**  
vs. No. 13 OKLAHOMA 1 P.M.  
("JIMMY BUFFET DAY")
- TUESDAY**  
vs. NEW MEXICO  
APRIL 28  
AT No. 4 NEBRASKA 6:35 P.M.  
APRIL 29  
AT No. 4 NEBRASKA 2:05 P.M.  
APRIL 30  
AT No. 4 NEBRASKA 1:05 P.M.  
(HOME GAMES IN BOLD)

### DOLLAR DAN LAW DOGS TONIGHT

It's back to the good old days for Texas Tech baseball this weekend.

To kick off the three-game series with Big 12 foe No. 15 Oklahoma, tonight, the Red Raiders will hold their fifth-annual "Turn Back The Clock Night" at Dan Law Field.

The event is meant to commemorate the history of Tech baseball, highlighting the moments that have come to define the tradition of the program.

Staying in theme, the Raiders will sport uniforms modeled after the inaugural Tech baseball team in 1926.

Fans in attendance will appreciate the increased value of their dollar as all tickets will be sold for \$5 and the ever-popular dollar hot dog promotion will be in full swing.

The first pitch is slated for 6:30 p.m. and tickets can be purchased by calling the Texas Tech Athletics Ticket Office at 742-Tech, or at [www.texastech.com](http://www.texastech.com).

—Trey Shipman/Sports Editor

### THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Donald Blocher, Arlington, TX

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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#### PROJECTED PITCHING ROTATION:

FRIDAY (TTU) MILES MORGAN VS. (OU) DANIEL McCUTCHEN  
SATURDAY COLT HYNES VS. STEVEN GUERRA  
SUNDAY JOSH TOMLIN VS. P.J. SANDOVAL

#### TTU PROJECTED LINEUP:

C- BLAIR WILKINS (.296 AVG., 20 RBI)  
1B- TREY STEWART (.318 AVG.)  
2B- WILLIE RUEDA (.313 AVG., 17 SB)  
SS- KYLE MARTIN (.313 AVG.)  
3B- JOEY CALLENDER (.341 AVG.)  
LF- ROGER KIESCHNICK (.382 AVG., 5 HR)  
CF- BRIAN CAPPS (.389 AVG.)  
RF- JAMES LEVERTON (.298 AVG., 32 RBI)  
DH- TYLER REVES (.311 AVG., 8 HR)

#### SOONER LEADERS:

OF- CHUCKIE CAUFIELD (.373 AVG., 12 2B)  
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### Men's tennis set to close out regular season

The Texas Tech men's tennis team is closing out the regular season this weekend with two conference matches.

The Red Raiders are sitting at No. 46 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association poll, and will take on No. 63 Nebraska today and No. 25 Colorado Sunday.

The team is coming off a big weekend, with Tech's No. 1 player Adrian Prpic, who also is ranked No. 64 in the country, beating Texas's No. 1 Travis Helgeson, who is ranked No. 7 in the nation.

Despite the strong showing by Prpic, now 11-10 and 1-4 in Big 12 play, the then-No. 3 Longhorns took down the Raiders, 5-1.

Also last weekend, the team lost a nail-biter to the then-No. 18 Texas A&M Aggies, 4-3.

This weekend, the Raiders are ready to match any challenges that go their way — one of which is Nebraska's six-game winning streak.

The Cornhuskers are at 10-10 overall, and have no wins in Big 12 play.

The Buffaloes, however, are sitting at 17-6, 4-1 in conference play — their only loss coming at the hands of Texas. That could change between now and then, however, as Colorado is set to take on Baylor today in Waco.

Today's match begins at 1:30 p.m. at the McLendon Tennis Center, while the teams will hit the court at 1 p.m. Sunday.

—Brittany Barrientos/Senior Sports Writer

### Women's golf falls flat after strong start at Big 12 championship

Up until last year, Phil Mickelson shouldered criticism for an inability to finish a tournament strong. Now, the criticism also could describe the Texas Tech women's golf team.

Sitting in fifth place after the first round, the Tech team finished Wednesday's Big 12 Championship at the Country Club of Lincoln, Neb., in 12th place.

Freshman Megan Dowdy led the Tech squad with a three-round total of 234, good for a 23<sup>rd</sup>-place tie.

The Texas A&M Aggies, ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in the nation by golfstat.com, turned in a third round total of 304 to oustlast No. 21 Oklahoma State by eleven strokes for the conference championship.

Despite sitting in second place overall after one round, Tech freshman Gloriana Soto finished tied for 40<sup>th</sup> with second- and third-round scores of 81 and 86.

Senior Ashley Slavich turned in a three-round total of 243 in her final Big 12 appearance, tying for 48<sup>th</sup>. Freshman Ulrika van Niekerk and junior Marla Troester rounded out the Tech scoring with scores of 252 and 255 to end up tied for 53<sup>rd</sup> and 56<sup>th</sup>, respectively.

The news was not all bad for the Tech women's golf team this week as Monday four Raiders were named to the Big 12 All-Academic team: Slavich, an accounting major from San Antonio; Troester, an health exercise and sport sciences major from Boerne; and Dowdy, a communication studies major from Leander, made the first team.

Hazel Tan, a senior advertising major from Bradenton, Fla., earned a spot on the second team.

The Big 12 All-Academic team consisted of 35 first team members and six second-team members. First-team members consist of those student athletes who maintained a 3.2 GPA or better. To make the second team a student-athlete is required to maintain a GPA of 3.0 to 3.19.

—Jay Langley/Senior Sports Writer

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# WHAT TIME IS IT? GAME TIME: 2006 NBA PLAYOFF PREVIEW

(AP)—Welcome to the postseason, LeBron. And welcome back, Kobe.

Sure, the Pistons and Spurs made for a great NBA Finals last year, and they would surely do it again if both get back, as expected, this time.

But for the playoffs to really be special, they need the league's superstars to have their time in the spotlight. And make no mistake: LeBron James and Kobe Bryant are the biggest the NBA has to offer right now.

Both were sitting at home this time last year, and a couch or golf course is no place to cement an NBA legacy. That can only be done in a packed arena in May and June.

"That's a road you have to follow if you want to be considered among the great ones because it demonstrates that you're either making the players around you better or management is putting better players around you in order to showcase your talent longer into the playoffs," commissioner David Stern said last week.

"The campaign last year about the finals was, 'Where legends are born' and I think you could have said that for the playoffs. You clearly — in order to write yourself large in NBA history — you've got to be in the playoffs."

Not surprisingly, James and Bryant get the prime TV slots this weekend. The Cavaliers open their first postseason since 1998 on Saturday afternoon against the Washington Wizards, and the Lakers got the Sunday 3:30 p.m. EDT spot for both their opener at Phoenix and Game 4 back at Staples Center next weekend.

In the other best-of-seven series that open Saturday, defending champion San Antonio hosts Sac-

ramento, Chicago visits Miami, and the Los Angeles Clippers host the Denver Nuggets. Also Sunday, New Jersey hosts Indiana, Milwaukee heads to Detroit, and Memphis visits Dallas.

That last one has caused plenty of debate. The Mavericks (60-22) had the West's second-best record, but they fell to the No. 4 seed because they are in the same division as the Spurs (63-19). So Dallas is forced to play a tough opening-round opponent in the Grizzlies, who went 49-33.

"The Mavericks are getting the short end of the stick," Clippers coach Mike Dunleavy said. "They're playing the five seed when they should be playing the seven. The fair way to do it is just seed one through eight based on records."

Then again, they may not have wanted to play the No. 7 seed anyway. That's where Bryant lurks — and he scored 62 points in a game against the Mavs this season.

Neither James nor Bryant is expected to go far: Even if Cleveland gets by Washington — the Cavs dropped three of four meetings this season — it would draw powerful Detroit in the second round. The Lakers, the No. 7 seed in the Western Conference, won only once in four matchups with high-scoring the Suns.

But count them out at your own risk. Bryant averaged 42.5 points against Phoenix, and James finished a sensational regular season with averages of 31.4 points, 7.0 rebounds and 6.6 assists.

For those who prefer teams to individual stars, there's plenty of good ones, too. Detroit, San Antonio, Dallas and Miami have had title hopes all season, and how about this — the Staples Center fans will see the Clippers twice before they see Bryant.

The Clippers are back in the playoffs for the first time since 1997 as the No. 6 seed in the West. And with a better record than third-seeded Denver, Los Angeles has home-court advantage against the Northwest Division champions and will try to put it to good use starting Saturday night.

Talk about California dreamin': How about a Clippers-Lakers second-round matchup?

"I'm very happy for the city," Bryant said. "The city is used to championships and I am as well."

He won three in a row from 2000-02, then got back to the finals in 2004 before losing to the Pistons. The Lakers missed the playoffs last year after Phil Jackson departed and Shaquille O'Neal was traded, but Bryant made sure they would have a short absence by averaging 35.4 points and winning his first scoring title.

Jackson has never lost a first-round series, and he says the way to win this one won't necessarily be with Bryant shooting all the time.

"It's not going to be about Kobe getting 45 points a night," Jackson said. "It's going to be about how are we going to use all the talents to do what we have to do to take a team apart."

No team does that better than Detroit.

The NBA champions in 2004, the Pistons are motivated by trying to reclaim the title after losing to the Spurs in seven games last season. Detroit won an NBA-best 64 games behind the best starting five in the NBA that included four All-Stars — and the Pistons don't need to be told they are good.

"We don't change our style of play," coach Flip Saunders said. "A lot of teams, they play one way during the regular season and their style of play has to change once they get to the playoffs. When you play

for seven months one style, and now you're going to change in a three-day span, you're not as prepared, you're not as comfortable."

The Pistons shouldn't have any trouble with the Bucks (40-42), the only sub-.500 team in the field. San Antonio figures to have the tougher first-round opponent, facing a Sacramento team that went 26-14 after acquiring Ron Artest.

"We've had people's attention (for a while)," Artest said Tuesday. "I think people are going to come after us like we're the No. 1 seed, like we're favorites."

The No. 6 seeds could feel that way, too. The Clippers won three of four against the Nuggets, and the Pacers took two of three from the Nets.

Washington might think it's a favorite after winning three of its four games against Cleveland. But now the Wizards will have to get by an even more focused James, who knows playoff success is the next step to becoming one of the greats.

"I think he's going to be exciting," Cavs forward Drew Gooden said, "and he'll pick up his play — if that's possible the way he's been playing."

Sevin will serve as director of basketball operations for the Lady Raiders and is no stranger to basketball in West Texas.

Sevin played basketball in College Station from 1993-97, where Kristy Curry was a conference foe two of her years there, and helped lead the Aggies to a Sweet 16 berth in 1996.

Fausset will take over as video coordinator for the Lady Raiders and served one year under Curry at Purdue, prior to becoming video coordinator at Auburn last season.

Curry could not comment on whether Purdue signees Dee Dee Jernigan or Amber Harris would be heading to the Lone Star State, but said even if there are no signees this late for Tech, the players already here are the most important to her.

"Whether we sign anyone or not, we're going to be just fine," she said. "These kids have a chance to win the Big 12 and go deep into the NCAA tournament. That's gonna be our goals, our dreams and I have no question that they're going to work."

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## Brock

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coach herself.

"There's no better person to learn under than Kristy Curry," she said.

Wright spent the past two years playing in the WNBA for the Phoenix Mercury but said she will continue to play in the league and perform her coaching duties with the Lady Raiders, something other players in the WNBA have been doing.

Kristy Curry said the Final Four experience among herself, husband Kelly Curry, Wright and Brock is invaluable and is something she tried to focus on when she first began to put the staff together.

"There's a lot of loyalty," she said. "But a great group of individuals who I guarantee won't be outworked and stand for that class and integrity that coach Sharp and her staff stood for."

The final pieces of what Kristy Curry calls a puzzle will be Marianne Sevin and Grant Fausset.

## Tech latest victim of 'Horns Osterman

By JAY LANGLEY  
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

The old adage says that black cats are bad luck. At the Rocky Johnson Softball complex Thursday, a Cat dressed in orange proved to be bad luck for the Texas Tech softball team.

As part of a 6-0 Texas victory, Longhorn senior pitcher Cat Osterman pitched a complete game, one-hit shutout, including 15 strikeouts and no walks. Osterman improved her season record to 28-1 and lowered her ERA to 0.31.

"Cat's an Olympic pitcher," Tech coach Teresa Wilson said. "She is a multiple-time National Player of the Year who has broken every collegiate record imaginable."

The Raiders' (18-29, 4-9 Big 12) only hit came in the fifth on a bang-bang play at first base. Tech batter Whitney Riley just beat out a slow groundball to Texas shortstop Desiree Williams who threw a strike to first base.

"I think we had good at bats for the most part," Wilson said. "Cat's one of the best in our game at making balls look like strikes and making strikes look like balls. So for our kids the key was to try to take her deep in the count. I think that our kids, for someone at a

collegiate level, did as good as anybody can do against her."

Texas got the scoring started immediately with a two-run double in the top of the first by Chez Sievers.

Tech senior pitcher Erin Crawford (11-15) took the loss for the Raiders, pitching two innings and giving up two earned runs.

A bright spot for the Tech squad was the pitching of Sarah Losleben, who relieved Crawford pitching five innings and giving up one earned run.

"We pick each other up," Losleben said. "I know if I can't get the job done one day, I can count on Erin or Julie (Hauck) to get the job done."

Texas' only earned run off of Losleben came in the top of the fifth when Williams led off the inning with a solo home run to left center field.

"I was just trying to attack each batter," Losleben said. "Coach calls a great game and (Tech catcher Robyn Wike) frames pitches well. I knew my defense was strong behind me so I just went right after them."

The Tech defense committed two errors in the top of the seventh to allow three unearned

runs to score and give the No. 2 Longhorns (44-4, 10-1) the six-run victory.

Wilson said her team was not intimidated by the 'Horns.

"We know we can play with any team in the country," she said. "It's not that we can't play with them. It's about finding a burst and beating these top teams because then you gain more experience."

Wilson said her team currently has the eleventh hardest schedule in the country according to the RPI rankings.

A second game was scheduled for Thursday, but lightning and heavy rain caused the game to be postponed in the bottom of the fourth inning with Texas leading 4-3. No date for a make-up game has been announced and all of the statistics from the game will be thrown out.

"You're talking to someone who has spent 17 of the last 19 years in the northwest so I am pretty used to rain," Wilson said. "I think we carried our good at-bats over to the second game."

Tech hosts Nebraska Saturday and Sunday at the Rocky Johnson Softball Complex.

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TEXAS TECH THIRD baseman Natalie Kula lays down a bunt in the Red Raiders' 6-0 loss to No. 2 Texas Thursday at Rocky Johnson Softball Complex. Kula and the Raiders had trouble solving Longhorns' pitcher Cat Osterman, who struck out 15 Tech batters and allowed just one hit in her 24th complete game of the season.

STEVE LEWIS/  
The Daily Toreador

### HISTORICAL MOMENTS AT TECH



In 1964, Mrs. Powell-Malone became the first African American to receive a baccalaureate degree from Texas Technological College when she received a B.S. degree in Home Economics.

A newspaper article highlighting Mrs. Powell-Malone's accomplishment noted that she had applied herself to the task at hand and had succeeded.

Ophelia Powell-Malone was born near Austin, Texas in 1931. She graduated from Anderson High School in Austin, Texas and studied at Huston-Tillotson College (a historically black college) before transferring to Texas Technological College. Upon transferring to Texas Tech, Mrs. Powell-Malone studied Home Economics with a concentration in Home Nursing and Health Care. She did her student teaching at Dunbar High School under the supervision of Mrs. Lottie Faye Barrow, whom she greatly admired.



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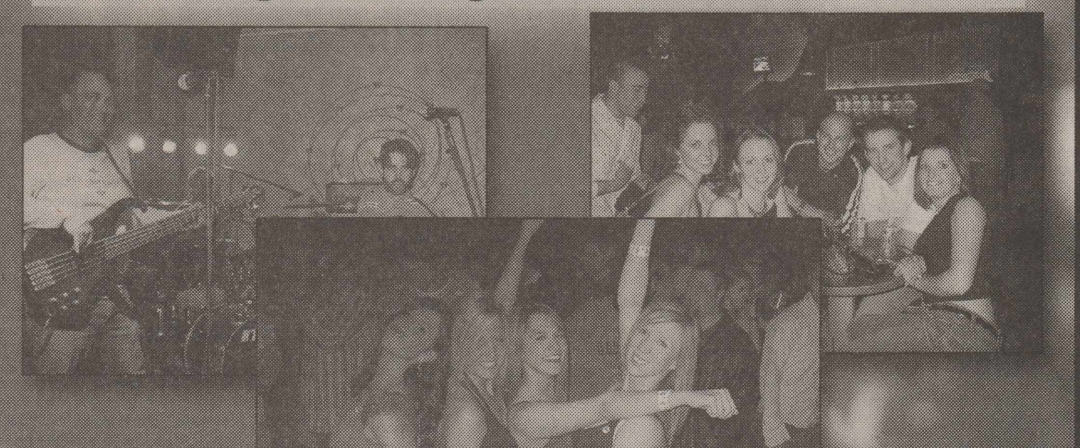
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