

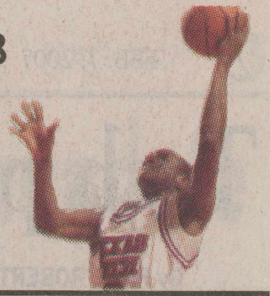
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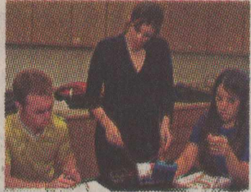
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Jury hears testimony in unborn-child murder trial

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Witnesses offered tearful testimony Tuesday as prosecutors tried to sway a jury to give the death penalty to a man convicted of murdering a teenage girl and their unborn child.

Jurors could start considering whether Adrian Estrada, 23, gets the death penalty or life in prison without parole as early as Wednesday.

"Instead of me pampering her she would pamper me a lot," Mary Vargas said of her daughter, Stephanie Sanchez. "I really miss her."

Estrada was convicted on Friday of capital murder in the deaths of Sanchez and her unborn child.

Sanchez, 17, was three months pregnant on Dec. 12, 2005, when she was found in her family's home.

NATION

Defendant videotaped police response

BOSTON (AP) — One of the men criminally charged after placing blinking cartoon advertisements around the city videotaped a police bomb squad removing one of the electronic devices, but did not tell the officers the object was harmless.

Surveillance cameras caught 27-year-old Peter Berdovsky videotaping officers removing what they thought was a possible bomb.

His lawyer, Walter Prince, said Tuesday: "Mr. Berdovsky didn't do anything inappropriate."

WORLD

Nations sign treaty to ban forced disappearances

PARIS (AP) — Nearly 60 countries signed a treaty on Tuesday that bans governments from holding people in secret detention, but the United States and some of its key European allies were not among them.

The signing capped a quarter-century of efforts by families of people who have vanished at the hands of governments.

DEATH TOLL

3012

U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Second theater fire in 30-day period raises suspicion

By NAOMI KASKELA
STAFF WRITER

A possible connection between the fires at the Boston Avenue Playhouse and Charles E. Maedgen, Jr. Theatre has not been conclusively ruled out, but it is unlikely, said Texas Tech Fire Marshal Walter James.

Robert Loveless, a Lubbock Fire Department investigator, said

he has been in contact with James concerning the two fires and has done some research about the Maedgen Theatre fire.

"We have compared notes on both of those fires," James said.

The fire at the Maedgen Theatre took place on Jan. 16 and caused extensive damage, according to www.depts.ttu.edu/theatreanddance, the Tech Department of Theater and Dance Web site.

The anticipated completion date of the repairs to the Maedgen Theatre is Sept. 1, according to the Web site.

The fire at the Boston Avenue Playhouse, which is located at 4230 Boston Ave., occurred on Feb. 1 and was ruled as arson, Loveless said.

"By processing the scene, we were able to determine it was an incendiary fire, meaning it was intentionally set," he said. "There were multiple

points of origin."

Loveless said he believed the 911 emergency call placed at 2:40 p.m. was made by a Tech faculty member, he said.

Tech students were rehearsing for a play when the call reporting the fire was made, he said.

The fire at the Maedgen Theatre was not caused by arson, James said, but it is being called undetermined with the possible cause being faulty

electrical wiring.

"It appears that faulty wiring in the up stage left corner of the theater is the likely culprit," according to the Tech Department of Theater and Dance Web site.

In contrast, the fire at the Boston Avenue Playhouse, though having multiple origins, resulted in minor damages, Loveless said.

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JACKSON FIVE

Huskers hold Jarrius Jackson to five points, wins on last second 3-pointer



NEBRASKA TEAMMATES TACKLE Cornhusker guard Charles Richardson after he hit the game-winning 3-pointer as time expired in Nebraska's 61-59 win over Texas Tech. See Page 8 for recap.

Watchdogs say Homeland Security thwarts investigations

By BEVERLEY LUMPKIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government lawyers have hampered investigations into waste and fraud at the Homeland Security Department, officials told Congress on Tuesday.

The head of the Government Accountability Office, the nonpartisan investigative arm of the Congress, and the department's own inspector general said Homeland Security officials, particularly lawyers in the general counsel's office, had delayed probes and demanded inappropriate access to interviews with employees. There was no suggestion of criminality.

Homeland Security Department spokesman Russ Knocke denied the allegations, terming them inaccurate and unfair. He said there are many times that investigators from both offices have interviewed employees without attorneys present and that the general counsel's office is involved only when sensitive information is discussed.

Both investigators told a House subcommittee that numerous inquiries into waste, abuse or management problems had

been delayed.

"They're not very responsive. They don't give information quickly," said David Walker, head of the GAO.

"Every document we seek to review has to be reviewed (first) by the general counsel's office," Walker added. He said the department's general counsel wants to "sit in on every interview," which he deemed inappropriate.

Walker said when there are more lawyers than other staff involved, "you've got problems."

"I agree wholeheartedly," said Inspector General Richard Skinner. "It's not a denial of information, but it's very cumbersome to obtain information."

Skinner also said that having a supervisor or attorney present when his office interviews an employee "sets a chilling effect" and tells the employee he's presumed not to be a team player.

Until his resignation last month, the general counsel was Phil Perry, son-in-law of Vice President Dick Cheney.

Walker and Skinner told the House subcommittee that "the tone is set from the top" and that Homeland Security

Secretary Michael Chertoff himself needs to address the situation.

"You can be assured that we're hearing you loud and clear," replied the panel's chairman, Rep. David Price, D-N.C. Chertoff is due on Thursday to make his first appearance before the subcommittee since Democrats took control of Congress.

Skinner also complained that he had asked department leaders to send a message to all employees explaining what his office does, and how to contact it. He said the draft letter had been "sitting in the general counsel's office" since last summer.

Knocke said the inspector general has an informative and detailed page on the department's intranet Web page that is available to all employees. Knocke said that is the usual mechanism for communicating with nearly 200,000 employees scattered around the world.

However, Knocke acknowledged that a recent "all hands" message was sent as a letter to all employees by Deputy Secretary Michael Jackson. The Associated Press reported last week that

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New site allows students to exchange class notes

By **BEN MAKI**
STAFF WRITER

A Texas Tech senior may have made keeping track of class notes easier.

Leif Zars, a computer science major from San Antonio, created the Web site www.ttuwiki.com to keep track of his own notes, and he has made it available for all Tech students to post their own notes as well.

"I started it to help me keep track of my own stuff," Zars said, "but after a while, I figured why not let everyone get involved."

The "wiki" in the site name is a reference to the fact anyone can post information on the site. The Web site in no way is affiliated with Tech.

Zars said the site is designed to help students catch up on information they may have missed from class.

"Knowledge is a free thing," Zars said. "I see 100 people taking the same notes in a class you can't find in books. I thought it would be nice to have it all in one place. If you miss a class, you could potentially go to the site and get the notes."

Kristen Steinbrecher, a sophomore marketing major from Flower Mound, said she believes the site mainly will help students who skip their classes.

"I think it would be a benefit to those who don't go to class," Steinbrecher said. "I would probably use it only if I missed something important in class."

Zars said he started the Web site this semester, so there is not yet much posted on the site.

Robert Wernsman, an instructor in the College of Mass Communications, said the site may have noble intentions, but Zars has a duty to ensure the Web site is maintained responsibly.

"Maybe he is trying to glorify free speech, and I can't criticize that," Wernsman said. "I'm a proponent of free speech. I want to put 'responsible' between those two words because anybody can say anything, but responsible speech is what we should really value. I don't know if he's being irresponsible. My guess is students have been exchanging notes and test information since we started making them take notes and tests."

He said www.ttuwiki.com has the potential to become like the well-known "wiki" Web site: www.wikipedia.com.

"Most responsible researchers consider (wikipedia.com) to be the public cesspool of society," Wernsman said. "It has the good, the bad, the false and the truth all in there."

Wernsman said students have an opportunity to take a number of ap-

proaches to the Web site.

"I could see this having a constructive purpose," he said. "If you're a serious student and read the chapter and do the exercises, you could go to this site and compare. If you're walking along the street and you find somebody's notebook and it's full of exercises you have to do, you could steal them if you have no principles or you can use them in a constructive way or you could ignore them."

Wernsman said professors should not be concerned with adjusting their curriculum to stop a few cheaters because it could short-change the honest students.

"How much energy do I want to spend to circumvent lazy, cheating students?" Wernsman said. "It seems a good instructor is going to prioritize 'What can I do for the students in my class who are serious about learning?' If somebody figures out a way to cheat and beat the system, it will catch up with them in the future."

At press time, there were notes from classes and homework assignments with the answers provided on the Web site.

Ed Youngblood, an assistant professor in the College of Mass Communications, said if students begin posting test questions and answers on the Web site, there could be possible legal action taken.

"One thing to remember is a lot of tests are copyrighted," he said. "In fact, the university encourages us to put copyright notices on there. We started doing that because of test services."

Youngblood said he believes using the Web site is a dangerous idea if students trust all the information posted.

"If there are three people in a class and only one is taking notes; that puts a lot of trust in that one person," he said. "You have to know the person putting the material on the Web site knows what they are doing. You might have better luck with the large Wikipedia in general because with such a large group of people, you have a better chance of having someone catch the wrong information."

He said he used to make his notes available on his Web site, but people stopped coming to class. He now utilizes pop quizzes and interactive small-group discussions to encourage attendance. As a compromise, he makes a podcast available to help students review for his tests.

"If there was something wrong, I'd help post the correct information," said Valerie Valdez, a freshman psychology major from Woodrow. "I don't like skipping class; I would only use it for a definition I missed."

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Religious community split on HPV mandate

By **ANNA SCHUMANN**
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Gov. Rick Perry's decision to make human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccinations required for girls entering the sixth grade as of September 2008 has drawn attention and criticism across the country.

Criticism has come from religious groups who believe the vaccination will encourage girls to have sex and from state senators and representatives who feel they were neglected in the legislative process.

According to press releases issued by Perry's office, Perry issued an executive order Friday directing the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to adopt rules requiring all girls between 11 and 12 years of age to receive the vaccine prior to entering sixth grade.

In the release, Perry said he believes requiring the vaccine is a responsible health and fiscal policy.

Facing criticisms that being vaccinated will simply encourage girls to have sex, Perry said in the press release he disagrees.

"The HPV vaccine does not promote sex; it protects women's health. In the past, young women who have abstained from sex until marriage have contracted HPV from their husbands and faced the difficult task of defeating cervical cancer. This vaccine prevents that from happening," Perry said in the statement. "Providing the HPV vaccine doesn't promote sexual promiscuity any more than providing the Hepatitis B vaccine promotes drug use. If the medical community developed a vaccine for lung cancer, would the same critics oppose it claiming it would encourage smoking?"

Texas State Senator Jane Nelson (R-Lewisville) joined members of the Texas House in opposing Perry's executive order. According to a press release issued by Nelson's office, Nelson said there is no need for an executive order in a non-emergency situation.

"Executive orders should be used in extreme circumstances, during times of emergency and when the legislature is not in session," Nelson said in the statement. "We need to be afforded the opportunity to carefully study how this would affect our budget, parental rights and most importantly, the health of our daughters."

According to the same release, state representative Jim Keffer questions the legality of the order.

According to Perry's release, parents may choose not to vaccinate their daughters for reasons of conscience, such as religious reasons.

Jay Byer, pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lubbock, said he believes the decision to vaccinate children should be left up to parents. Byer, who has a 19-year-old daugh-

ter, said he believes parents need information about any vaccine and possible side effects before allowing children to be vaccinated.

"All we talk about is abstinence-only in regards to protection and have no debate on the options," he said. "Now, all of a sudden, there's a mandate on a vaccine? It seems like an overreaction to me."

Byer said he is also concerned about funding for those who can not afford the vaccination.

Sherry Grusendorf, a secretary at St. Elizabeth University Parish in Lubbock, said her problem with the mandate is Perry did not go through the legislative

process.

"If it will prevent cancer, I don't see the problem with it," she said. "I don't like the way it was mandated; I think it should have gone through the legislative branch. I agree with Joe Heflin (R-Crosbyton.) He's an elected official, and I didn't know elected officials don't count. All it took was an executive order and the legislative branches are out."

Grusendorf, who is Heflin's cousin, said she believes because Perry's former Chief of Staff Mike Toomey now works as a lobbyist for Merck, the vaccination's manufacturer, there is more involved in the issue than the Perry has let on.

Gregory Shehan, who also works at St. Elizabeth University Parish, said his biggest problem with the mandate is the lack of knowledge about the vaccination.

"It hasn't been tested very much," he said. "Merck hasn't had the greatest track record."

Representatives from Merck could not be reached for comment.

Grusendorf said overall she believes Perry's decision was good.

"I think his heart was in the right spot, but he may have jumped the gun," she said.

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IT'S ELECTRIFYING!



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PHYSICS INSTRUCTOR GEGE Nevis (middle) helps Josh Willson, a sophomore Chemical engineering major from Lubbock, and Chelsia Housewright, a senior mechanical engineering major from Richardson, understand how to test electrical resistance in the physics lab Tuesday afternoon.

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 This course includes Life-guarding, Standard First Aid, and CPR for the Professional Rescuer. See the web site for class times. Sign up in the Aquatic Center! Call 742.3896 for more details.

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Sports Ticker
Recent Sport Club Results
W. Lacrosse: Finished 3rd at the Longhorn Classic (Austin) on 1/27/07.
W. Volleyball: The A Team won their pool, but lost in the First Round of the Knockout Round at the SIVA Pre-Season Tournament (Waco) on 1/27/07 ;The B Team fell short of winning their pool, but advanced deep into the Silver Bracket, however failed to place.

Questions? Comments?
 Call 742.3351 or email us at recsports@ttu.edu. We look forward to hearing from you!



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Get the kids ready for the water this summer with swimming lessons! Classes are Feb. 6-March 1, T/Th evenings from 6-8 pm. Register at the Recreational Aquatic Center. Call 742.3896 for details!

SATURDAY MORNING SPECIAL! This Saturday is Underwater Hockey and Water Polo! Did you play water polo when you were in high school? Want to learn how? Get in a great workout this Saturday at 10am! Try it and we bet you'll like it!

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New! Mountain Biking Class!
 Registration for the Mountain Bike Class begins this week in FitWell and the Outdoor Pursuits Center. This class will prepare beginner-advanced riders for the Mountain Bike race in late March. Cost is \$25 for 6 weeks and meets on M/W from 8:15-9:15pm.



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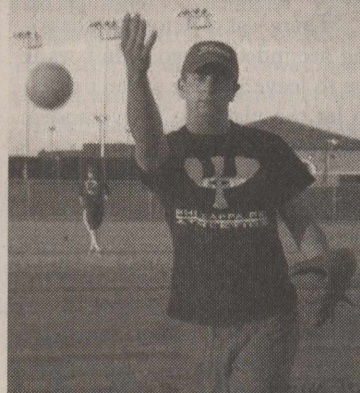


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With IM hoop action heating up, follow all of the action on-line at www.recsports.ttu.edu

Softball Officials Meeting

Are you looking for a fun way to earn some extra cash? Become an intramural softball official! Students interested in officiating are encouraged to attend the first training clinic on Thursday, Feb. 15, at 5 pm in room 201 of the Student Rec Center. This important 34-minute meeting is necessary if you would like to become a softball official at Texas Tech. Softball officials make \$8 per game and are thoroughly trained in the rules, mechanics, and gamesmanship. Some knowledge of baseball or softball is helpful. Still interested? Then locate your *drivers license* and *social security card!* Both are necessary in order to get on payroll! Questions? Call 742.2945.

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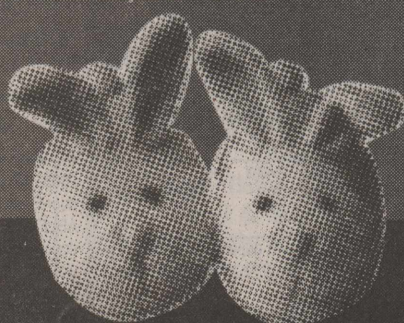
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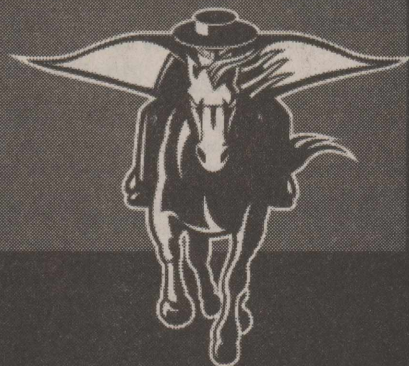
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