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Lubbock PD drop charges against two suspects

By PAUL ROBERTS
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Lubbock Police released and dropped charges against two men relating to the drive-by shooting that nearly killed one man July 5, police said.

Larry Williams, 24, and Raymond Jefferson, 27, had been released from custody after police misidentified them as suspects in the shooting, police said.

Defense Attorney Jeff Nicholson said neither Williams nor Jefferson took any part in the shooting at the 600 block of 59th Street on July 5 that sent Undra Baker to the University Medical Center in critical condition.

"The bottom line is, they were not there and were never there the entire day," he said.

Jefferson was extremely cooperative when he was arrested, and Nicholson said police did not believe he was involved.

"He wouldn't do it," Nicholson said. "Around the time of the shooting, he was at home sleeping with his wife and kids."

Williams had been in Crosbyton and was either just arriving in Lub-

bock or still driving to Lubbock during the time of the shooting, Nicholson said.

Nicholson described how they were connected with the event in the first place.

He said witnesses present at the site of the shooting gave police officers names that could possibly be involved, and Williams and Jefferson were two of those names.

"There were a lot of people at the scene. It was quite chaotic," Nicholson said. "In a situation like that where someone almost gets killed, police need somewhere to start."

Williams and Jefferson turned themselves in on July 6 shortly after police issued warrants for their arrest in connection with the drive-by shooting.

Jefferson was released Monday and all charges were dropped.

Williams still faces an unlawful

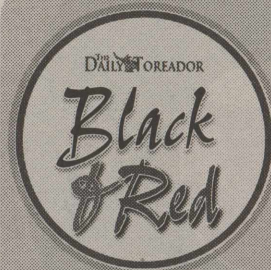
carrying of a weapon charge because police found a pistol in his car after a warrant was issued for his arrest. Nicholson said he is expected to make a \$15,000 bond.

Steven Sanders, 26, and Adrian Laben Walker, 26, are still in custody at the Lubbock County Jail for the drive-by shooting of Baker. The bond was set at \$500,000. Their charges are listed as aggravated assault.

According to police, Baker was outside his grandmother's house around 2 a.m. Wednesday when a vehicle, described as a maroon Lincoln or Cadillac, approached and guns were fired, hitting Baker. Bullets also hit nearby homes, but no one else was injured, police said.

Undra Lamar Baker, 21, was listed in critical condition July 6 at University Medical Center. Police said he still is in critical condition.

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Items for sale during Saturday's auction.

Lubbock nightclub closes doors

Graham's Central Station, a local nightclub in Lubbock, closed its doors recently.

According to the franchise's Web site, www.grahamcentralstation.com, the Lubbock location is no longer available.

The Web site claims that Graham companies are located in 17 locations in six states, including Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Tennessee and Arizona. However, only 16 locations are listed, including Lubbock with only the five

forementioned states listed.

Graham's, which was located at 6302 Iola Ave., was mostly noted for its array of individual clubs in one setting. Customers could choose from a karaoke bar, country music dancing, a rap/hip-hop room and tavern similar to a sports bar with television sets and pool tables.

Roger Gearhart, president of Graham Brothers Entertainment, could not be reached for comment. The Daily Toreador was told by an operator from the Odessa headquarters that he was the only contact who could comment about any information regarding the Lubbock location.

—Stephen Monahan/Senior Staff Writer

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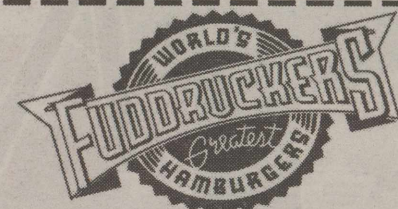
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Going, going ... gone

Nelson's property on the block, now going to highest bidder Saturday

By JEREMY REYNOLDS
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

One man's fortune is about to become another's winning bid.

Jonathan "Jody" Nelson, the man accused of embezzling \$78 million from Snyder-based oil company Patterson-UTI Energy, will part with his assets Saturday at a public auction.

In the mood for a framed autographed Michael Jordan jersey? How about a framed Dallas Stars' jersey autographed by the entire team? Not a sports fan? How about one of 230 guns, countless flat-screen televisions or an airplane?

All of Nelson's possessions have to and will go throughout the day, said Bobby Love, territory, finance and marketing manager at Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers.

"It's a public auction," he said. "There're no minimums or reserves on the items."

There might not be any minimums

on the items, but anyone planning to head out to the Town and Country Airpark and bid on an item will have to put down a \$2,000 deposit, which is fully refundable if the person does not bid on anything.

The items will be sorted into two separate rings. The first ring will include the aircrafts, vehicles, boats, guns, sports memorabilia, farm and construction equipment and dirt bikes. The second ring will include most of the consumer items, such as electronics, clothes, shoes and workout machines.

"Well over a thousand people will come out," Love said. "Twenty percent of the people bidding will be online."

Anyone who has never bid on a Ritchie Bros. auction would have to first register online if they chose to bid online. Otherwise, Love said people should arrive at the auction well before hand to register. Anyone wanting to bid online will not

have to put up the \$2,000 deposit; however, they will have to wire 25 percent of whatever they are planning on spending to the auction house. This wire transfer is also fully refundable.

There will be a 10 percent handling fee on all items that are sold for \$2,500 or less. Handguns and rifles will not be available for online bidding.

"We'll sell everything during the day," he said.

There are 1,100 lots going up for bid, but Love said some of the lots would include more than one item.

Nelson, a Texas Tech graduate, is the reason why the Fort Worth-based auction company of Ritchie Bros. is hosting it in Lubbock. Love said people wanted the auction to happen near Tech.

The auction will start at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Town and Country Airpark at 12201 County Rd.

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Boy in stable condition after being shot

A 10-year-old boy was accidentally shot after he and two of his friends burglarized a car and stole a shotgun from the back seat Monday in the 1700 block of East 2nd Place, Lubbock Police said.

The boy was grazed by shotgun pellets and did not suffer any critical injuries but did have minor surgery.

He was listed in stable condition at University Medical Center Tuesday morning, police said.

The three boys were playing outside when they found an unlocked vehicle with a shotgun inside, police said.

Sgt. Scott Farmer of the Lubbock Police Department said the 10-year-old boy was the "look-out" while a 9-year-old and 11-year-old boy broke into a vehicle and grabbed the shotgun.

"That's where it gets cloudy," Farmer

said. "One or both the boys had their hands on the shotgun when it went off and struck the 10-year-old."

The vehicle's owner will not face any penalties, because the kids were breaking the law when they burglarized the vehicle, Farmer said.

"The kids were up to no good. They were doing something they should not have been doing," he said.

Two of the kids could possibly face burglary charges, but the 9-year-old is too young to face any charges.

Farmer said they currently are waiting for the final ruling from the Juvenile's Office before any charges will be presented. The case will then be turned over to the Lubbock County District Attorney's office.

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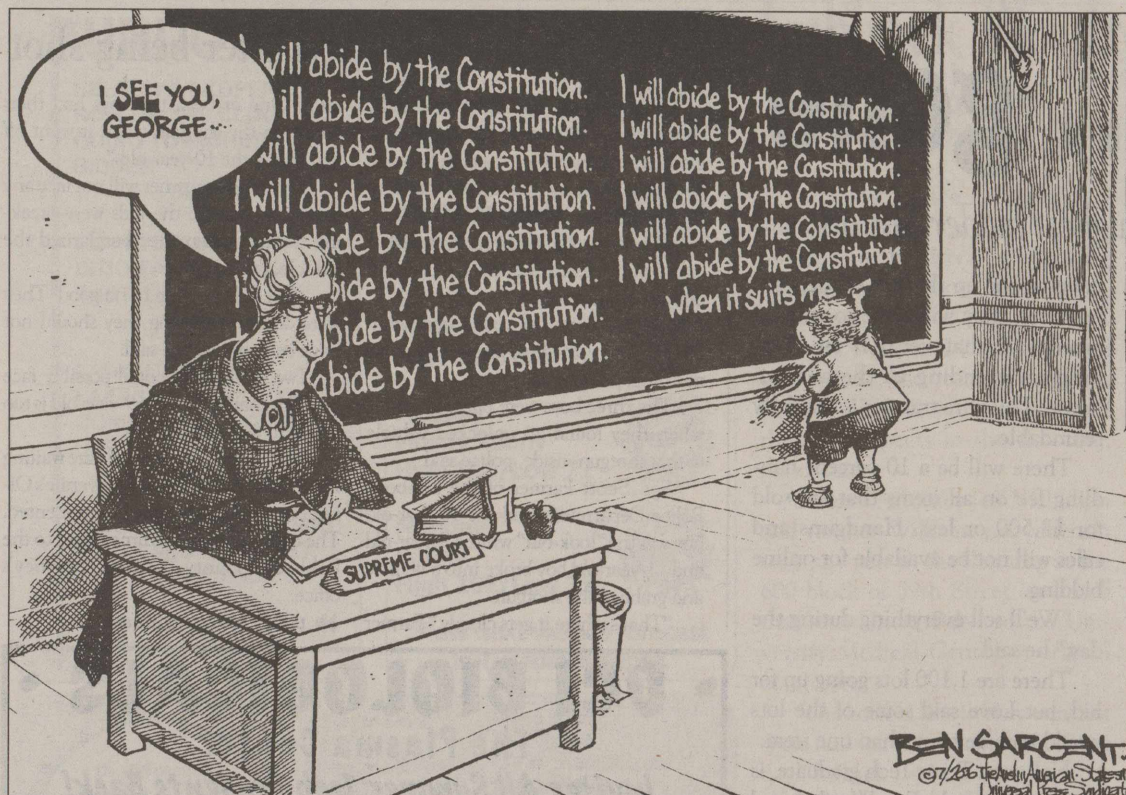
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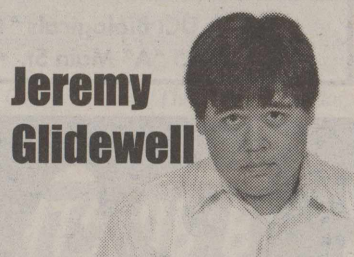


'It's the end of the world'

It is now the time to do a lot of the things that you always have wanted. Start voicing your discontent, max out all your credit cards, buy some really nice clothes, take a trip to the Czech Republic, and while there, live a life of luxury that includes fine dining, spa trips and dates with LL Cool J. Why should you do all these things? Why couldn't I rip off the plotline of a better terminal illness movie than "Last Holiday"?

To answer the first question (cue the R.E.M. music), it's the end of the world as we know it. I know I have said something similar before, in fact I wrote a few weeks ago that June 6, 2006 might mark the end of time as we knew it. So I was off by a month, that's no reason to treat this warning as the overreaction of a crazy person crying wolf from his pulpit. This time there's a couple of reasons to actually believe that the world is coming to an end.

First, an asteroid came within miles of hitting earth. I know what you're thinking; by miles don't you mean 270,296.46862324 miles? Of course I do, but that doesn't make the first sentence any less correct. 270,296.46862324 miles, or roughly the distance from the earth to the moon, is pretty close in astronomical terms, and



Jeremy Glidewell

had that asteroid hit earth, we surely would have seen a repeat of what eventually led to the extinction of dinosaurs. And while this asteroid was not near as large as the one that hit the planet eons ago, it was approximately one half mile in diameter, but it would have left a pretty big crater, and someone could possibly have fell in and gotten hurt.

As if catastrophic destruction from asteroids wasn't enough to have you hiding under the bed like my dog during a thunderstorm, a short, chubby, Asian guy with a bad haircut is in possession of weapons that could possibly reach parts of the United States, well, if you count Hawaii and Alaska. No, not me. I'm talking about Kim Jong-Il, the leader of North Korea. According to BBC News, North Korea, not the one that made your Hyundai, the other one, is in possession of 800 ballistic

missiles ranging in size from standard scuds to specialized nuclear weapons named the Nodong and the Taepodong (pronounced Ty-po-dong, say it out loud a few times, it's fun).

I for one, jumped to the conclusion that the missiles were fake — made out of duct tape and cardboard — until they actually launched seven into the vicinity of Japan, which as you know, only the U.S. is allowed to bomb. Six, consisting mostly of Nodongs, actually hit their targets, with the Taepodong exploding just after leaving the launch pad. One could say it had a problem with premature discharge.

Normally I would resort to more sophomoric jokes about the names that were given to these missiles by the North Koreans; however, I won't for two reasons. First, my mom reads these sometimes, and second, that would be falling into the trap that Kim Jong-Il has set for the U.S. By giving the missiles humorous names he is hoping to set off a train of laughter that will be unable to defend ourselves from his dong assault, and that could be catastrophic.

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Gore more than past presidential candidate

New movie discusses issue of global warming, what we can do about it

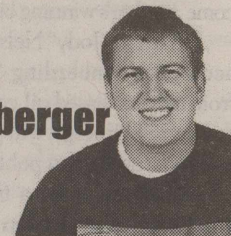
Al Gore is an unconventional hero at the summer box-office. Armed not with super-human strength or swashbuckling skills, but a presentation, he seeks to save the world on the silver screen this summer. The main difference is, unlike Jack Sparrow or Superman, the danger Al Gore fights is real.

"An Inconvenient Truth" is a documentary about both the alarming facts of global warming and Al Gore's personal crusade to get the message out. It began when he was an undergraduate at Harvard in the 1970s, taking a class by Dr. Roger Revelle, one of the first scientists to measure the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and the potentially disastrous effect the increased temperature could have on the globe. After Al Gore graduated and entered the political scene, helping to stop global warming became one of his passions. When he lost the presidential race in 2000, he began to tour the country with a slideshow he made in 1990, educating the public on the issue.

The temperature of Earth is rising, almost definitely because of human activity. Air bubbles frozen in ice, tree rings and lake sediments can be analyzed to find close approximations of Earth's temperature from hundreds of thousands of years ago. Prior to the 1940s, the temperature was fairly consistent staying at 69 degrees Fahrenheit on average. Since then, the temperature has risen each year, with 2005 being the hottest on record.

The effects of global warming are being seen around the world. Bodies of drowned polar bears have been discovered in the arctic, a sign that they have been forced to swim farther than they are capable of between ice floes. The number of tropical storms have doubled since 1960 and increased in intensity. The development

James Hershberger



of high winds has shown to correspond with heat.

There are many misconceptions about global warming. One is whether humans cause it. According to the film, Science magazine conducted a study of 928 articles on global climate changed selected at random and discovered that not a single one said global warming is natural. Scientists who know what they are talking about say it is caused by humans. Why is there so much reluctance among those who do not specialize in atmospheric science to admit something must be done?

It is important for everyone who can to see this film. See it for free when it is shown on campus next semester. Everyone should look beyond his or her biases and what they want to believe and be open to the overwhelming evidence that global warming is occurring and that it can be stopped. There is much that can be done even on an individual level, such as using cars less and preserving electricity, to help reduce global warming. Also, it is important to vote for candidates who place this vital issue high on their priorities list.

We are at war in Iraq because of a new policy of pre-emptive strikes against possible terrorist threats. We should take this policy of pre-emptive strikes to our greatest environmental threat before it is too late.

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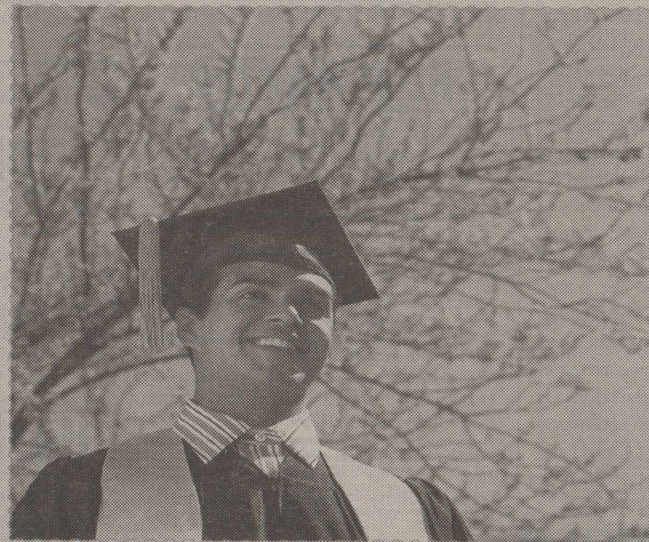
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Lady Raiders release new non-conference schedule

By **STEPHEN MONAHAN**
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The Kristy Curry era for Texas Tech women's basketball season will officially be underway in October after the Lady Raiders released their 2006-07 non-conference schedule.

Tech will host six home games and play eight road games, including a tournament in Hawaii during their non-conference season.

Coach Curry said she prefers a non-conference schedule comprising an even amount of home and away games, but thinks the schedule is a great blend of competition.

"You don't think about much of what you inherited, you go with what's in place," Curry said. "The preseason is in place to help you improve and get ready for the Big 12. We will definitely be road tested going into Big 12 play. It is what it is, and we will be ready for it."

Of their road games, two will be against teams that are perennially in the NCAA Tournament — Arizona State and Stanford. The Lady Raiders also travel to two in-state opponents — Houston and Southern Methodist University — and battle Texas State at the United Spirit Arena.

"Anytime you play anyone in state, it's always a grovel game for those teams," Curry said.

Of the two Texas road games, Curry said she hopes to showcase the talent of the Lady Raiders in front of Houston and Dallas crowds for recruiting purposes.

"It's important to get our recruiting to Dallas and Houston," the coach said. "We need to be in Houston, whether it's Rice or (the University of) Houston, playing once every two years. Right now it's three, but once every two years is our goal right now."

The first on-court action the Lady Raiders will see comes Oct. 31 in their first exhibition game of the season versus the Houston Jaguars. Tech's second exhibition game will be played Nov. 5 against Athletics in Action.

Hosting their first regular season contest on Nov. 10, the Lady Raiders will face the University of Texas-San Antonio followed by a trip to Houston on Nov. 14, and then they return home to face Texas State Nov. 19. Following their first three games, Tech will travel to play in a tournament hosted by the University of Hawaii in Honolulu Nov. 24-26. The Lady Raiders will return home to host Tulane Nov. 29 and then travel to Fresno State Dec. 1 and Stanford Dec. 3. Tech gets their first back-to-back games at home when they face off against the University of Texas-Arlington Dec. 6 and Oral Roberts Dec. 14. Tech's next obstacle will be a road game at Arizona State Dec. 18. Furman will be the final non-conference home game for the Lady Raiders on Dec. 21 and then they will wrap up non-conference play at Southern Methodist University Dec. 30.

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Two Raiders named All-American Scholars

Texas Tech golfers Andrew Dresser and Oscar Floren have added another postseason honor to their record after being named as Cleveland Golf All-America Scholars by the Golf Coaches Association of America this week.

The duo was among seven golfers in the Big 12 Conference named as All-America Scholars.

The tandem of Floren and Dresser helped the Red Raiders reach their second NCAA Championships in five years under coach Greg Sands. Floren also was named to PING's All-America First Team — the first Red Raider to ever receive the honor, while Dresser was selected to the third team.

—Stephen Monahan/Senior Staff Writer



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Thames earns graduate scholarship money

By **STEPHEN MONAHAN**
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Committee announced three Big 12 student-athletes, including one former Red Raider, were awarded postgraduate scholarships recently.

Former Texas Tech pole

vaulter Sage Thames was rewarded \$7,500 in scholarship funds because of his academic performance off the field and his sportsmanship on the field.

In all, 56 student-athletes (28 male/28 female) who partook in spring sports were honored with the scholarship.

The University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University

were the two other conference schools that had a student honored.

Qualifications for the scholarship include an overall grade point average of 3.2 or higher for those who competed as a member of a varsity athletics team. The athlete's behavior on and off the field also is considered when the Committee is

selecting its recipients for the scholarships.

Thames finished his final season with five All-Big 12 honors for his career including an all-conference performance at the Big 12 Indoor Championships. He also received All-American accolades at the 2006 NCAA Outdoor Championships.

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Women's NCAAs coming back to Hub City in 2009

By **STEPHEN MONAHAN**
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The NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championships will be coming to Lubbock in 2009.

The Hub City was selected by the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee to host the first two rounds of the tournament in 2009 with the Administrative Committee of the NCAA Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet approving

the selection.

Lady Raider coach Kristy Curry said the Lubbock selection would be great for basketball fans because they will have the opportunity to watch eight different teams rather than four. The 2005-06 season was the first season the tournament had eight host cities, housing eight of the 64 teams instead of the previous arrangement of 16 host cities housing four teams.

"It's a great opportunity for our community," coach Curry said. "I'm thrilled for our fans and our community."

Other cities selected and approved for the first two rounds include Los Angeles; Baton Rouge, La.; Albuquerque, N.M.; Piscataway, N.J.; College Park, Md.; Duluth, Ga.; and Columbus, Ohio. The four regional sites selected are Oklahoma City; Trenton, N.J.; Raleigh, N.C.; and Berkeley, Calif.

The 2010 postseason sites were also approved. First- and second-round sites include Austin; Notre Dame, Ind.; Berkeley, Calif.; Minneapolis; Knoxville, Tenn.; Norfolk, Va.; Trenton, N.J.; and

Tempe, Ariz. The four regional sites are Sacramento, Calif.; Kansas City, Mo.; Dayton, Ohio; and Memphis, Tenn.

St. Louis will serve as host city to the 2009 Women's Final Four and San Antonio will host the Women's Final Four in 2010.

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