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STATE
4 people killed, 3 injured in house fire

HOUSTON (AP) — Four people were killed, including three children, and three others were injured Sunday in a pre-dawn house fire, authorities said.

Firefighters responding to 911 calls about 3:30 a.m. CST found the family's wood-frame house in Fresno, a rural area about 16 miles southwest of Houston, fully engulfed, said Terriann Carlson, a spokeswoman for the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Department.

A toddler-aged girl and a pair of 1-year-old twins — a boy and a girl — died at the scene, said Carlson, who did not have the names of the victims. A 26-year-old unidentified man who tried rescuing the family also died in the blaze, Carlson added. His relationship to the family was unclear.

NATION
N.Y. snow hits 9.5 feet deep

PARISH, N.Y. (AP) — The snow got even deeper Sunday but the end was in sight after a weeklong series of squalls that have buried towns on one corner of Lake Ontario. By early Sunday, the persistent streams of squalls fueled by moisture from the lake had piled snow 115 inches deep at the Oswego County town of Parish, about 25 miles northeast of Syracuse.

WORLD
Gates to Putin: 'one cold war is enough'

MUNICH, Germany (AP) — Pentagon chief Robert Gates responded Sunday to Vladimir Putin's assault on U.S. foreign policy by saying "one Cold War is enough" and that he would go to Moscow to try to reduce tensions. Gates also sought more allied help in Afghanistan. He delivered his first speech as Pentagon chief at a security conference in Germany and then flew to Pakistan to discuss fears of a renewed spring offensive by Taliban fighters in neighboring Afghanistan.

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U.S. officials allege Iran had hand in Iraq bombings

By STEVEN R. HURST
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. military officials on Sunday accused the highest levels of the Iranian leadership of arming Shiite militants in Iraq with sophisticated armor-piercing roadside bombs that have killed more than 170 American forces.

The military command in Baghdad denied, however, that

any newly smuggled Iranian weapons were behind the five U.S. military helicopter crashes since Jan. 20 that were shot out of the sky by insurgent gunfire.

A fifth crash has tentatively been blamed on mechanical failure. In the same period, two private security company helicopters also have crashed but the cause was unclear.

The deadly and highly sophisticated weapons the U.S. military said it traced to Iran are known as

"explosively formed penetrators," or EFPs.

The presentation was the result of weeks of preparation and revisions as U.S. officials put together a package of material to support the Bush administration's claims of Iranian intercession on behalf of militant Iraqis fighting American forces.

Senior U.S. military officials in Baghdad said the display was prompted by the military's concern for "force protection," which, they said, was

guaranteed under the United Nations resolution that authorizes American soldiers to be in Iraq.

Three senior military officials who explained the display said the "machining process" used in the construction of the deadly bombs had been traced to Iran.

The experts, who spoke to a large gathering of reporters on condition that they not be further identified, said the supply trail began with Iran's Revolutionary Guards Quds Force,

which also is accused of arming the Hezbollah guerrilla army in Lebanon. The officials said the EFP weapon was first tested there.

The officials said the Revolutionary Guard and its Quds force report directly to Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

The briefing on Iran was revised heavily after officials decided it was not ready for release as planned last

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ALL THAT JAZZ



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SPECIAL GUEST QUAMON Fowler, with the tenor saxophone, performs with special guests Arlington Jones, on piano, and the United Voices of Love Gospel Choir during the Jazz Ensemble "Black History Spectacle" at the Allen Theatre Friday night. See Page 5 for full coverage.

Obama announces run for presidency

By NEDRA PICKLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Barack Obama announced his bid for president Saturday, a black man evoking Abraham Lincoln's ability to unite a nation and a Democrat portraying himself as a fresh face capable of leading a new generation.

"Let us transform this nation," he told thousands shivering in the cold at the campaign's kickoff.

Obama, 45, is the youngest candidate in the Democrats' 2008 primary field dominated by front-runner Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton and filled with more experienced lawmakers. In an address from the state capital where he began his elective career 10 years ago, the first-term U.S. senator sought to distinguish himself as a staunch opponent of the Iraq war and a White House hopeful whose lack of political experience is an asset.

"I know I haven't spent a lot of time learning the ways of Washington. But I've been there long enough to know that the ways of Washington must change," Obama said to some of the loudest applause of his 20-minute speech.

Obama is looking to cap his remarkable, rapid rise to prominence with the biggest political prize of all — the presidency. His elective career began just 10 years ago in the Illinois Legislature. He lost a bid for a U.S. House seat, then won the Senate seat in 2004, a relatively smooth election made easier by GOP stumbles.

In his speech, Obama did not mention his roots as the son of a man from Kenya and a woman from Kansas, his childhood in Hawaii and Indonesia or the history he would make if elected. That compelling biography has turned him into a political celebrity.

Instead, he focused on his life in Illinois over the past two decades, beginning with a job as a community organizer with a \$13,000-a-year salary that strengthened his Christian faith. He said the struggles he saw people face inspired him to get a law degree and run for the Legislature, where he served eight years.

He tied his announcement to the legacy of Lincoln, announcing from the building where the future 16th president served in the state Legislature.

"We can build a more hopeful America. And that is why, in the shadow of the Old State Capitol, where Lincoln once called on a house divided to stand together, where common hopes and common dreams still live, I stand before you today to announce my candidacy for President of the United States of America," Obama said. His voice rose to a shout as he spoke over the cheers from thousands who braved temperatures in the teens.

"I know it's a little chilly, but I'm fired up," Obama said as he took the podium with his wife Michelle and daughters Malia, 8, and Sasha, 5, with U2's "City of Blinding Lights" blaring on the speakers.

After the speech, the family,

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Suspect in foot chase accused of theft in SUB

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech police arrested a non-student just after 4 p.m. Thursday for attempting to steal \$50 worth of clothes from the Barnes and Noble bookstore in the Student Union Building. Tech police eventually detained a 28-year-old male on Fourth Street just north of Jones AT&T Stadium after a pursuit across campus and a brief foot chase, Tech police said.

Maj. Gordon Hoffman of the Tech police department said the suspect's obvious anxiety is what gave him away.

"Our officers first spotted a suspicious character walking around in the U.C. with a blue duffel bag," Hoffman said. "When he got outside, he quickly smoked a cigarette and was acting really nervous."

Hoffman said the suspect then decided to walk across Tech campus through the engineering quad at a fast pace.

He said a few Tech police officers followed him all the way to the commuter parking lot next to Jones AT&T Stadium.

Hoffman said Tech police finally decided to approach the suspect in the parking lot.

"Our officers asked him to open the duffel bag but the suspect refused,"

Hoffman said. "Then the suspect answered, 'If I show you what's in the bag, will you let me go?'"

Hoffman said the police officer denied the suspect's request, which resulted in the suspect running from the officer on foot.

He said the foot chase ended at the construction site located next to the Jones AT&T Stadium. Hoffman said the suspect almost jumped the orange fence around the construction site, which would have been about a 50-foot drop, but was detained before he did.

Anna Schumann, a junior journalism and political science major from Houston, said she was attempting to leave campus when she witnessed the brief foot chase.

She said a Tech police cruiser stopped directly in front of her vehicle, and a police officer began to talk to an individual.

"The guy, whoever he was, had a blue duffel bag in his hand and was talking to the police officer. I thought they were joking," Schumann said. "Then all of a sudden, the police car's lights turn on, and the guy starts running."

The suspect was taken to the Lubbock County Jail and faces possible charges of theft and evading arrest.

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Portugal debates easing strict abortion laws

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — Portugal is deciding in a national referendum Sunday whether to discard its strict abortion law, a battle that pits the Socialist government against conservative parties and the Catholic Church.

The center-left Socialist government wants to grant women the right to opt for abortion during the first 10 weeks of pregnancy.

Portugal, where more than 90 percent of people say they are Catholic, has one of the most restrictive abortion laws in the European Union. The procedure is allowed only in cases of rape, fetal malformation or if a mother's health is in danger, and only in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy.

In 23 other EU nations, abortion is permitted within much broader limits. Women can ask for abortions up to the 24th week of pregnancy in Britain and up to the 12th week in Germany, France and Italy.

The government has portrayed the ballot as a measure of Portugal's willingness to adopt more modern attitudes. Its effort to change the law, though, has run into emphatic opposition from the church, which wants to keep the restrictions in place.

More than 50 percent of the country's almost 9 million registered voters need to cast ballots for the referendum's outcome to be binding. If the turnout is lower, the referendum is nullified.

The single question on the ballot asks voters if they want to allow abor-

tion up to the 10th week.

Four hours before polls closed, only 31 percent of the country's voters had cast their ballot, according to the National Election Commission.

Maria Candida Duarte, 72, voting at a Lisbon polling station, said she wanted to keep the strict policies in place.

"It's urgent to maintain our position. A child has a right to life — from conception," she said.

Carlos Sousa, 56, condemned the existing legislation: "It's a bad law, not adjusted to our society."

Recent opinion polls have indicated that a majority of Portugal's voters intend to approve the change.

In 1998, a majority of voters rejected a similar proposal; the refer-

endum was declared void because of a low turnout, and Portugal's policy remained unchanged.

"I've come to vote because I don't want the outcome to be that of the other referendum where nothing was decided," said Manuel Antonio, 58, voting with his wife in central Lisbon. "What's at stake is women's ability to decide. The current law does not fit with Europe."

Anticipating a repeat of the 1998 referendum, Prime Minister Jose Socrates has said that if the turnout is too low to make the ballot binding but the "Yes" camp collects most of the votes cast, he will use his party's majority in Parliament to push through legislation allowing abortion.

Harvard's board names first female president

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Harvard University named historian Drew Gilpin Faust as its first female president on Sunday, ending a lengthy and secretive search to find a successor to Lawrence Summers and his tumultuous five-year tenure.

The seven-member Harvard Corporation elected Faust, a noted scholar of the American South and dean of Harvard's Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, as the university's 28th president. The board of overseers recommended her for the post. She was chosen after a search in which a number

of potential candidates said they were not interested in the job.

"This is a great day, and a historic day, for Harvard," James R. Houghton, chairman of the presidential search committee, said in a statement. "Drew Faust is an inspiring and accomplished leader, a superb scholar, a dedicated teacher, and a wonderful human being."

With a naming of Faust, half of the eight Ivy League schools will have a woman as president. Her selection is noteworthy given the uproar over Summers' comments that genetic differences between the sexes might help explain the dearth of women in

top science jobs, comments which sparked debates about equality at Harvard and nationwide.

Faust oversaw the creation of two faculty task forces, formed in the aftermath of Summers' remarks, to examine gender diversity at Harvard. She has been dean of Radcliffe since 2001, two years after the former women's college was merged into the university as a research center with a mission to study gender issues.

"Our shared enterprise is to make Harvard's future even more remarkable than its past," Faust said in a statement released ahead of a scheduled news conference. "That will

mean recognizing and building on what we already do well. It will also mean recognizing what we don't do as well as we should, and not being content until we find ways to do better."

Some professors have quietly groused that — despite the growing centrality of scientific research to Harvard's budget — the 371-year-old university is appointing a fifth consecutive president who is not a scientist. No scientist has had the top job since James Bryant Conant retired in 1953; its last four have come from the fields of classics, law, literature and economics.

Obama

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several dozen members of the media and the new campaign staff boarded a plane — "Obama One," a flight attendant called it — for Iowa, where Democrats are scheduled to have the first chance to vote for the nominee. The senator and his wife greeted reporters in the back of the plane, but Obama insisted he just wanted to say hello and didn't want to be quoted.

"I'm in it to win it," Obama declared at a rally in Waterloo,

borrowing what has been the signature line of Clinton's early campaign.

Earlier, at a town hall meeting in a packed high school gym in Cedar Rapids, Obama spoke for an hour but only had time to take five questions from the audience, covering foreign affairs, defense and education. The audience groaned when he said he had to leave, but he promised to return.

"There was a big crowd today," he said. "But let's face it, the novelty's going to wear off."

Obama gained national recognition with the publication of two best-selling books, "Dreams From My Father" and "The Audacity of Hope," and by delivering the keynote address at the Democratic National Conven-

tion in 2004 — the same year he was elected to the Senate. His optimistic message and personal story immediately sparked talk of his White House potential.

Brenda and Michael Talkington, who live near Muncie, Ind., said they have never been involved in a political campaign, but both were laid off from jobs with a lighting company and plan to volunteer for Obama. They got up at 4:30 a.m. to make the speech.

"He makes you feel like it is possible to change things," Brenda Talkington said.

She seemed to be reading from Obama's playbook.

He spoke of reshaping the economy for the digital age, investing in education, protecting employee benefits, insuring those who do not have health care, ending poverty, weaning America from foreign oil and fighting terrorism while rebuilding global alliances. But he said the first priority must be to end

the war in Iraq.

"It's time to admit that no amount of American lives can resolve the political disagreement that lies at the heart of someone else's civil war," he said. He noted that he was against the invasion from the start.

Obama talked how previous generations have brought change — fighting off colonizers, slavery and the Great Depression, welcoming immigrants, building railroads and landing a man on the moon.

"Each and every time, a new generation has risen up and done what's needed to be done," he said. "Today we are called once more — and it is time for our generation to answer that call."

Obama said it is because of Lincoln that Americans of every race face the challenges of the 21st century together.

"The life of a tall, gangly, self-made Springfield lawyer tells us that a different future is possible," Obama said. "He tells us that there is power in words. He tells us that there is power in conviction. That beneath all the differences of race and region, faith and station, we are one people. He tells us that there is power in hope."

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Iran

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month. Senior U.S. officials in Washington — cautious after the drubbing the administration took for the faulty intelligence leading to the 2003 Iraq invasion — had held back because they were unhappy with the original presentation.

The display appeared to be part of the White House drive that has empowered U.S. forces in Iraq to use all means to curb Iranian influence in the country, including killing Iranian agents.

It included a power-point slide program and a handful of mortar shells and rocket-propelled grenades which the military officials said were made in Iran.

The centerpiece of the display, however, was a gray metal pipe about 10 inches long and 6 inches in diameter, the exterior casing of what the military said was an EFP, the roadside bomb that shoots out fist-sized wads of nearly molten copper that can penetrate the armor on an Abrams tank.

"A normal roadside bomb is like a shotgun blast. But these are like a rifle. They're focused and they're aimed. ... It's going to take anything out in its way, go in one side and out the other," said

1st Lt. Zane Galvach, 25, of Dayton, Ohio, a soldier with the Army's 2nd Division, based in Baghdad.

The EFPs, as well as Iranian-made mortar shells and rocket-propelled grenades, have been supplied to what the military officials termed "rogue elements" of the Mahdi Army militia of anti-American Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. He is a key backer of Shiite Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

The U.S. officials glossed over armaments having reached the other major Shiite militia organization, the Badr Brigade. It is the military wing of Iraq's most powerful Shiite political organization, the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, whose leaders also have close ties to the U.S.

Many key government figures and members of the Shiite political establishment have deep ties to Iran, having spent decades there in exile during Saddam Hussein's rule. The Badr Brigade was formed and trained by Iran's Revolutionary Guard.

The U.S. officials said there was no evidence of Iranian-made EFPs having fallen into the hands of Sunni insurgents who operate mainly in Anbar province in the west of Iraq, Baghdad and regions surrounding the capital.

"We know more than we can show," said one of the senior officials, when pressed for tangible evidence that the

EFPs were made in Iran.

An intelligence analyst in the group said Iran was working through "multiple surrogates" — mainly in the Mahdi Army — to smuggle the EFPs into Iraq. He said most of the components are entering the country at crossing points near Amarah, the Iranian border city of Meran and the Basra area of southern Iraq.

The analyst said Iraq's Shiited-led government had been briefed on Iran's involvement and Iraqi officials had asked the Iranians to stop. Al-Maliki has said he told both the U.S. and Iran that he does not want his country turned into a proxy battlefield.

Last week, U.S. officials said they were investigating allegations that Shiite lawmaker Jamal Jaafar Mohammed was a main conduit for Iranian weapons entering the country. Mohammed has believed to have fled to Iran.

U.S. officials have alleged for years that weapons were entering the country from Iran but had until Sunday stopped short of alleging involvement by top Iranian leaders.

During the briefing, a senior defense official said that one of the six Iranians detained in January in the northern city of Irbil was the operational commander of the Quds Force.

Lubbock literacy programs give adults second chance

By NAOMI KASKELA
STAFF WRITER

With most males and females more than 15 years of age being able to read in the United States, literacy classes may not be necessary for many people, including students on the Texas Tech campus. However, for those who are illiterate or need help in some other way, there are several opportunities around the Hub City.

According to the Web site CIA.gov, 99 percent of males and females are literate in the U.S., compared to countries like Sierra Leone where the literacy rate is 20.6 percent for the overall population.

Literacy Lubbock, formerly the Lubbock Area Coalition for Literacy, is a non-profit organization whose mission is to "promote empowerment of adults and families to change their lives through literacy by developing, conducting and supporting literacy programs," according to the Web site.

Carol Ratliff, volunteer coordinator for Literacy Lubbock, said the organization offers free help to individuals who want to improve their lives through literacy.

"Mainly, we help adults when the public systems stop helping them," she said.

Literacy Lubbock offers one-on-one tutoring with the help of volunteers and paid teachers, Ratliff said. The pool of volunteers includes some Tech students.

Colleen Fitzgerald, a professor specializing in linguistics in Tech's English Department, is responsible for many of the Tech students who volunteer at Literacy Lubbock, Ratliff said.

There is a dyslexia program for adults, which Ratliff said is especially important. Still, individuals can get help on almost anything.

"If they want to read well enough to read to their children, we help them with that," she said.

Classes and other programs in the Hub City do not necessarily target

individuals who are illiterate, but they are also for the general population.

"We have a program for adults at every location, such as movie night and game night," said Jane Clausen, director of the Lubbock public library system. "People enjoy coming out and learning new things and interacting with people."

The first annual "Reach for the Gold — Read" program, which was piloted at Patterson Branch Library in 2006, began in January with the hopes of encouraging more adults to read, said Betty Brandiger, a library assistant at the Godeke Branch Library and a member of the program's committee.

Helen Viser-Fitzgerald, branch manager and librarian at Patterson, said she came up with the idea when she visited various libraries around the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

The program gives adults the opportunity to enter different drawings, which are held weekly and monthly; there will also be one grand-prize drawing.

"The primary goal is to encourage library use for adults," Brandiger said.

Viser-Fitzgerald, the chair of the program committee, said so far 50 people have signed up at each loca-

tion, but she hopes the numbers will rise.

"Our goal is at least 200 people at each location, but if we get 100 we will be thrilled," she said.

Getting adults back in the library is something people in the profession are talking about, she said.

One reason for adults staying away may be they are unaware how to maneuver around a library.

"I think what intimidates some people is that our catalog is accessible on the computer, it is not a traditional catalog, a card catalog, like they are used to," Brandiger said. "The main thing about losing your fear is to face it; do it a few times."

Brandiger, Viser-Fitzgerald and Clausen all stressed the importance of individuals coming to the library.

"I would just encourage people who have not used a library for years to come in and see what services we have available," Brandiger said.

For Viser-Fitzgerald, the joy of being able to read a book and share it is important as well.

"If you've never shared a book with someone, do it because it is such a good feeling," she said.

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N. Korea nuclear talks drag on over energy

BEIJING (AP) — Talks on dismantling North Korea's nuclear programs were on the verge of foundering Sunday as negotiators failed to overcome differences on the North's demands for energy aid but scheduled a final day of meetings.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill said the talks had snagged on the amount of energy assistance Pyongyang would receive as an inducement for disarming. But he said that a deal could still be reached Monday, the last scheduled day for the negotiations.

"I'm not here telling you the negotiations have failed. We have another day," Hill told reporters after a fourth day of meetings in Beijing.

The current round of six-nation talks began on a promising note, after the United States and North Korea signaled a willingness to compromise. But since the talks entered the second

day, envoys have said negotiations were becoming stuck on a single issue: energy assistance.

"We're not interested in an energy deal. We're interested in a de-nuclearization deal," Hill said, adding that he had a "lengthy and very frank" discussion with the North Koreans on the issue.

Envoys questioned whether the six-nation talks that have plodded on in fits and starts since 2003 would be worth pursuing if the current session ends without resolution.

"I think we have a real problem if we can't reach an agreement on this," Hill said.

"Because this round could be the crossroads, today's talks took place in an atmosphere of heightened tension," Japan's negotiator Kenichiro Sasae said. "The situation remains severe."

South Korean envoy Chun Yung-woo said the sticking points touch

on vital interests of many of the parties. "It's not a situation where a breakthrough is in sight," he said.

Negotiators had hoped that the talks would result in North Korea's first concrete steps to dismantling its nuclear programs — especially critical since Pyongyang's successful nuclear test in October.

Envoys have shown rising frustration at North Korea's intransigence, with the Japanese envoy earlier Sunday calling North Korean demands "excessive."

"This is the problem, and unless they change their thinking, an agreement will be difficult," Sasae said.

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Losyukov expressed skepticism that the negotiators could reach agreement on how much assistance North Korea should receive.



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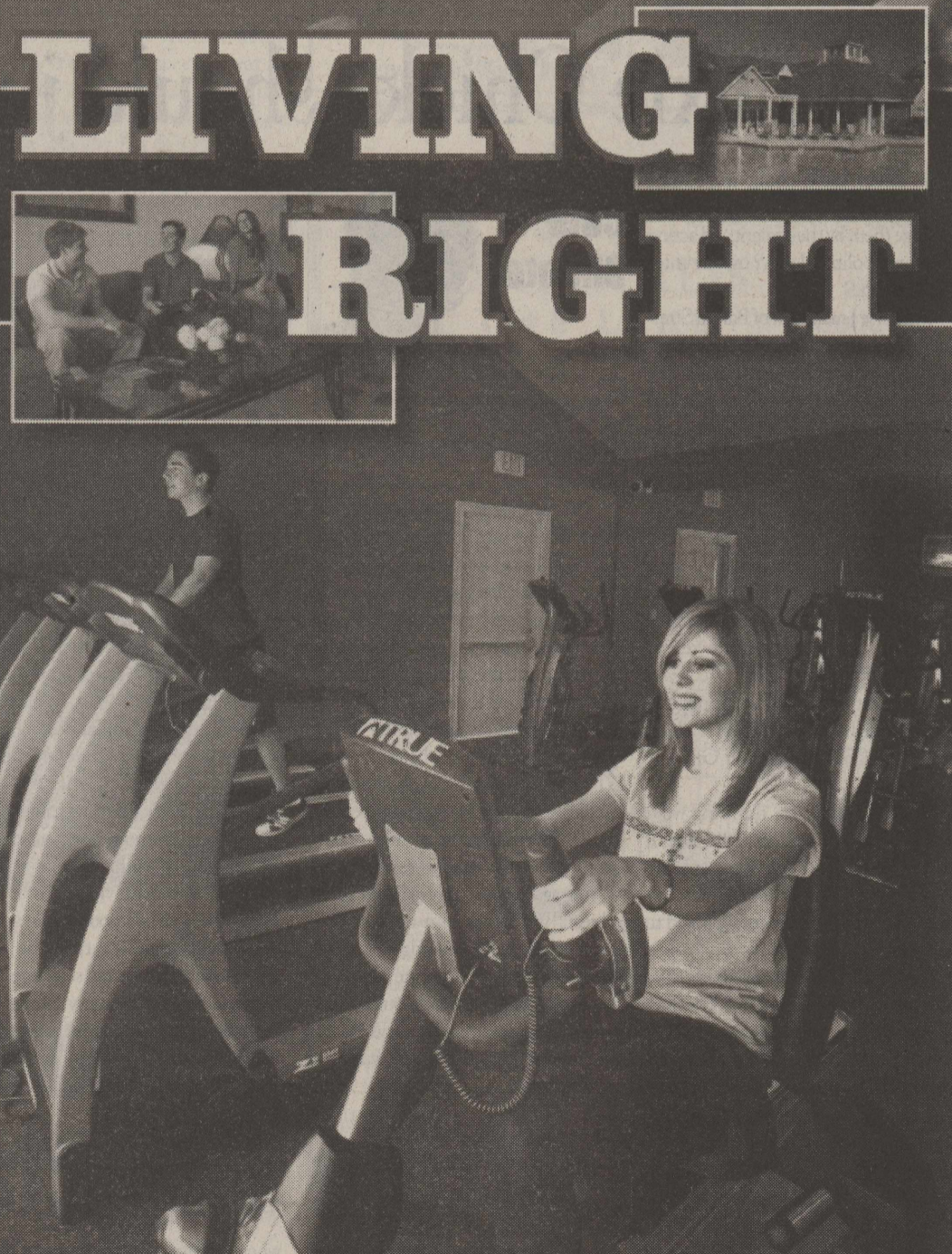
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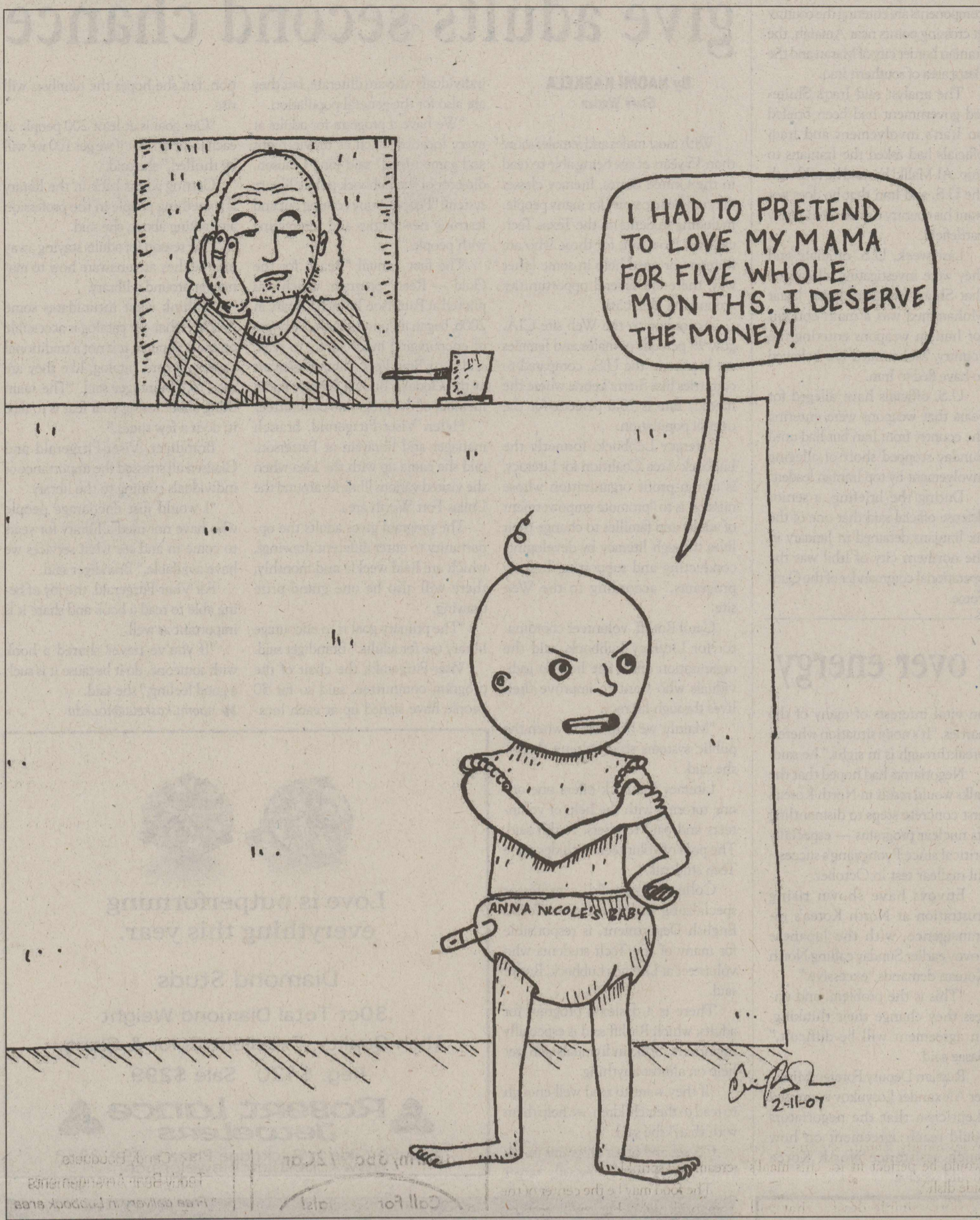
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OPINIONS



The Dixie Chicks should just go away

I've never cared about what most celebrities believe politically. I usually judge them by their talent and acting ability, and politics doesn't usually enter in that realm.

Of course I make fun of Barbra Streisand — some because of her political views, but mainly because I don't like anything she's done. Often topping the list of politically charged celebrities lately are the Dixie Chicks. Now nominated for five Grammy awards (at the time that I write this, the Grammy Awards have yet to take place), they've been catapulted into the limelight again more for their anti-Bush rhetoric than their music.

Many media outlets have jumped on the chance to once again report on their favorite "bad girls" of country music. Even though they've been in the media spotlight for a while, everything has been reignited with their Grammy nominations.

While I won't start throwing well-deserved aspersions about the liberal media, the Dixie Chicks have enjoyed gaining great publicity from their political ranting while they were supposed to be serious musicians.

The Dixie Chicks threw themselves into the political spotlight in 2003 when on tour in Britain promoting their album "Top of the world." Lead singer Natalie

Cole Shooter



Maines said to the crowd, "Just so you know, we are ashamed the president of the United States is from the state of Texas."

The girls came home to a very unhappy listener base and were surprised to find their former fans getting rid of their anti-Bush merchandise.

After taking three years to formulate and release their first new album after their jump into the partisan side of music, they've changed their style quite a bit. They've moved toward country-rock to appeal more to those who aren't quite as likely to be offended by their political babblings, though Maines was quoted as saying, "We'd rather be the rock stars of country than the lame-asses of rock."

Yet again, they contradicted themselves: "We never in a million years knew people were listening to what we said. Like Emily said, we never use the stage as a place to preach our political beliefs or spiritual beliefs. And we still won't. And that's not what I was doing

that night either. It seemed odd to not mention anything about what was going on, granted I mentioned it in the wrong way," Maines said in 2003.

Despite claims they wouldn't "use the stage as a place to preach our political beliefs or spiritual beliefs," the Dixie Chicks performed in numerous "Vote for Change" concerts with the likes of Bruce Springsteen, REM and Dave Matthews.

Even though the concerts were well-attended, they failed to pull the results the performers were hoping for. For instance, they gave six "Vote for Change" concerts in Ohio, which much to the performers' chagrin, still went to President George W. Bush in 2004.

Mickey Hart, a former Grateful Dead member, had a few words about politically charged music now: "I think people are paranoid. I think that if they speak out, they think they're gonna get whacked by the government. It's pretty oppressive now. Look at the Dixie Chicks. They got whacked."

There is much evidence that even though they've been outspoken against the current administration, the Dixie Chicks are still alive and selling records. Performing at the Grammy Awards illustrates that they are far from having been "whacked." Hart's words also illustrate

drugs are bad.

When asked about the Dixie Chicks' commentary, he said, "The Dixie Chicks are free to speak their mind. They can say what they want to say. They shouldn't have their feelings hurt just because some people don't want to buy their records when they speak out ... Freedom is a two-way street. I don't really care what the Dixie Chicks said. I want to do what I think is right for the American people, and if some singers or Hollywood stars feel like speaking out, that's fine. That's the great thing about America. It stands in stark contrast to Iraq."

I've never regarded them as good musicians because I've always thought they were terrible. I've never liked their songs, I've never liked their voices and I can vaguely remember a time whenever I heard "Goodbye Earl" that my ambitions would turn to making a real-life enactment of Grand Theft Auto III.

The fact remains that even though I regard them going overseas to begin their bashing of our president as cowardly, if I liked their music, I'd likely still listen to it. Luckily for me, that won't be a problem with the Dixie Chicks anytime soon.

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Love is an action

I noticed something strange. When people are angry, upset or annoyed, they are likely to take action on that feeling. Someone might yell, fight, complain or write a nasty note. However, people who have been made happy or are feeling great love don't like to share it as often; it's easier to be lazy and selfish. One can sit and enjoy ooey-goey feelings of love and hardly thank the person who inspired that emotion.

Don't miss out on being thankful. Sharing your love is the greatest way to increase it. Real love is shown through action: "Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, 'Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?" (James 2:15-16.) This shows how a feeling, not supported by action, is meaningless.

I also recommend action beyond the appealing physical interactions of couples. You can kiss your boyfriend and tell him you love him, but it may mean more to spend time learning about his interests instead of only talking about yourself. Buy your girlfriend flowers for Valentine's Day, but it may be even better to listen to her more and learn to communicate better.

Right now, I'm extremely excited my boyfriend is writing me a love letter for Valentine's Day. Why? Because he doesn't enjoy writing that much. But writing is important and meaningful to me, so he's willing to make the time for it.

Along with going out of the way to do something kind for another, I want to learn how to express love for others through interactions of normal days. If you love someone, you should respect his or her time by not being late. (This is also a good way to show respect for professors.) Challenge friends to grow in maturity and provide help. Let go of grudges.

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." (Ephesians 4:29) Also, learn how to resolve problems together and try to prevent them in the future.

Ginger Kapalka



I'd never had a worthwhile disagreement until I was dating my boyfriend. Most arguments have no benefit or resolution and just leave me with a sore spot. My boyfriend won't let me leave until we've resolved the problem. He wants to make certain we understand each other, both admit blame and figure out how to keep it from happening again.

Hopefully, I've learned from it. Last summer was probably the first time in my life I truly tried to stop fighting with my sister. We haven't solved all our problems yet, but I am at least learning how to stay silent when I want to speak in anger.

In every part of our lives, we should strive to imitate the perfect love God gives to us: "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers." (1 John 3:16) Although we may not literally have opportunities to die for each other, the deepest aspect of love is expressed through sacrifice.

I am most challenged when I'm asked to give up my selfish desires. I complain too much about how busy I am, but I'm continually reminded to share my time. I might have to rearrange my schedule to keep a commitment. I may have to unexpectedly give up a night of homework to comfort a friend. God rewards these acts through deepening my friendships and reminds me that all the time I have is what he has given me. I want to spend it in the best way, to share the love he has given me.

Do you genuinely live out your love? See if your attitude aligns with what love is meant to be: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a)

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Podcasts from the classroom

**By JAKE MELVILLE
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(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON — In the next couple of weeks, college students across the country will begin studying for midterms. Thanks to technology, some of them will be able to go back and listen to their lectures again.

Podcasting — or the technology that makes it easier to download audio files as they are released — has begun to take hold in the lecture halls of our nation's universities.

Richard Shingles is a professor of biology and in charge of the podcasting program at the Center for Educational Resources at Johns Hopkins University, in Baltimore, Md. This is the third semester he has been recording his General Biology

course and posting it online for students. The program at Johns Hopkins began last spring with Shingles' class. Now, there are eight courses, mostly large lectures, available for students to download and listen to.

"It's an ancillary to the class," as opposed to a replacement, Shingles said. "Students can use [it] to review lecture material or to catch up on material that they may have missed."

About 18-20 percent of students take advantage of this technology, mostly around exam time Shingles said, citing internal surveys.

Best of all, he said, the nature of the product means that "students can review lecture material on their own time and when it is most convenient to them." This reduces the need discussion sections,

when students would otherwise review lecture materials.

Johns Hopkins isn't the only nationally renowned university with a podcasting program for courses.

Various colleges around the country give professors the opportunity to use the technology, including The George Washington University, Purdue University and the University of California at Berkeley. UC Berkeley boasts one of the largest and most popular coursecasting programs available to the general public.

Berkeley's iTunes site hosts 77 different courses in fields as diverse as philosophy, psychology, international studies and chemistry. Other academic events are also recorded and posted online. Last semester alone, 1,682,520 files were downloaded, and that doesn't even include those in

the month of December.

"As a study tool, this is very beneficial," said Richard Bloom, the Course Webcast Administrator at Berkeley. "Being able to get the lectures and go over something you missed in class or maybe didn't understand can be a great help."

Because of its distribution on iTunes, Berkeley's lectures reach a wider audience than those inside campus gates.

"We get e-mails from people all over the world thanking us for the service and saying how wonderful it is to have a subject that they've always been interested in but were never able to pursue," Bloom said.

Berkeley's program began in the spring of 2006 with over 30 courses available for download online, either through iTunes U or through the school's Web site.

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Poor dialogue slashes heart out of 'Hannibal Rising'

Producer Dino De Laurentiis, who isn't known for his exceptionally good taste in choosing films to produce ("Assassins"), has brought Hannibal the cannibal back for a fifth installment.

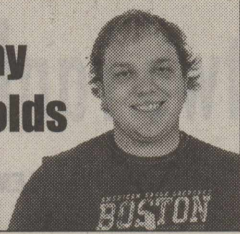
"Hannibal Rising" gives the back story to one of the screen's most infamous serial killers. The only problem is the extremely noticeable absence of actor Anthony Hopkins, who portrayed the killer in past films.

French actor Gaspard Ulliel stars as the young killer, but his perfectly triangular face and punk-rocker attitude makes one wonder if Hopkins would eat the kid after he kills him or simply deem him unworthy to even touch a real killer's esophagus.

Author Thomas Harris, who penned all the Hannibal books, added screenwriter to his résumé with "Rising." The man was still finishing the book as he was putting the final touches on the script. Both of his projects suffered because of this multi-tasking.

What was so great about previous Hannibal films was the imagination they sparked within members of the audience. We didn't need to know how or why Hannibal decided to cut into

Jeremy Reynolds



that first poor soul. Our imaginations answered that for us. In my imagination, wolves raised the serial killer.

"Rising" takes preconceived notions about why Hannibal killed and gives the audience a back story less exotic and sexy.

In the film, Hannibal starts out as a young child in Lithuania, playing with his younger sister, whose minor role might have been one of the best in the film. I loved that she pronounced Hannibal as "Annibal." It gave her a certain character trait most directors and writers overlook when casting a young child.

War, as every movie about World War II has taught us, can be hell at times. Hannibal loses both of his parents early in the film, leaving him and his sister to survive in a small cottage.

A gang of traveling Nazi soldiers sweeps down on the house and, as

hunger begins to set in, their appetite turns their eyes to Hannibal's young sister.

Fast-forward eight years and Hannibal, already showing traits of a true psychopath, is in an orphanage. I would have liked the film to explore the orphanage time in his life a bit more, but it's understandable that this section of the film flies by in a cool five minutes.

Hannibal grows older and begins to demonstrate characteristics of the Hannibal audiences already know and fear. His speech pattern is a calmer and, as a polygraph test shows later in the film, the young Hannibal reacts to nothing.

What was good about this movie was the pacing. There were times when the movie dragged along, but there weren't many. There's a lot to tell from the book and, given that the film was penned by the man who wrote the book, you know he wanted to tell as much of the story as possible.

There's not too much violence in the film, but when the director and writer finally do pull the trigger and unleash Hannibal's wrath, it gets bloody.

I imagine the script was probably

pretty bloody too because no producer in his or her right mind would green-light a film like this without a large number of red notes written alongside the dialogue.

Each character sounds as if he or she was written by Britney Spears. Everyone in the film struggles with the lines of dialogue.

Gong Li, who stars as Hannibal's aunt in the film, has shown impressive acting talent recently with movies like "Memoirs of a Geisha."

In "Rising," it looks as if she has to glance behind the camera every few seconds and stare at the wad of cash dangling from a pole — her only motivation in the movie.

I guess Harris has watched one too many bad '80s action movies in his time; the farther the plot goes, the more things begin to shape up as a direct-to-video Steven Seagal film. The big finale is even shot on a tanker boat out in the water. Where's the originality to that?

2 out of 6 — POOR

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All that jazz: two genres of music collide

By **ALLISON LOWE**
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Allen Theatre was the place to be Friday night as two types of music that rarely are heard together — jazz and gospel — were paired.

Texas Tech's Jazz Ensemble I came together with The United Voice of Love Gospel Choir for the "Jazz and Gospel Black History Spectacle."

Bright lights illuminated the stage of the newly remodeled Allen Theatre, which was almost full for the performance. Two large screens projecting pictures of influential African Americans, such as Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks were set up on stage.

While audience members came seeking a fun night of jazz, many did not expect the performance they witnessed.

Rebekah Stool, a junior business major from San Antonio, said she attended the production because she is enrolled in a history of jazz class. She said she did not know much about jazz, but the event offered her something different to do in Lubbock. She said it was a cultural experience.

"I was very impressed with the size of the production," Stool said. "That was pretty big for being on campus."

Special guests, including Arlington Jones, Quamon Fowler and The United Voices of Love Gospel Choir added to the performance of the already talented Jazz Ensemble I.

The first hour of the performance featured Jazz Ensemble I, which received instant applause from the audience as the musicians entered the stage and began tuning their instruments.

The evening began with the song "Special K," written by director of the jazz band, Brad Leali. The song began with a single piano, followed by entrances from all the instruments in the band. Cheers, whistles and applause came from the audience at the song's conclusion.

Light reflected off the drum set as the

second song began. Leali, the conductor, began to move freely on the stage as the band started to chant "Maria," the name of the song. Audience members were offered the chance to participate in the song as Leali signaled to them to chant the word "Maria" in unison over and over.

"The band on vocals, the audience on vocals," Leali said at the end of the piece, the time when the conductor recognized the soloists in each of the night's songs.

Excessive applause from the audience again followed the end of the performance.

The gospel choir entered for the second hour of the show, and its first song, "The Blessing of Abraham," received another great response from the audience.

It was at this point during the concert when the new combination of jazz and gospel music was heard.

Whitney Cross, a sophomore music education major from Plainview, said it was the first time she had ever seen jazz and gospel music performed together.

"It adds to the caliber that both already had to begin with," Cross said of combining the two genres.

Andy Hall, a restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Arlington, said he enjoyed seeing Arlington Jones, a guest performer who wrote some of the music performed.

Marcus Lang, a trumpet player in Jazz Ensemble I, said it was the first time he has never been nervous at a performance.

"Once you get excited, you just loosen up," said Lang, a sophomore music performance major from Lubbock.

He said performing with musicians such as Jones presented a different experience.

"It was amazing, Lang said of the performance. "I can't really compare it to anything because it is new to me."

Tech students who want to attend upcoming jazz events should mark March 22, March 30 and March 31 on their calendars and watch TechAnnounce for more details.

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The guy's guide to preparing the ideal Valentine's Day dinner

By **HALEY DAVIS**
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Guys who want to impress their lady friends this Valentine's Day should think about setting up a romantic dinner for two.

There are several things to consider when preparing a romantic meal.

The first thing to think about is table and mood setting.

According to the Web site www.interiordec.about.com, there are a few simple steps to follow in order to create the perfect environment. Flowers are crucial, and any kind will do, but since it is Valentine's Day, roses are a safe bet. Next, according to the Web site, turn on some romantic music and dim the lights. Light candles everywhere; it is preferable to use only one or two scents to avoid clashing too many fragrances together. For a bonus, find out her favorite scent.

For the table, use a pink or red tablecloth or anything that follows the romantic theme. According to the

Web site, scattered rose petals or any kind of flower will surely set the right mood. For a sweeter garnish, grab a pack of candy Sweethearts and throw some of those around the table.

According to the Web site, when it comes to dishes, use the nicest dishes and silverware available. The thought will surely be appreciated.

The next thing to think about is what to serve for dinner. For an Italian appetizer, Emily Berset, manager at the Hub City restaurant Orlando's, said bruschetta is the way to go.

To make this appetizer, Berset suggested first purchasing a loaf of French bread, and then cutting the loaf into slices. Next, spread pesto sauce, butter and mozzarella cheese on the bread slices.

Berset said to bake the bread on a cookie sheet at 400 degrees Fahrenheit for about five minutes, then top with diced tomatoes.

Sean Omara, general manager of Gardski's, suggested a healthy entrée that's both quick and easy to throw

together.

Omara said the first thing to do is marinate chicken breasts in limeade, which can be found in the frozen section of a supermarket. Next, cook the chicken breasts whichever way is preferred, baked or grilled probably works best for this recipe. Omara said a tasty garnish for the chicken consists of cilantro, garlic and some avocado slices on top. For a spicy kick, Omara said put a cup of jack cheese on top of the chicken.

For a healthy side dish, Omara said fresh steamed broccoli with butter and seasoned salt should do the trick. Additionally, Omara said rice pilaf would be perfect fit for this meal's side dish.

For a simple dessert that will surely please, try a sweetheart parfait, a layered dessert. According to the creative homemaking Web site, only a few ingredients are needed to create this decadent delight.

First, grab three or four large strawberries and cut them up. Next, get one

tablespoon of chocolate syrup, 1/2 cup of vanilla yogurt, some whipped cream and sprinkles to top it off. Serve in two glasses. Parfait glasses are preferable, but according to the Web site, short-stemmed wine glasses or two tall glasses will do.

According to the Web site, layer those few ingredients in each of the two glasses in this order. First, two to three tablespoons of yogurt, one tablespoon of chocolate syrup, two or three more tablespoons of yogurt, a handful of cut up strawberries and another two to three tablespoons of yogurt. After chilling the two parfaits in the refrigerator, top with whipped cream and sprinkles.

The food may be the center of the romantic night, but small gestures shouldn't be forgotten.

According to the creative homemaking Web site, a special treat for a gal is to write down 20 things that are loved or really liked about that girl and slip it under her dinner plate.

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Wildcats erase losing streak with win over Lady Raiders

By **STEPHEN MONAHAN**
SPORTS EDITOR

Kansas State did not need much rain to end its recent drought.

The Wildcats ended their four-game losing streak by outscoring Texas Tech 44-18 in the paint en route to a 66-59 victory Sunday at the United Spirit Arena.

"We've been shooting 3s like raindrops," Kansas State coach Deb Patterson said of her team during its recent skid. "There's been about thousand of them I think we shot in the last six games."

Actually, the Wildcats put up 141 shots from beyond the arc in that six-game span, including 14-of-72 their last three games. But behind underclassmen Shalee Lehning and Ashley Sweat's combined 32 points on 15-of-23 shooting from the floor, including just one 3-point shot, the Wildcats were able to fend off a late run from the Lady Raiders for the win.

"It's been a long drought for us," Patterson said. "I was more than tired of watching us play on the perimeter. We just brought a greater disposition to working to get to the rim."

Down 12-8, Kansas State used a 23-10 to end the first half behind 14 points from Lehning and Sweat to take a 31-22 lead at halftime.

During the last 13 minutes of the first half, Tech had just one field goal thanks to junior Erin Myrick. Senior Alesha Robertson made six straight free throws during that span, but without scoring from the floor, Tech seemingly could not recover from Kansas State's first-half knockout.

"It seemed like Kansas State came out and threw the first punch and we were never able to recover," Tech coach Kristy Curry said. "They played great basketball and deserved to win."

Kansas State (16-8, 4-7 Big 12) maintained its momentum in the second half, stretching its lead to as much as 17 points at 53-37 with a little more than eight minutes remaining in regulation.

Tech (14-11, 5-6) cut the deficit to as close as six at 61-55 after a 3-pointer from Robertson and a bucket from Myrick with 1:10 remaining, but it was not enough.

Curry said the Lady Raiders, who shot 5-of-19 from 3-point range, relied more on their shooting from the outside instead of scoring in the paint like it did against Baylor when senior Patrice Edwards scored 33 points.

"I thought today it looked like we were really searching around the perimeter for a little bit of fire, a little bit of umph, a little bit of energy," Curry said, "and we've just got to keep trying to find that."

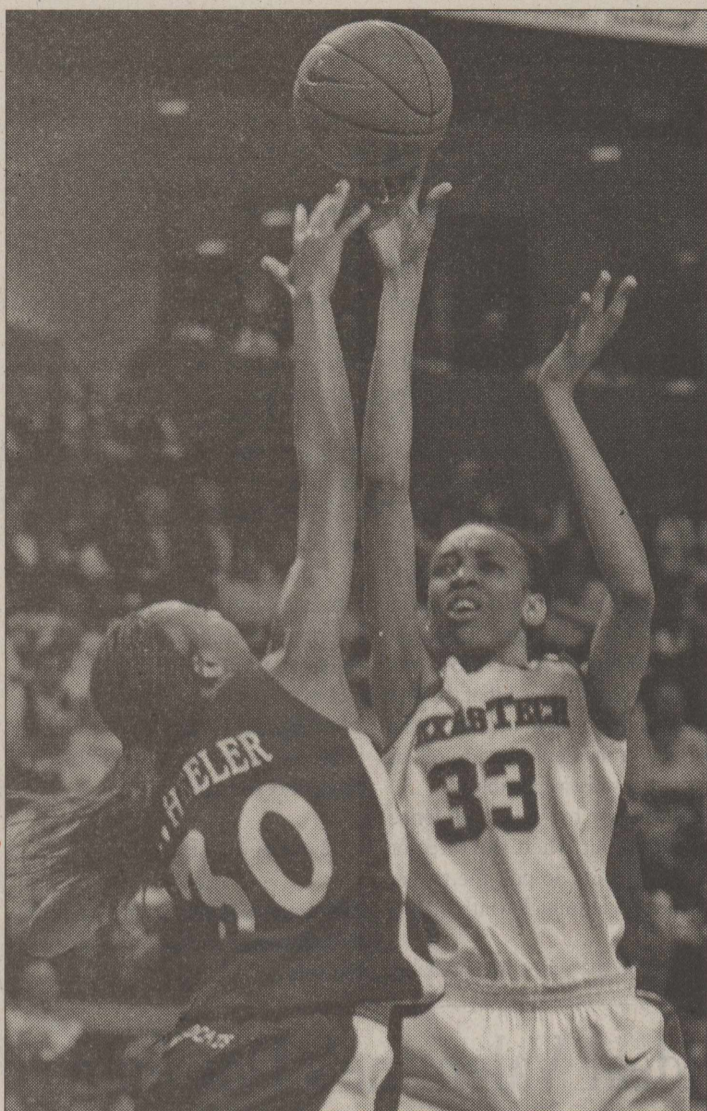
Robertson, who finished with 15 points and eight rebounds, said despite shooting 19-of-59 from the floor against Kansas State, the team needed to keep shooting the ball.

"It was just one of those games where our shots weren't falling," Robertson said. "The only thing you can do is just keep putting them up."

Coach Patterson said she attributed Sunday's win to the energy her team, who had lost six of its last seven games coming in, used to fight through adversity.

"It means a lot to our basketball team to come out here and fight and find a way to win the basketball game," Patterson said. "Today I thought the difference in the game for us was the fact that we really worked hard on our offensive possessions to maximize the intensity and the penetration to the rim."

Curry and the Lady Raiders' next four games are against teams who are currently ranked in the Top 25 or have been at some point during the season.



TEXAS TECH'S PATRICE EDWARDS attempts a shot during a game against Kansas State Sunday afternoon at the United Spirit Arena.

The first-year coach has said the Big 12 is full of parity with each game being a struggle no matter the opponent.

After her team's win over the Lady Raiders, Patterson said the competition in the Big 12 is something that cannot

be overlooked.

"If you're going to be competitive in the Big 12, you can't duck your head," she said. "If you pack it in, you're going to be in real sad shape when it's all said and done."

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Men's tennis team defeats two ranked opponents

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The Texas Tech men's tennis team answered a challenge that came early in the season, as it traveled to Seattle to defeat No. 42 Louisville and No. 34 Middle Tennessee State.

Tech faced off against two ranked teams; one of them was a team Tech had never beaten before. The men finally

got that first win against the Cardinals, defeating them 4-1. The doubles point was swept by the No. 56 Red Raiders as Teddy DiBlasi and Dimitrio Martinez took down David Simon and Robert Rotaru, 8-6. The upset came when Bojan Szumanski and Christian Rojmar defeated Slavko Radman and Damar Johnson, 8-6. Radman and Johnson are the No. 24 ranked duo in the country. The singles competition was dominated by Tech as

the only loss came when Louisville's No. 71 ranked Slavko Radman defeated No. 12 Bojan Szumanski, 7-6 (7-2), 6-1. Tech took over when No. 92 Sinisa Markovic defeated David Simon, 7-6 (7-4), 6-4 and Michael Breler and Milos Kustudija

bounced back from last week's losses to get the final two points to lock up the win for Tech. Breler and Kustudija improved their singles record to 2-1, and Markovic started the season off with a 3-0 singles record.

Next, Tech faced No. 34 Middle Tennessee State Saturday, and Tech responded to the challenge by taking down the Blue Raiders 4-1. Doubles competition was again dominated by Tech as

Sinisa Markovic and Michael Breler had a hard fought match against Marc Rocafort and Morgan Richard. Tech came out on top, 9-8 (7-5). Teddy DiBlasi and Dimitrio Martinez continued their success defeating Marc Boiron and Joao Paoliello, 9-8 (7-3). The singles competition was taken over by Tech as well. Martinez took down Marco Born in two sets, 6-4, 6-4. Breler continued his success, defeating Pailiello, 6-0, 6-1, and Milos Kustudija defeated Alex McCann, 6-2, 6-3, continuing his streak as well. The only singles Tech lost came when Richard defeated Rojmar, 6-3, 6-3.

Coach Tim Siegel said his team is playing the way they should be playing, and it is an accomplishment to get these two wins.

"These were two tremendous wins for us as a team," Siegel said. "Both competitors are top 35 teams, and beating Middle Tennessee State indoors is a huge momentum boost," he said. "Doubles proved to be key in both wins for the team, and I believe we're improving with every match."

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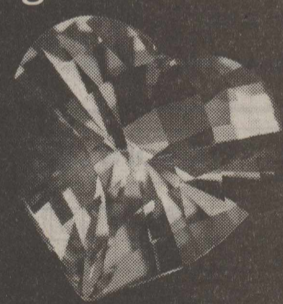
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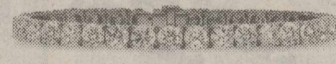


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Texas Tech track no chicken at Tyson Invitational

By PAUL ROBERTS
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The Texas Tech track team stood strong against a stiff field of competition Saturday in Fayetteville, Ark., at the Tyson Invitational. While most of the team traveled to Fayetteville, a portion of the track team

remained in Lubbock for the Texas Tech Open, which yielded four new school records and 12 personal bests for Tech athletes.

In Fayetteville, the women's medley team placed third against a field of 13 women's squads ranked in the top 20 in the nation.

The medley team of Sally Kippy-

ego, Asia Diaz, Irene Kimaiyo and Sandra Inwunze ran a NCAA provisional qualifying time of 11:19.58 — a new school record. The time beats the previous record of 11:34.15. Tennessee University placed first in the women's medley with a time of 11:11.32. The Duke University's women's medley team fell behind Tennessee, running the event in 11:15.20.

In the women's pole vault event, Tech junior Kelley Schulz placed ninth, reaching a height of 12-00.75. UCLA pole vaulter Ingrid Kantola won the event with a height of 13-2.50.

In the men's one-mile run, junior Edwin Sang ran a 4:12.75 mile to place fourth in the event.

Marlon Odom continued his successful season with a fourth place finish in the 60-meter hurdles finals. Odom's 7.81 time was a just more than the first place time by UCLA runner Kevin Craddock, who finished the event in 7.73 seconds.

The Red Raiders placed two in

the top five of the men's long jump event. Junior Bobby Evers finished third with a 24-10.50 jump. Freshman Lyle Leong placed fifth in the event with a leap of 23-8.75.

Tech senior distance runner Kevin Chelimo adds another successful finish to his career by finishing sixth in the 5000-meter run. Chelimo ran a time of 13:48.67 in the race, which was six seconds off first-place. Reebok runner Reid Coolsaet. Chelimo also finished the 3000-meter race in fifth place with a time of 7:59.02, four seconds off first place.

In the women's 5000-meter run, the Red Raiders placed three in the top seven of the event. Sally Kipeygo once again proved she deserves to be a national champion by placing first in the race with a time of 15:39.51. Tech junior Irene Kimaiyo's 16:27.83 was good enough for third place. Senior Violet Chemokwila finished the event in seventh place with a time of 16:52.94.

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Oklahoma State-Texas a rematch of January thriller

AUSTIN (AP) — The first meeting was an instant classic and one that made Texas' Kevin Durant the freshman darling of college basketball.

For 55 minutes of play, Durant and Oklahoma State's Mario Boggan traded baskets and rebounds in a furious triple-overtime thriller. Boggan finally ended it with an improbable 3-pointer for a 105-103 Cowboys win back on Jan. 16.

"I don't know if I'll ever be involved in another one like that," Texas coach Rick Barnes said after the game.

Well, get ready coach. The No. 17 Cowboys and Longhorns meet in the rematch Monday night.

As great as that game was, with Durant and Boggan both hitting for 37 points, "the bottom line is, we went in there and lost," said Texas guard A.J. Abrams.

"We want to take it to them,"

Abrams said.

Both teams have struggled a bit of late.

Texas (17-7, 7-3) lost two in a row in the Big 12 before bouncing back Saturday with a home win over Iowa State. The Longhorns need the victory to stay within sight of the conference title they shared last season with Kansas.

The Cowboys (19-5, 5-4) have fallen back into the pack in the conference race. They dropped consecutive road losses before rebounding with an overtime win at home Saturday against Texas Tech.

Durant and Boggan have kept up the torrid pace they set playing against each other last month, ranking 1-2 in scoring in the conference. Durant averages 31 points and Boggan 20.4 in conference games. Durant also leads the league in rebounding with 13.1 per game and Boggan is third at 9.3.

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Oklahoma State drops Tech in double overtime

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — After No. 17 Oklahoma State rallied to force a second overtime Saturday against Texas Tech, coach Sean Sutton had a message for his Cowboys.

"I reminded them that we've done this before two other times," Sutton said.

As they did in those two previous multiple-overtime games, the Cowboys emerged winners, beating Texas Tech 93-91 thanks in large part to Mario Boggan's 35 points and 14 rebounds.

Oklahoma State (19-5, 5-4 Big 12) rallied from 11 points down in regulation and trailed by seven with 1:30 left in the first overtime before having a chance to win in the final seconds of the period. Tech's Martin Zeno blocked a layup attempt by Marcus Dove to force a second overtime.

The Cowboys scored the first six points of the second overtime to take an 89-83 lead, but Texas Tech (15-10, 4-6) rallied to tie it at 89 on a breakaway layup by Michael Prince with 33.9 seconds left.

Oklahoma State held for a final shot. David Monds missed a 15-footer, but Boggan rebounded and scored while being fouled with 4.1 seconds left. He made the free throw.

"When you're in a position to block out, you've got to block out," Texas Tech coach Bob Knight said.

Dove fouled Tech's Jarius Jackson near midcourt with 1.3 seconds left, and Jackson made both free throws. The Red Raiders fouled James On Curry on the ensuing inbound play, and he hit the first of two free throws. After he missed the second, Zeno's desperation heave fell well short.

"It's a game we had to have. We could not afford to lose a game on our home court," Sutton said. "Our guys showed a lot of grit and a lot of courage."

Coming off consecutive road losses to Colorado and Oklahoma, the Cowboys extended their winning streak at Gallagher-Iba Arena to 17 games. Oklahoma State is 4-0 in overtime games this season, having also beaten Missouri State in one overtime, Pittsburgh in two overtimes and Texas in three overtimes.

The Cowboys hadn't gone 4-0 in overtime games since the 1964-65 season.

"Going into overtime gave us a surge of energy," Boggan said. "The conditioning in practice and learning how to focus really was what won the game for us."

Texas Tech has lost five straight since consecutive wins over ranked foes Kansas and Texas A&M. The Red Raiders have lost seven of eight against Oklahoma State and 18 of the last 23 meetings.

Knight addressed reporters for a little more than three minutes after the loss.

"Anytime that you're in overtime you can pick out 50 things during the course of the game that would have enabled you to win it," Knight said.

Jackson led the Red Raiders with 24 points, while Zeno added 21 points, 11 rebounds and six steals. Zeno also had half of Texas Tech's 12 turnovers.

A 15-2 run, highlighted by two 3-pointers from Darryl Dora, gave Texas Tech a 50-39 lead with 15:13 left. Oklahoma State answered with eight straight points as Boggan hit a pair of 3-pointers, including one that hit off the back of the rim, caromed above the backboard and dropped through the basket.

"Shooter's touch," joked Boggan, who set a career high with three 3-pointers in five attempts.

The Cowboys regained the lead at 59-56 on a 3-pointer by Curry with 7:26 left.

Texas Tech led 71-68 with

1:24 to go in regulation, but the Cowboys tied it on Byron Eaton's free throw with 31.2 seconds left. The Red Raiders had a chance to win in regulation, but Dora missed a well-guarded 18-footer at the buzzer.

In the first overtime, Texas Tech had what appeared to be a comfortable, seven-point lead with 90 seconds left. The Red Raiders still led 83-77 with 50.7 seconds to go, but the Cowboys closed with a flourish thanks to baskets off two late steals.

Boggan's three-point play, after he rebounded a missed free throw by Curry, cut the margin to two, and Curry scored after Zeno turned the ball over while being double-teamed.

Jackson missed a layup for Tech before Zeno blocked Dove's last-second shot.

"If it was last year, we probably would have given up," said Oklahoma State's Terrel Harris, who scored 16 points. "This year is different because we know a game is not over until the clock reads zero."

Curry also scored 16 points for Oklahoma State, which finished 20-of-30 from the free-throw line, compared to 27-of-31 for Texas Tech.

Charlie Burgess had 17 points and Jon Plefka added 16 for the Red Raiders. Three Texas Tech players fouled out — including Plefka and Dora, the Red Raiders' two inside starters — while Oklahoma State lost one player to fouls.

Sutton shook up his starting lineup, giving guard Tyler Hatch — a former walk-on — his first career start and replacing center Kenny Cooper with Monds, who had come off the bench in the Cowboys' previous nine games. Eaton, the usual starting point guard, didn't get off the bench until 9:59 remained in the first half.

AFC topples NFC in Pro Bowl

HONOLULU (AP) — Even while the star-studded AFC cruised to a comfortable lead in the Pro Bowl, Carson Palmer could sense a wacky finish lurking just beyond everybody's control.

"With this much talent, anybody could change the game at any time," the Cincinnati quarterback said. "You've got to expect something crazy to happen, because it will."

Palmer's hunch proved correct in the improbable final minutes — but thanks to Palmer's poise and a costly NFC penalty, the AFC's Hawaiian vacation ended with another win.

Nate Kaeding kicked a 21-yard field goal as time expired to cap another strong drive led by Palmer, the MVP of the AFC's 31-28 victory Saturday in the 57th edition of the NFL's all-star game.

The NFC trailed 28-14 with 3 minutes to play before injecting a little drama into this normally mellow exhibition. Steven Jackson scored on a fourth-down TD run, and Ronde Barber recovered an onside kick to set up Anquan Boldin's 47-yard TD catch from Tony Romo with 1:48 left — followed by a tying 2-point conversion catch by Carolina's Steve Smith.

Suddenly, the AFC's \$40,000 bonuses for winning the game were in doubt. But just as quickly as the NFC's playmakers got back in the game, the AFC got it together again.

"I had a feeling they were going to have one more shot," Jackson said. "These games are all about who lands the last punch, and Carson is a great player."

Palmer, who passed for 190 yards and two touchdowns, calmly got

the AFC across midfield — and then Arizona's Adrian Wilson, mistakenly believing Palmer's long pass had been tipped, leveled Chad Johnson at the goal line before the throw reached them.

The 39-yard pass-interference penalty put the ball near the goal line. San Diego's Kaeding easily made his field goal, setting off fireworks at sold-out Aloha Stadium for the talent-rich AFC's eighth win in the last 11 Pro Bowls.

Palmer threw a 42-yard TD pass to Johnson and a 72-yarder to Reggie Wayne, and Baltimore's Ed Reed intercepted two passes before the frantic finish. Palmer, who took over for Super Bowl MVP Peyton Manning after just two series, went 8-for-17 in his first Pro Bowl appearance after missing last season's game with a knee injury.

"This is all just a fun game," said Reed, who tied the Pro Bowl record for interceptions. "Carson made two great throws, and those guys made great catches. We needed those points."

League MVP LaDainian Tomlinson also ran for a score as the AFC underlined its regular-season superiority — but until things got tight, neither side cared much about the result in the league's annual post-season showcase.

Instead, they welcomed new stars such as Vince Young — the first rookie quarterback here since Dan Marino in 1984 — and said goodbye to older pros who won't be back.

Tiki Barber, the New York Giants' running back who's retiring after a 10-year career, scored on a 1-yard run in the second quarter. Kansas City guard Will Shields, who appeared in his record-tying 12th Pro Bowl, also is contemplating retirement.

Baltimore's Adalius Thomas returned

Marc Bulger's fumble 70 yards for a confusing score in the first half, but there was no confusion about the game's best play: Sean Taylor, the maverick Washington safety, broke the unwritten rule about hard hits in an exhibition when he viciously leveled Buffalo punter Brian Moorman on an attempted fake in the third quarter.

"Believe it or not, it wasn't as bad as it looked," Moorman said. "It was just hard. It took me a second to realize that it didn't hurt so bad, so I got right back up."

Tiki Barber threw an interception and rushed for just 4 yards on seven carries, but the veteran scored the game's first touchdown. He got a standing ovation from the crowd and his fellow players when a video tribute to his career was shown on the scoreboard with 1:58 to play.

"I've been ready for this for a while, and I've been expecting it," Barber said. "I'm excited. I'm not sad and upset that it's over. I'm just real happy that it happened the way that it did, and I achieved all that I have, and get to go out on my terms."

Romo passed for 156 yards in the second half, and San Francisco's Frank Gore made an early TD run. The crowd actually booed Romo in the second half as the NFC's early comeback attempt stalled, but the Dallas quarterback led three strong final drives.

He was stopped on a fourth-down quarterback keeper on the first drive, but after Young fumbled, Jackson made a gutsy scoring run on another fourth down with 2:54 to play. The NFC tried a fake on the conversion attempt, but Romo — who had no trouble holding for kicks after his infamous flub in a playoff loss to Seattle — couldn't find an open receiver.

Red Raiders slam Western Illinois

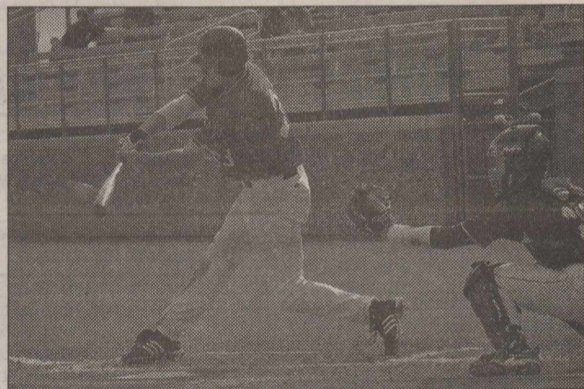
LUBBOCK (AP) — Roger Kieschnick hit a grand slam in the fifth inning to help Texas Tech to a 12-2 victory over Western Illinois on Sunday.

Doug Thennis extended the lead with a three-run homer to left field in the bottom of the seventh.

Peter Schneider's double in the second put the Leathernecks on the board first, but they didn't score again until the ninth inning.

Aaron Odom (1-0) earned the win for the Red Raiders (3-3). He allowed one run on five

hits over six innings. Joe Rodrigues (0-1) took the loss, giving up seven runs on five hits in just 1 2-3 innings. The Leathernecks (3-1) committed three errors.



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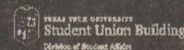
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