

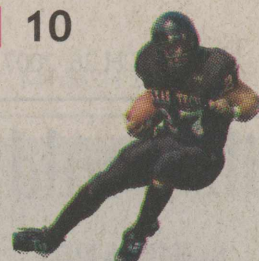
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2 rescued after fall from cruise ship

GALVESTON (AP) — A man and woman fell overboard from a cruise ship in the Gulf of Mexico early Sunday, but both were rescued after a four-hour search and appeared to be in good condition, a cruise line spokeswoman said. The 22-year-old man and 20-year-old woman fell 50 to 60 feet from a cabin balcony, said Julie Benson, spokeswoman for Princess Cruises.

NATION

GOP support for attorney general erodes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican support for Attorney General Alberto Gonzales eroded Sunday as three key senators sharply questioned his truthfulness and a Democrat joined the list of lawmakers who want him to resign over the firing of eight federal prosecutors. "We have to have an attorney general who is candid and truthful. And if we find out he's not been candid and truthful, that's a very compelling reason for him not to stay on," said Sen. Arlen Specter, the top Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, which oversees the Justice Department.

WORLD

Quake injures 170 in Japan

KANAZAWA, Japan (AP) — A powerful earthquake struck central Japan on Sunday, killing at least one person and injuring 170 others as it toppled buildings, triggered landslides and generated a small tsunami along the coast. The quake was followed throughout the day by aftershocks. The magnitude-6.9 quake struck at 9:42 a.m. off the north coast of Ishikawa, Japan's Meteorological Agency said. The agency issued a tsunami warning urging people near the sea to move to higher land.

DEATH TOLL

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U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Senate debates Iraq timetable

Disagreement causes some senators to suggest impeachment of President Bush

By HOPE YEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — With his go-it-alone approach on Iraq, President Bush is flouting Congress and the public, so angering lawmakers that some consider impeachment an option over his war policy, a senator from Bush's own party said Sunday. Meanwhile, the Senate's No.

2 Republican leader harshly criticized House Democrats for setting an "artificial date" for withdrawing troops from Iraq and said he believes Republicans have enough votes to prevent passage of a similar bill in the Senate.

"We need to put that kind of decision in the hands of our commanders who are there on the ground with the men and women," said Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss. "For Congress to

impose an artificial date of any kind is totally irresponsible."

GOP Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and a frequent critic of the war, stopped short of calling for Bush's impeachment. But he made clear that some lawmakers viewed that as an option should Bush choose to push ahead despite public sentiment against the war.

"Any president who says, I don't care, or I will not respond to what the people of this country are saying about Iraq or anything else, or I don't care what the Congress does, I am going to proceed — if a president really believes that, then there are — what I was pointing out, there are ways to deal with that," said Hagel, who is considering a 2008 presidential run.

The Senate planned to begin debate Monday on a war spending bill

that would set a nonbinding goal of March 31, 2008, for the removal of combat troops.

That comes after the House narrowly passed a bill Friday that would pay for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan this year but would require that combat troops come home from Iraq before September 2008 — or earlier if the Iraqi government did not meet

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TORNADOES TOUCH DOWN



WALTER ROSADO/The Daily Toreador

A SEVERE THUNDERSTORM hits Lubbock Sunday afternoon. Officials with the National Weather Service reported a weak funnel cloud system which resulted in two tornado touch downs near 98th Street and Highway I-27. No significant damage was reported as of press time.

Tornadoes, floods hit the South Plains Sunday afternoon

By GLENYS BOLLS
STAFF WRITER

Storms swept through the South Plains over the weekend, causing tornadoes in West Texas and New Mexico.

A tornado hit Lubbock Sunday afternoon. According to reports from the National Weather Service, the tornado touched down multiple times near 98th Street and I-27, moving north toward the Texas Tech campus, downtown Lubbock and the Preston Smith

International Airport.

Cpl. Chris Breunig of the Lubbock Police Department said the department was in the process of activating an emergency operations center to respond to the severe weather but did not have any information on the storms or damage.

Robert Robledo, a weather service specialist for the National Weather Service in Lubbock, said the tornado and thunderstorms that followed were part of the same weather system.

"It was a weak-energy funnel cloud," Robledo said. "People saw dirt fly, but there have been no reports of damage. It's basically the same level as a little dust devil."

In the Tech University Library, patrons were told to take shelter in the basement. Because the library supervisor was on his lunch break at the time, the student assistants made an executive decision to send everyone downstairs.

"It was a little scary," said Amanda Evans, a student assistant in the library and sophomore

psychology major from Las Cruces, N.M. "I've never been in this situation before. But when people are in danger, you need to make a decision to keep people safe."

Evans said some students refused to go to the basement.

"When we told them there was a tornado coming, some of them wanted to stay outside and watch it," she said. "I guess they thought we were overreacting. It's their decision, but

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South Beach forced to switch location for new visitors' center

By NAOMI KASKELA
STAFF WRITER

Thursday, the Lubbock City Council approved the purchase of property in the Depot Entertainment District to build a visitors' center.

The property to be purchased consists of an empty building, a parking lot and the current location of South Beach Club and Lounge on Crickets Avenue.

Chris Gonzales, co-owner with his wife, Angela, of South Beach Club and Lounge, said he is not happy about having to move, especially considering what will be replacing the existing business.

"We're just kind of appalled, the way they're outlining everything," he said. "It's basically going to be a rest stop ... a glorified restroom/pamphlet area."

Gonzales said as he understood the plans, the

visitors' center will be a location for individuals to get information about places in Lubbock and the surrounding area.

Linda DeLeon, councilwoman for District 1, said the visitors' center will be more than a rest stop.

"It's going to be a regional center where people can come and find out where things are," she said. "It's not a rest stop; it's a visitors' center."

DeLeon said a consulting firm used for the planning of the visitors' center pointed out the lack of a place for people passing through the South Plains to get information and a lack of signage for tourist spots around the city.

She said she believes the visitors' center will attract people.

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Bill would require student organizations to attend risk-management seminars

By **MAGGIE KIELY**
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A local state official proposed a bill that would affect all Texas Tech organizations.

Sen. Robert Duncan (R), filed a bill with the Texas State Legislature that would require all student organization members to attend a risk-management seminar.

"Recently, in Texas, throughout the nation and even in Lubbock, we have seen accidents occur because of lack of good planning and risk management," Duncan said. "What this bill does is try to set up a structure wherein the university can train these young people on how to plan and involve risk-management processes in their planning."

The bill would require Texas universities to conduct the seminar no later than the 30th day of the fall semester. All current officers, new

members and any member who had not yet attended would be required to go to the seminar.

"I think it is a start of a lot of other things that we can do to assist these young leaders in Texas to understand how to plan and avoid accidents," Duncan said.

Under the proposed bill, issues that would have to be addressed are: possession and use of alcohol and illegal drugs, hazing, sexual abuse and harassment, fire and firearm safety, the conduction of parties held by student organizations, and adoption of a risk management policy.

Deon Daugherty Allen, communications director for Duncan, said each university would be allowed to conduct the seminar as its respective administration deemed appropriate, as long as the seminar followed the requirements of the bill.

She said one major event leading up to the bill was when Tech student

Clay Warren was killed in a car accident after leaving a fraternity function in 2002.

"He had gone to an off-campus fraternity gathering and came back in a vehicle with someone who had been at that event," Allen said. "The driver was impaired by sleep and Clay died."

Allen said the goal of the risk-management seminar is to make students aware of consequences involved in social gatherings.

"Students and folks involved just kind of need to think about the risk when they are going off campus and having a good time," she said.

Mark Warren, Clay Warren's father, said he and his wife are strong proponents of the bill.

"We're definitely in favor of it," Warren said. "We've had a risk-management seminar for two semesters, and we feel like this will save people's lives."

Mark Warren said issues discussed in past risk-management seminars included discussion about alcohol, sleep deprivation, transportation and eating disorders.

"We feel that it's good for the student organizations not only to have risk awareness," he said, "but we feel it will make them have much better participation in the community and help them concentrate on other things."

Along with the risk-management seminar, the proposed bill would ask the Texas Department of Insurance to conduct a study concerning student-organization insurance policies.

The study would involve researching what type and level of insurance student organizations are required to carry and the availability and affordability of the insurance.

"The purpose here is to make sure that our fraternities and sororities are able to acquire adequate insurance to protect not only persons who are

injured by some act or omission of the fraternity," Duncan said, "but also protect the members of the fraternity who may find themselves parties to lawsuits as a result of accidents and injuries."

Mason Moses, Tech's Student Government Association president elect and a member of Phi Gamma Delta, said he thinks the bill is a

great idea, especially for incoming freshmen.

"I think it's good so they know college is not a big party," Moses said. "It will be really good in educating them on risks and hopefully it will help them mature as college students."

If passed, the bill would take effect Sept. 1.

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Tech blotter: Criminal mischief, medical emergencies require response

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March 19

Texas Tech police investigated criminal mischief in the C-11 parking lot. Police said a Tech student's vehicle's passenger's side tires were damaged by an unknown suspect.

A Tech student's bicycle was stolen from the bike racks located outside of the English building. According to reports, a Kona 26-inch men's bike and cable lock were stolen.

Tech police investigated criminal mischief to a vehicle in the Flint Avenue parking garage. A student's vehicle was damaged when an unknown suspect scratched the driver's side door.

Tech police investigated theft in Wall Residence Hall. According to reports, several secured room-number plaques were stolen from the doors of rooms on the third-floor hallway.

Tech police arrested two students for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of alcohol by a minor in a residence room of Gates Residence Hall. Police issued one of the students a Lubbock County citation for possession of drug paraphernalia. The other student was issued a citation for possession of alcohol by a minor and possession of drug paraphernalia.

March 21

Tech police responded to a medical emergency in the Z4-P parking lot. According to reports, a student felt

dizzy and faint. Emergency Medical Services transported the student to the Covenant Hospital Emergency Room.

Tech police responded to a medical emergency at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center. According to reports, a student dislocated his shoulder during a basketball game. The student was transported to the University Medical Center for treatment.

A non-student was arrested in the Z3-G parking lot for public intoxication. Police released the non-student to a responsible party pending the filing of charges.

March 22

Tech police arrested a non-student

for theft in the C-13 parking lot after the suspect was observed by police attempting to enter vehicles. During the arrest, stolen property from a previous theft was recovered from the suspect. A criminal-trespass letter was issued to the non-student, and he was released pending the filing of charges with the Lubbock County District Attorney's Office.

Tech police documented information concerning damaged property at Texas Tech Parkway and Quaker Avenue. According to reports, a grounds maintenance employee was cutting grass, causing a rock and other debris to strike and break a driver's side window of the victim's vehicle.

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CUCUMBER-SOME



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KRISTIN PHILLIPS, A junior horticulture major from Garland, removes laterals off of cucumber plants to improve apical dominance in the Horticulture greenhouse Thursday afternoon.

Mobilecampus.com text messaging program receives mixed reaction from Tech students, faculty members

By **RICHARD CAMPANARO**
STAFF WRITER

Representatives from a college-based discount text messaging company spoke with the Student Government Association Thursday night about the five-year contract the company signed with Texas Tech in January.

Redraiders.mobilecampus.com is a

text messaging program set up by the SGA, the Tech Information Technology Center and Student Affairs. The program allows students to receive discounts from local merchants as well as maintain communication with professors and members of Tech's administration. Tech is the seventh of almost 20 universities, including the University of Florida and the University of Texas, to utilize the program.

James Wright, marketing manager for the Web site redraiders.mobilecampus.com, said the program is designed to give students control of every aspect of the program through the Web site. Students are able to update their profiles and choose the types of discounts they want to receive from the merchants they choose.

Wright said the program is meant

to help students save money. He said the only costs students accrue are the costs of incoming text messages, which the company is trying to eliminate by negotiating with cellular providers. The company has already begun negotiations with Sprint and Verizon, but it must wait until all major national providers are on board. Wright said the contract stipulates \$1 per student participant will be donated to the SGA for scholarship programs. He said after the first year, Tech will receive 3 percent to 5 percent of income from local merchants. He said RRCM receives its income from local merchants who pay around 18 cents per message sent and buy advertising

packages upwards of \$500.

"Merchants pay good money for the service," Wright said. "I think it's going to be huge."

Wright said the company's goal is to register 6,000 students by January 2008. He said the program at Tech is the first to include Wal-Mart and Tech Hospitality Services. Buffalo Wild Wings, Hastings, CheeZie's Pizza, Planet Beach, Varsity Bookstore and Cujo's are some of the companies already using the service.

Damian Bayona, a junior international economics major from El Paso, said he believes the program is a scam and students should have been made aware of the decision to

sign a contract with the company.

"This plan is something that (Tech) could have easily implemented ourselves and reaped all of the revenues instead of just \$1 per student," Bayona said.

He said he believes the SGA was not acting in the interests of students.

Angela Smith, project manager for Red Raiders Mobile Campus in the Information Technology division, said the idea of setting up the program using Tech's resources was an option. Smith said the idea was scrapped because there was not enough time and too many other projects with a higher priority level.

She said she believes the SGA is looking out for the interests of students.

"We want to make sure that the students of Texas Tech are benefiting from (the program)," Smith said. "I haven't been personally told by anyone that they did think it was a scam. If there is such a person with that opinion, I would very much love for them to talk with me. If there are changes that we can make, we're definitely going to want to make them."

Smith said the program is linked to the e-raider system to ensure the limited demographic information students supply while enrolling is secure. She said in the near future, the program will allow students to receive university events and class updates on their cell phones.

Isaac Logan, a junior exercise and sports sciences major and RRCM employee from Cameron, said the company works around his schedule and pays him well. He said he does not try to push people into joining, but rather wants to inform them about the program.

"The goal is to try and make it to where professors can send mass text messages to students," Logan said.

Jenna Orcutt, a senior advertising major from Denton, said she thinks having professors text students is a good idea.

"I think this will help students know what's going on ahead of time," Orcutt said. "People don't always check their e-mail or have access to a computer, but everyone has a cell phone."

Once more professors get involved, Logan said he believes students will not be as skeptical. The company is offering an incentive raffle for students who sign up. The raffle offers a \$300 Visa card, a mountain bike, a portable DVD player with wireless headset, \$50 gift cards and \$25 gift cards. There will be several raffles this semester to encourage student participation.

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WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

3 key GOP senators question attorney general's credibility

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House and a key Republican senator reaffirmed support Saturday for Attorney General Alberto Gonzales even as Democrats questioned his credibility for apparently misrepresenting his role in firing eight federal prosecutors.

Critics said the latest document disclosure — more than 280 pages of e-mails, calendar notations and other documents sent to Congress late Friday — bolstered their case

for Gonzales' ouster.

Yet one longtime ally who largely has kept quiet about the attorney general's fate issued a statement of support.

"He has always been straightforward and honest with me," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah. "So, unless there is clear evidence that the attorney general deliberately lied or misled Congress, I see no reason to call for his resignation."

Gonzales has said he partici-

pated in no discussions and saw no memos about plans to carry out the firings on Dec. 7 that Democrats contend were politically motivated.

His schedule, however, shows he attended at least one hourlong meeting, on Nov. 27, where he approved a detailed plan to execute the prosecutors' firings.

Democrats said the new documents appear to show Gonzales was more involved than he claimed earlier.

Attorney in Duke lacrosse case dies

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Kirk Osborn, a lead defense attorney in the Duke lacrosse sexual assault case, died early Sunday, a fellow defense attorney in the case said.

Osborn had a massive heart attack on Friday and died shortly before 1 a.m. Sunday, attorney Joe Cheshire said.

Osborn represented Reade Seligmann, one of three Duke

lacrosse players charged in the case stemming from a dancer's allegation she was sexually assaulted at a team party. The players were originally indicted on charges of rape, sexual offense and kidnapping, but Durham District Attorney Mike Nifong dropped the rape charges in December after the accuser changed a key detail in her story.

All three have steadfastly

maintained their innocence.

"We will never forget Kirk and his sacrifices for Reade and for justice," Seligmann's family said in a statement. "Kirk's fight for the truth and for justice in this case met the highest standards of ethics and professionalism and stand in stark contrast to those who condemned Reade. He is an example of what a lawyer should be."

New heart failure drug helps symptoms but not survival

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — An experimental drug is the first to substantially and safely improve shortness of breath and other symptoms in people hospitalized with severe heart failure, an epidemic that is growing as baby boomers age, doctors reported Sunday.

However, many were disappointed that the drug also did not help people live longer or stay out of the hospital.

"What we really need are therapies that are going to improve the outcome," said Dr. Gregg Fonarow, an American Heart Association spokesman from the University of California at Los Angeles.

He had no role in the study, which was led by Dr. Marvin Konstam of Tufts-New England Medical Center and presented at an American College of Cardiology conference. Results also were published online by the Journal of

the American Medical Association and will be in its March 28 issue.

Heart failure occurs when the heart muscle weakens over time and can no longer pump effectively. Fluid can back up into the lungs and leave people panicked and gasping for breath.

About 5 million Americans have the condition. It kills more than 300,000 and accounts for a million hospitalizations each year.

Iran announces partial suspension of cooperation

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran announced Sunday that it was partially suspending cooperation with the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency, citing the "illegal and bullying" U.N. Security Council sanctions imposed on the country for its refusal to stop enriching uranium.

Gholam Hossein Elham, a government spokesman, told state television that the suspension would "continue

until Iran's nuclear case is referred back to the IAEA from the U.N. Security Council."

In New York, Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said "a few select countries don't have the right to abuse the Security Council."

"The Security Council has to be aware of its own position and status. Actions that are illegal, unwarranted and unjustified will reduce the cred-

ibility of the Security Council," he said in Persian through a translator.

He said Iran has repeatedly sought negotiations with the powers that drafted the resolution against the Islamic republic: the five permanent council members — the U.S., Britain, France, Russia and China — and Germany. But he accused those countries of lacking the political will to reach a breakthrough.

Impeachment

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certain requirements.

On Sunday, Hagel said he was bothered by Bush's apparent disregard of congressional sentiment on Iraq, such as his decision to send additional troops. He said lawmakers now stood ready to stand up to the president when necessary.

In the April edition of Esquire magazine, Hagel described Bush as someone who doesn't believe he's accountable to anyone. "He's not accountable anymore, which isn't totally true. You can impeach him, and before this is over, you might see calls for his impeachment. I don't know. It depends on how this goes," Hagel told the magazine.

In his weekly address Saturday, Bush accused Democrats of partisanship in the House vote and said it would cut the number of troops below a level that U.S. military commanders say they need. Vice President Dick Cheney also accused Democrats of undermining U.S. troops in Iraq and of sending a message to terrorists that America will retreat in the face danger.

"We have clearly a situation where the president has lost the confidence of the American people in his war effort," Hagel said. "It is now time, going into the fifth year of that effort, for the Congress to step forward and be part of setting some boundaries and some conditions as to our involvement."

"This is not a monarchy," he

added, referring to the possibility that some lawmakers may seek impeachment. "There are ways to deal with it. And I would hope the president understands that."

Lott said setting withdrawal dates is a futile and potentially dangerous exercise because Bush has made clear he will veto any such legislation.

"There are members in the Senate in both parties that are not comfortable with how things have gone in Iraq," Lott said. "But they understand that artificial timetables, even as goals, are a problem. ... We will try to take out the arbitrary dates."

Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., said the Senate bill seeks to heed the recommendations of the bipartisan Iraq Study Group by setting a goal of withdrawing some troops while leaving others behind to train the Iraqi army for border patrol and other missions.

"That, combined with a very aggressive, diplomatic effort in the region is what we're going to need to have," he said.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., said she believed that setting a timetable was appropriate but declined to predict whether it would garner enough Senate votes to pass.

"People of this country have spoken overwhelmingly. It's been constant now," Feinstein said. "They want us out. It is time for the Senate to weigh in. I hope we will have the votes."

Hagel spoke on ABC's "This Week," Feinstein and Lott appeared on "Fox News Sunday," and Nelson was on CNN's "Late Edition."

Blair says Iranian capture of sailors a serious issue

LONDON (AP) — British Prime Minister Tony Blair warned Iran on Sunday that the fate of 15 British sailors and marines seized off the Iraqi coast was a "fundamental" issue for his government, as Iran suggested the group may be put on trial for violating its waters.

British Foreign Secretary Margaret Beckett spoke by telephone with Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki late Sunday, and reiterated her country's stance that the British sailors and marines were operating in Iraqi waters as they searched for smugglers at sea.

She asked that British diplomats be allowed to meet with the service members and demanded their safe return, the Foreign Office said. In Jerusalem, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice also called for their release.

At a European summit in Berlin, Blair said Iran's claim that the sailors had crossed into Iranian territorial waters "is simply not true."

"I want to get (the situation) resolved in as easy and diplomatic a way as possible," Blair said, but added he hoped the Iranians "understood how fundamental an issue this is for the British government."

On a visit to the Middle East, Rice said the sailors and marines should be released immediately and said "we all fully trust the British" that they were not in Iranian waters when they were seized Friday.

But the Iranians also stuck by their view that the British had violated Iranian territory.

In New York, Mottaki said his

government was considering charges against the British sailors and marines.

"The Iranian authorities intercepted these sailors and marines in Iranian waters, and detained them in Iranian waters. This has happened in the past, as well," Mottaki said in Persian through a translator.

"The charge against them is illegal entrance into Iranian waters," Mottaki said. "In terms of legal issues, it's under investigation."

Mottaki declined to provide the exact coordinates of where the Britons were seized, saying this "very detailed information has been submitted to the representatives of the United Kingdom."

A spokesman for Britain's defense ministry said they were not releasing the coordinates.

Britain and the United States have said the sailors and marines had just completed a search of a civilian vessel in the Iraqi part of the Shatt al-Arab waterway when they were intercepted by the Iranian navy.

Iranian state news agency IRNA said British Ambassador Geoffrey Adams had spoken in Tehran with Ibrahim Rahimpour, the foreign ministry official in charge of western Europe, and asked about the condition of the British sailors and marines.

He was told by Rahimpour that they were "well and sound" and that "legal proceedings" were under way. No other details were provided.

In his conversation with Beckett, Mottaki gave no firm commitment on allowing British diplomats to meet with the servicemen, a British government spokesman said.

According to IRNA's English-language Web site, Adams said during the meeting that the British service members had been deployed in Iraq to establish security, and had no hostile intention toward Iran.

"Tehran has always exercised self-restraint in the face of border violations by the British troops," Rahimpour was quoted as saying. But after the "contradictory statements" in the seizure of the British, the case "required an inquiry into such suspicious events."

Lord Triesman, a Foreign Office undersecretary who had held talks with Iran's ambassador on Saturday, told Sky News there was good evidence the men were in Iraqi waters, but that the issue of whether the sailors had strayed into Iranian waters was only a technical one.

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Slavery today

By **AYESHA AWAN**
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(U-WIRE) BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — It's common to hear people whine about how they're tired of hearing about slavery's legacy in regards to blacks. I've heard people refer to it as "milking sympathy for all it's worth" or referring to it as "a collective white guilt trip."

It's natural that some people choose to ignore their dirty laundry in order to avoid having to deal with its consequences.

In my opinion, those people are ridiculous.

However, there is a fundamental problem with intense emphasis on American involvement in slavery and the slave trade: numerous examples of modern-day slavery go completely ignored.

Many British think slavery was only an American phenomenon.

These people should be enlightened soon since Britain is celebrating the 200th anniversary of its decision to abolish the slave trade. Though the law which, passed in March 1807, banned the trade of humans, slavery continued in Britain until 1838.

But as the U.K. celebrates this milestone in the abolishment of slavery, an estimated 4,000 women are held as sex slaves in the U.K., according to a Home Office report. The majority are from Eastern Europe, who are led to believe that they are arriving to work as nannies or maids, and actually being sold to pimps and brothel-keepers.

Think that's bad? Kevin Bales of Free the Slaves, the largest anti-slavery advocacy in America, said at any given time in the United States there are 30,000 to 50,000 sex slaves. It's pathetic that this insane number of slaves

exists in a culture taught to be so aware of our dark history in the African slave trade.

Shift the focus away from the West and take a look at Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. He's caused controversy by stating that the government did not find any evidence that Asian women were forced into prostitution for the benefit of Japanese soldiers during the second World War, according to the British Broadcasting Corp. This statement is an audacious attempt to sweep Japanese atrocities under the rug. Many historians agree that 200,000 women from Korea, China, Taiwan, Indonesia and the Philippines were forced into sex slavery as "comfort women."

If the world does not tolerate Holocaust denial, why do we allow Japan to deny its role in such large-scale slavery?

Though many are aware of the conflict in Darfur, they remain unaware of the events of Sudan's 21-year North vs. South civil war, during which 11,000 children from the South were seized and taken as slaves to the North, according to the Kenya-based Rift Valley Institute. The government of Sudan rejects the idea of slavery existing in Sudan, but bowed to international pressure and allowed a return program for slaves in 1999, as long as they were referred to as "abductees."

However, James Aguer, a major advocate for freedom of Sudanese slaves, reports that 8,000 people are still living in slavery. Those that have been returned have faced severe problems, many not recalling their names or original homes.

These examples that I've cited are only the tip of the iceberg, but they are sufficient enough to demonstrate that Americans and the world need a severe reality check.



"I'd have our people call their people, but our people won't even call us."



"When I say for richer or poorer, I'm adjusting for inflation."

Pluralism contradicts basic beliefs of Christianity

Religious pluralism has become a common belief that rarely is examined well. Pluralism is based on the positive sounding value of tolerance, but it essentially makes truth relative to each person's perception.

According to pluralism, there is no one definition of truth. All religions have equal say in truth. Supposedly, one can be a Christian but believe it is equally valid that a Buddhist's meditations will achieve nirvana, or a person who worships his or her ancestors will someday join them.

Some Christians ascribe to this belief because it appears to answer some of their least favorite questions, like, "Would a good person who has never heard of Jesus go to hell?" Also, pluralism negates the need for evangelism, which sometimes has been a hateful practice.

Before I return to these concerns, I would like to propose that no religions can co-exist as truth. Specifically, religious pluralism is incompatible with Christianity.

First, if the Bible is true, religious pluralism is not. The Bible does not condone alternative beliefs. According to the Old Testament, God commanded "You

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shall have no other gods before me." (Exodus 20:3) He said this because his people, traveling across the land, met a multitude of cultures with different beliefs. God's desire for his people to follow him is fair because, according to what the Bible defines as truth, God created all people, and all people belong to him.

God's intention always has been to spread his glory over all the earth. He said to Abraham, "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing." (Genesis 12:2)

Several thousand years later, this message is consistent. Jesus said there is only one way to God. "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6) Jesus continued to emphasize the need for truth when he said, "For this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth." (John 18:37b)

I won't belabor this point because

many people struggle to believe the Bible is accurate. However, I would like to submit the following: For religious pluralism to work, first the Bible must be rejected as truth and diminished to a source of good advice and interesting stories.

This leaves us with only the core beliefs of Christianity. God is love and Jesus died for our sins. According to pluralism, accepting Jesus' sacrifice is merely one way. Other religions propose other ways.

However, this doesn't work either. The basic concept of the Christian faith is we cannot earn our own salvation. It is a gift. We either choose to accept it, or we do not. Hindu enlightenment is achieved through meditation. Islam ideals are expressed through the Five Pillars of Faith. Other religions are about what a person can do to become good enough. Conversely, Christianity is a confession of how we have strayed from God in our sin.

Thus, Christianity is incompatible with other religions. Either it is fundamentally wrong or the others are. They all cannot represent truth.

The inherent problem with religious pluralism is if all ways are equally valid, why seek truth at all? How can there be truth at all? Do whatever you

want and believe whatever you want. Religions are no more than individual or cultural styles to encourage good behaviors or attitudes. They are not real; they are simply a form of comfort defined by their own worshipers.

If this is reality, then religious participants who claim to understand truth better than others are prideful and narrow-minded. A logical conclusion of this is that we have outgrown religion. We aren't children needing someone to tell us to be good because we can figure it out on our own.

An early follower of Christ wrote, "Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then (when we are with God) we shall see face-to-face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known." (I Corinthians 13:12)

Questions like those that drive some to pluralism are difficult because we do have an incomplete understanding. It is easy to think truth is relative. But this view makes truth meaningless. Thus, consider relying on a source for truth that is outside of mankind.

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Court cases examine limits of free speech

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(U-WIRE) MARQUETTE, Mich. — Our First Amendment rights are often taken for granted. Some current court cases, including one in Marquette, Mich., are an unfortunate sign of the times.

In 2002, Joseph Frederick was a high school student in Juneau, Alaska, who was suspended for displaying the sign "Bong hits 4 Jesus" during the Winter Olympics Torch Relay parade. The parade was held off campus and the event was not school-sponsored, yet the school's principal, Deborah Morse, grabbed the banner and suspended Frederick for 10 days. Frederick sued Morse and won in the court of appeals.

But now the case has reached the Supreme Court, where oral arguments for both sides were heard this Monday. The decision rendered will decide how far the model 1969 ruling in *Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District* will go to protect student speech.

In *Tinker*, three students were suspended for wearing black armbands to protest the Vietnam War. The court ruled that without any evidence that the students caused "substantial interference" in the classroom, then the student's rights were protected by the First and Fourteenth Amendments (the freedom of speech and assembly, and the rights to life, liberty and property respectively). It also established that "students do not shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate."

Morse's attorney, Kenneth Starr, is claiming that Frederick's sign constitutes drug endorsement and that because of this, Morse made an appropriate decision.

Starr made the best argument he could; construing any meaning out of Frederick's banner is beyond me. Frederick himself claims that he didn't mean anything by the sign's content; he said he just wanted to test his free speech rights.

But whether or not Frederick was supporting drugs or the return of Christ is not important. Frederick was not on school property and was not causing a

disruption; he simply chose a method of speech that the school didn't agree with and was punished unjustly for it.

While the content of Frederick's sign compared to *Tinker's* armbands is different, it still asks a valid question: Can public schools restrict free speech just because the ideals represented are disagreeable?

While Frederick's case awaits a decision, a similar case is occurring closer to home.

This winter, City Commissioner Don Potvin was fined for violating the Marquette City Sign Ordinance. After winning last November's election, Potvin failed to remove a political sign from his yard within five days, as required by the ordinance. His case was heard in Marquette District Court last Friday, March 16. The sign is from Potvin's own campaign, and he said it is a keepsake, according to a court brief.

While the ordinance is, in effect, an act to preserve the aesthetics of the town, it seems rather archaic. Bad taste in tacky outdoor decorations like pink flamingos and garden gnomes are aesthetically pleasing to Marquette, but a sign is not?

Potvin has created a stir in the community, as those opposed see it as a trivial matter that is costing the city hundreds of dollars in attorney and court fees. While this may not be the most tactful approach Potvin could've chosen, the outcome of the trial will help set a precedent for outdated and absurd laws that ban free speech.

"Nowhere is it decreed that Commissioner Potvin, by virtue of being an elected official, has to give up the rights of an ordinary citizen.... The ordinance tramples on Mr. Potvin's fundamental right of freedom of speech and his right to his own property in a manner that he sees fit," Steve Pence, Potvin's attorney, wrote in his court brief.

Both cases are still under arbitration, and while I'll concede that Frederick and Potvin's statements are somewhat juvenile attempts at promoting free speech, they are serving as a reminder that there is a constant battle to keep our First Amendment rights intact.

I hope that our higher judiciary officials will recognize and uphold our Constitution, whether or not they agree with the statements made.

Slippery slope apparent in genetic engineering

By **JONATHAN LO**
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(U-WIRE) BATON ROUGE, La. — Are we heading toward a "Brave New World?"

Rev. R. Albert Mohler Jr., president of a Southern Baptist seminary, recently made headlines with his article, "Is Your Baby Gay? What If You Could Know? What If You Could Do Something About It?" This article explores a not-too-unrealistic future hypothesis: if there was a test to determine if an unborn child was homosexual and a prenatal hormone treatment could change a child into a heterosexual, would it be something to seriously consider?

With the recent advances in scientific knowledge, Mohler suggested such a test and treatment might be available in the future if moral moratoriums don't prevent the research from taking place. Research to determine the biological basis of homosexuality has already been conducted, with a study at Oregon Health and Science University that explores the biological characteristics of "male-oriented rams." In addition, a Brock University study has shown that having several older biological brothers increases the likelihood of a man being gay, and having older stepbrothers or adopted brothers makes no difference. Brothers sharing the same mother but raised in a separate family still exerted an influence. Researchers strongly believe the evidence points to a prenatal influence that may determine sexuality, possibly by the mother's interaction with the male hormone.

His argument is interesting for several reasons. It attempts to pit traditionally liberal stances against one another by pointing out that if abortion is OK, then a potential therapy for the alteration should be as well, as it would certainly seem to be less drastic than abortion and would preserve "a woman's right to choose." Life and death is certainly more important than sexual orientation, but a parent might not want their child to experience the

social stigma that can come with being homosexual. Of course, this is his "devil's advocate view," one that argues for the treatment from a different moral perspective than his own.

From Mohler's perspective, which is anti-abortion and against homosexual behavior, if a fetus leans toward a homosexual orientation, it would be acceptable to treat the fetus with a hormone that would decrease its chances. His argument goes something like this: there is a significant moral difference between having a temptation and the choice of what to do with that temptation, whether it is homosexuality, lying, stealing or adultery. According to this line of logic, treating the fetus with a hormone therapy is a proactive way to eliminate future temptation. This view infuriated many on both sides of the political spectrum. Many traditional religious conservatives balked at the notion that homosexuality is an innate trait that can be modified at will. Some liberals were outraged at the notion that someone could or should be "unmade" homosexual. Regardless, people miss the larger issue at hand, which is, "How far is too far?"

Mohler's adamant opposition to genetically altering babies to make them heterosexual is obvious, but he does not give a reason as to why he considers hormone therapy useful and genetic alteration immoral.

It begs the question: What is the ethical difference between hormone therapy and genetic alteration? Each one can cause irreversible changes in the physical construction of a human being. Human growth hormones have already been used to permanently change the physical characteristics of humans. Women and transsexuals often take hormones to treat menopause and grant secondary sex characteristics. Some gene therapies genetically alter some cells in the adult human body to treat genetic diseases. If adult cells are already the target of genetic manipulation, will germ line cells be next?

It used to be that making babies was simple: you have sex and nine months later, out comes your child, gay or straight, smart or dumb, beautiful or ugly.

Now, a number of genetic tests exist

to screen for many characteristics. Their use is often for the detection of genetically heritable diseases, like cystic fibrosis and muscular dystrophy, though it may also be used to determine gender before implementation. Now, couples can screen their embryos to avoid choosing those that

have genetic diseases. Is there really such a large difference between a parent picking and choosing embryos, versus actually altering to fit a particular desire?

Welcome to the slippery slope. Down and down it goes - where it stops, nobody knows.

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PABLO ARMIÑO, A senior architecture major from Lubbock, sands down part of his mobile shelving system for his product design workshop class, in the woodshop in the architecture building, Thursday morning.

South Beach

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Conversely, Gonzales said he believes the visitors' center is a bad idea.

"The whole idea of what they're doing here is to attract people," he said. "I don't think the visitors' center will attract people. I don't think any of the college kids who frequent the Depot now will stop in the visitors' center."

He said he believes a better location for the center would be closer to the Texas Tech

campus, possibly in the Overton district, somewhere else along University Avenue or in the planned Mercado district.

"It's just appalling," he said. "We're a thriving business and we have to move, relocate. You know, we contribute to visitors here."

Marcy Jarrett, executive director of Visit Lubbock, said the approved location for the future center was suggested because it is perceived to be the gateway of Lubbock.

The lack of other options was another reason why the location was chosen, she

said. For a period of time, having the center in the Buddy Holly Center was considered, but lack of space was a problem.

"There are only so many locations available," Jarrett said. "We looked at several properties around the Buddy Holly Center."

Both Jarrett and DeLeon said they wanted to make it clear the city purchased a half-block area, not just the current location of South Beach.

Currently, the city has not closed on the property, but a closing will be final within the

next 30 days, DeLeon said. When the property is purchased by the city and the process of building starts, Gonzales will have 120 days to relocate his business, DeLeon said.

The city will be giving Gonzales four months of free rent while he is searching for a new location, which he said will help.

"I'm not asking for more," he said.

Gonzales said he has had problems because many people think South Beach is closed, which it is not.

"I'm in a bind because I

5 U.S. soldiers killed in central Baghdad

BAGHDAD (AP) — With U.S. attack helicopters buzzing overhead, gunmen and Iraqi security forces clashed Sunday in a Sunni area in central Baghdad, and police said at least two people were killed in fighting in the neighborhood's narrow streets and alleys. Roadside bombings, meanwhile, killed five U.S. soldiers, including four in a single strike in a volatile province northeast of the capital.

The fighting in Baghdad started about 1:30 p.m. when gunmen attacked Iraqi army positions in the Fadhil neighborhood, on the east side of the Tigris River, police said.

The U.S. military said it had no immediate reports about the fighting in Baghdad, but later Sunday announced that four Americans had been killed when a roadside bomb hit their patrol in Diyala province. A roadside bomb also killed a U.S. soldier and wounded two others during a route clearance mission in northwestern Baghdad.

An Iraqi army colonel from the brigade in charge of the Baghdad neighborhood where the fighting took place said the gunmen were firing at army checkpoints and patrols from rooftops and the soldiers returned fire, calling for U.S. assistance when the fighting became fierce. He said the situation had calmed by late afternoon but sporadic clashes continued.

"The soldiers raided some houses believed to be used by the gunmen today. Several suspects were arrested and they are being interrogated," the colonel said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

The military sealed off all roads leading to the area, causing traffic jams, according to witnesses and police. Stores closed their doors as

the streets emptied of people fleeing the fighting.

"The gunmen were shooting at every moving object. The streets were deserted and all shops closed," said Ghaith Jassim, the 37-year-old owner of a textile store in the area. "These frequent clashes have affected our work. We cannot earn our living. People and traders are afraid of coming to our area."

Jassim said the arrival of U.S. troops in the area briefly stopped the clashes but the fighting resumed when the Americans left.

Iraqi police said two civilians were killed and two policemen and two civilians were wounded.

Fadhil, one of Baghdad's oldest and poorest areas, is ridden with Sunni insurgents and common criminals and its narrow streets and alleys have been the site of frequent clashes.

A helicopter owned by the private security company Blackwater USA crashed in heavy gunfire in the area on Jan. 23, killing four civilian contractors. A fifth contractor in a second helicopter died of gunshot wounds.

The clashes broke out a day after at least 74 people were killed or found dead in Iraq — 47 in suicide bombings — one of the deadliest days since a U.S.-Iraqi security sweep began in Baghdad on Feb. 14.

Suspected Shiite militants attacked a Sunni mosque on Sunday in apparent retaliation for one of those attacks — a suicide truck bombing against a Shiite mosque that killed 11 people in Haswa, 30 miles south of Baghdad. The explosion on Sunday blew a hole in the roof of the mosque's minaret but caused no injuries.

On March 14, U.S. military spokesman Maj. Gen. William C. Caldwell expressed optimism about the Baghdad security plan, but urged patience and cautioned that "high-profile" car bombings, which rose to a high of 77 in February, could "start the whole cycle of violence again."

Tornadoes

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I think it's really not worth the risk."

Jose Valdez, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Lubbock, said the official rainfall total at the airport was 1 inch as of 1 p.m. Sunday. The tornado and thunderstorm system moved in after that, causing flooding in parts of the city.

"It's getting close to the time of year when we should see more severe weather," Valdez said. "It started a little bit earlier this year. Everything came together a little bit earlier."

Friday, the National Weather Service had reports of hail and a tornado in Parmer County — with flash flooding in Farwell and a wind storm in Bovina — a tornado in Morton and wind damage in Earth. Wind speeds were measured up to 60 mph in Olton.

Some of the most severe activity occurred in New Mexico, where tornadoes caused damage in Clovis and Logan.

The Clovis News Journal reported at least 30 motor homes and mobile homes were destroyed in Logan when a tornado hit the town at 3:20 p.m. Friday.

According to the Journal's Web site, tornadoes also were spotted near Milnesand, Arch, Rogers and Portales.

Mike Juett, the south-side battalion commander for the Clovis Fire Department, said he did not have information available on exactly how many homes or businesses were damaged in the tornado.

"The tornado was pretty sporadic for about five miles," Juett said. "There was major and light damage

all over. To my knowledge, we had no deaths and not many casualties."

Juett said most people escaped the tornado for two reasons: It occurred

at 7:54 p.m., before most people went to bed and they had a 20-to-25-minute warning.

"We were really fortunate," Juett

said. "Most people heeded that warning, leaving their trailer homes and places like that."

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have to buy advertising this week because people think we're closed," Gonzales said. "It's been a hassle having to get that word out there that we're still operating."

Although he said he has had customers calling and asking what they can do to help and even offering to protest, Gonzales said there is nothing he can do.

"The city has the right to purchase the building," he said. "We'll be fine; we'll find someplace and we'll make it work somehow."

Gonzales was given the option of purchasing the current location of South Beach, but he said it was not

the best option.

Right now, he said, another building located in the Depot District is being looked at as the future site of South Beach.

Funding for the visitors' center will not come from the city budget, but rather from the motel/hotel occupancy tax.

Jarrett said the money from the tax has been accumulating for some time to fund the project.

"No funds from the general fund will come into play here," she said. "However, the visitors' center will generate sales tax, which will benefit the whole city."

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'Shooter' hits target, lacks sharp dialogue

Antoine Fuqua's new movie "Shooter" hits its target, but the film is not a bull's-eye.

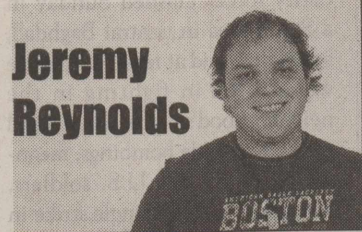
Mark Wahlberg stars in this action vehicle based on the Stephen Hunter novel "Point of Impact." The two-hour film has some of the best action sequences this year, including a climax that's filmed on a glacier, but the picture also is riddled with cliché dialogue.

Viewers can't help but get feelings of déjà vu while watching "Shooter." The producers have fused together the 1997-bomb "Most Wanted" with a cheaper version of "The Bourne Identity."

While "Shooter" has its fun moments, it still falls short of being a memorable action movie.

Wahlberg stars as Bob Lee Swagger, a former scout sniper left for dead in Ethiopia at the start of the film. After getting out of the war zone, Swagger retires to the simple life in the mountains of Wyoming with an unrealistically well-trained dog that can fetch a beer from the refrigerator just as easily as it fetches the morning newspaper.

However, as with any good killer, Swagger can't stay hidden for long. When a very old-look-



Jeremy Reynolds

ing Danny Glover shows up at Swagger's door step, pushing all of his buttons about patriotism and saving the president's life from a sniper, Swagger agrees to do a comeback tour.

On the day of a supposed assassination, Swagger is slow to learn he's not there to stop a murder; he's there to take the fall for it.

When he narrowly escapes the day with a few bullet wounds to show for his troubles, he decides, like all action heroes do, he's going to go after the ones who tried to set him up, or in his words, "I'm going to burn their playhouse down."

I actually was quite surprised with "Shooter." The film's trailer didn't blow my skirt up, and I didn't expect to like a movie that looked like a complete rip-off of a Keenan Ivory Wayans' film from 1997.

Still, the film's plot and climax were a notch better than some direct-to-video piece of trash.

Wahlberg, fresh off his Academy-Award nominated performance in "The Departed," doesn't do anything outstanding or award-winning in "Shooter," but thankfully his acting has grown since "Planet of the Apes."

Wahlberg is a great actor when directors and writers give him one quirk to work with because he'll take that character trait and turn into something amazing, such as his volatile cursing in "The Departed."

If he's not given something solid to hold on to, then it's better not to use him as a main character. I like Wahlberg better in supporting roles; although he's not awful in "Shooter," he doesn't carry the flick.

Michael Pena ("World Trade Center") co-stars as an FBI agent who is one of the only people who believes Swagger did not commit the murder.

Like with all his roles in his short career, Pena is able to take something mundane and give it personality. In "Shooter," he's turned a straight-arrow FBI agent into a wisecracking rookie who's still a bit wet behind the ears. I liked his performance, as I typically do, and he was one of the few bright spots in



COURTESY PHOTO/Paramount Pictures

MARK WAHLBERG, RIGHT, stars in the new movie 'Shooter', which is a solid picture but far from memorable.

the acting category for this movie.

The real star of this picture is the director, Fuqua. He's made a few downers after his breakout-hit "Training Day," but he's always showed the makings of a great director. In "Shooter," he's created

a popcorn movie fueled by an enjoyable plot and explosive special effects.

The movie won't win anything come February, but sometimes you need a film in which people's heads blow up, and there's a gun fight

every 20 minutes.

4 out of 6 - GOOD

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Extra cheese, no deadbeats: Child-support suspects pictured on pizza boxes

CINCINNATI (AP) — Customers at some suburban pizza parlors are getting something extra with their pepperoni and mushrooms — wanted posters for parents accused of failing to pay child support.

The idea came to Cynthia Brown, executive director of the Butler County Child Enforcement Agency, while she was ordering pizza.

"It suddenly dawned on me that most people running from the law don't eat out, they order pizza," said Brown, whose county is north of

Cincinnati.

Enforcement agencies across the country use a variety of methods to locate support scofflaws and collect past-due payments. Virginia has issued subpoenas to cellular phone companies seeking addresses and phone numbers. California's Kern County seizes and auctions parents' vehicles, with proceeds going to the children, said Kay Cullen, a spokeswoman for the National Child Support Enforcement Association.

State child support agencies col-

lected more than \$23 billion in child support for 17.2 million children in 2005, but the cumulative past-due child support since the agencies were first formed more than 30 years ago is \$106 billion, Cullen said.

"While we have made progress, putting the wanted posters on pizza boxes is an example of the innovation and commitment that we need," she said.

Other Ohio counties put posters on their Web sites and work with local Crime Stoppers programs, and

a few contract with companies that can track people through rental and cell phone records, according to the Ohio Child Support Directors Association. Some include fliers in water and sewer bills.

Butler County has printed posters with mug shots of its 10 most-wanted parents, placing them in post offices and other government buildings and sending them to Ohio's 87 other counties. The lineup, chosen by prosecutors, is changed twice a year.

The Butler County sheriff's office served 1,224 nonsupport warrants last year, said sheriff's Sgt. Todd

Langmeyer. The county has about 350,000 residents.

Brown approached several restaurants and chains with her idea of affixing the posters to pizza boxes, but so far only three pizzerias are participating.

Since the first pizza posters appeared in August, they have led to one arrest, Langmeyer said. "It's a good idea any time you can put the faces out there," he said.

The owner of Karen's Pizzeria hasn't heard any complaints about her participation in the poster program.

"Some customers joke about it and say they're glad they aren't on it," Karen Willis said. "Most seem to think it's a good idea."

An attorney who focuses on fathers' rights cases called the tactic "horrible."

"It's just a way of shaming people," said Maury Beaulier, whose firm is in Eden Prairie, Minn.

Many circumstances can cause people to get behind in support payments, but that doesn't make them deadbeats, he said.

Widespread public shaming also can devastate the children, said Michael McCormick, executive director of the American Coalition for Fathers and Children.

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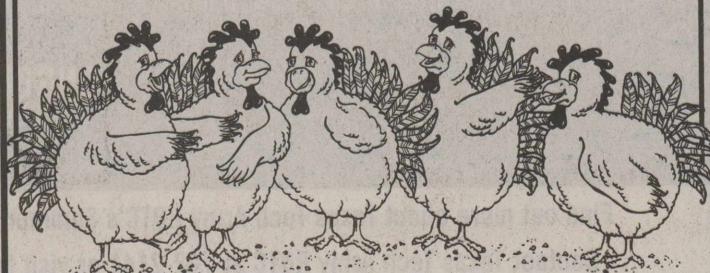
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WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — Actor Sidney Poitier, a former president of Poland, a network journalist and an author are this year's Common Wealth Awards winners, according to a trust committee member.

The awards, created by a Delaware businessman, recognize people who demonstrate both excellence in their fields and serve as an inspiration to others, said Connie Bond Stuart, a committee member and PNC Bank Delaware president.

The 28th annual Common Wealth Awards will go to:

— Poitier, 80, winner of an Oscar for "Lilies of the Field" in 1963, director of several films and author of two books.

— Former Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski, who co-founded Poland's Social Democratic Party and helped the country move from communism to democracy.

— Cokie Roberts, a veteran journalist on National Public Radio and ABC News.

— Author Ian McEwan, a winner of the Booker Prize, one of Britain's highest awards for writers.

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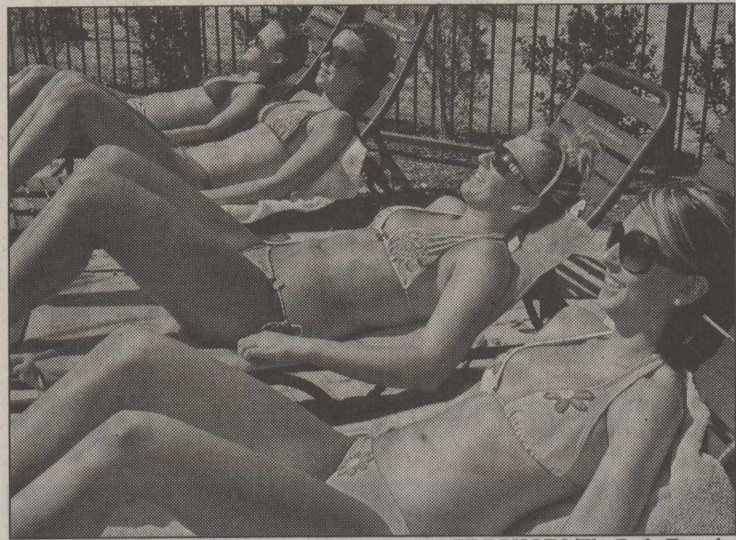
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Splash of style: Experts sound off on season's best swimsuit fashions



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By **HALEY DAVIS**
STAFF WRITER

Spring finally has arrived, and that means one thing for most college students: It's time to lie out by the pool and get a tan.

Still, before students reach for their beach towels, they may want to make sure their swim gear is in style.

Brenda Martinez, a saleswoman at Just Add Water, a swimwear shop in Houston's Galleria shopping center, identified a few items flying off the rack this season.

"Two-pieces in bright colors, stripes and polka dots are really popular," she said. "Customers also

like plain colors and older ladies like the tankinis (two-piece suits distinguished by longer, more conservative tops)."

Still, there is more to summer fashion than just bathing suits; beach-side ensembles wouldn't be complete without a cute cover-up.

"See-through dresses are popular," Martinez said of the ideal clothing item to throw on over one's swimsuit. "Tunics, a lot of pants, skirts and wraps."

A primary trend for females this year is a "celebration of femininity," according to the Web site everythingbutwater.com. Some of the most popular prints for suits include animal prints, art deco,

flower prints and polka dots. According to the Web site, some inspirations for this season's swimwear include nautical styles, retro influences, romantic designs and vintage patterns.

Danielle Culp, a senior advertising major from Amarillo, named a few characteristics she looks for when picking out a swimsuit.

"I like to look for swimsuits with halter tops and in neutral colors like brown and black," Culp said. "I also look for a fun print every now and then to change things up."

According to several Web sites dissecting summer fashion, pool-goers and beach visitors wanting to look their best this swimsuit season should take their body types into consideration before picking out that trendy two-piece.

According to the Web site girlynation.com, everyone has a different body type, but there are five common types by which most women can categorize themselves. Strawberry, ruler, hourglass, pear and petite are the body types listed on the site; each type can look great if the right suit is worn.

Additionally, the Web site everythingbutwater.com features a section on swimsuit definitions that will help women figure out the best type of suit for the different body types.

Swimsuit shopping can be a

daunting task with the endless options out there, and some swimsuits can cost as much as an actual outfit, according to the aforementioned Web sites. Buyers beware: Swimsuits do not have to cost an arm and a leg to be fashionable.

According to the Web site swim-style.com, there are a few tips to go by for those who are swimsuit shopping on a budget. First, don't purchase a swimsuit when they first arrive in stores. Wait until at least July or August because that is when suits will be least expensive. Second, buy classic bikinis that will stay in style for more than just one season. Another tip when shopping on a budget is to try shopping at an outlet store. According to the Web site, outlet stores carry new suits from designers and other well-known brands. Finally, begin swimsuit shopping already knowing what style, color and fit is desired.

Swimsuits aren't just for the ladies; guys have to look good in the water too. According to the Web site oldnavy.com, many pairs of classic board shorts come in graphic prints this season. Some prints offered to trendy men include bold stripes, plaids and solids.

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'Grotesque' an incredible read

By **CHRISTINA ASHIE**
THE BATTALION (TEXAS A&M)

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STATION, Texas - Natsuo Kirino's newest book "Grotesque" examines the inner beast of three Japanese girls as they grow into women. Translated from its original Japanese, Kirino's book must be read with caution. Its dark twists easily consume the minds of its readers.

The main characters are two sisters and one of their schoolmates. The older sister is never named, even though she entertains conversations with her family, classmates and work associates, as well as being mentioned in newspaper articles. Yuriko is the younger sister and the owner of a beauty so intense it is monstrous. Kazue, perhaps the most important character, is a fellow schoolmate of both girls.

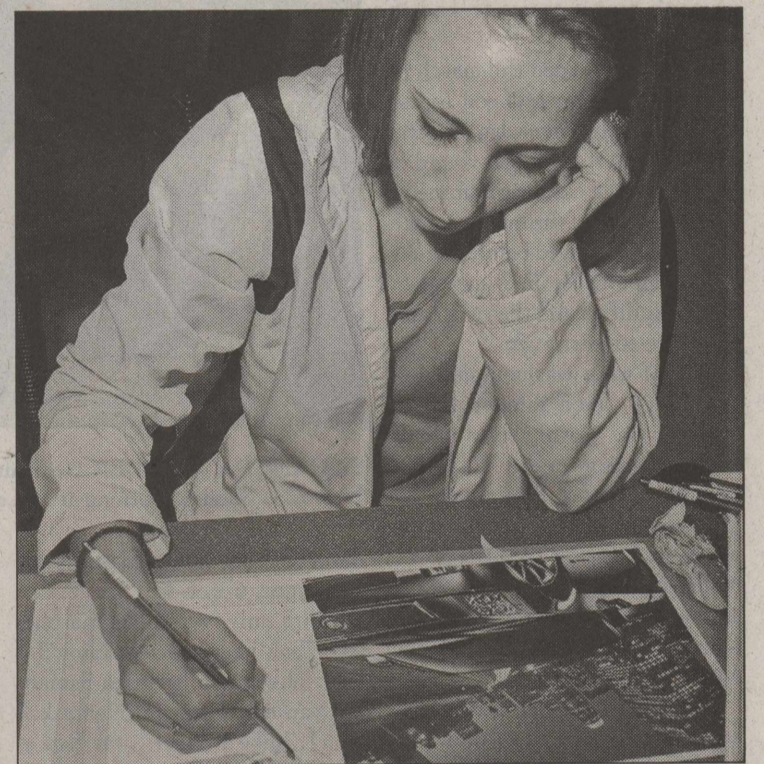
As the girls grow up, an intense jealousy poisons the relationship between the two sisters. This tension only grows and becomes more convoluted as the sisters go separate ways. Though both are originally members of the elite Q School for girls, the older sister goes on to obtain

an insignificant job in childcare placement and the younger sister becomes a prostitute because she enjoys sex. Schoolmate Kazue is most vital because she passes in and out of the sisters' lives, binding them together and revealing their character.

After the highly publicized deaths of Yuriko and Kazue by the same man, the older sister searches and is confronted by the truth of Yuriko and Kazue's lives and deaths. Through varied viewpoints, Kirino's novel delves into the psyches of all four characters.

As a warning to readers, the psychological content is terrifying. Kirino is such an exquisite writer that her words will burn into the reader's mind. No norms are preserved -- beauty is monstrous; love is predatory, and delusion is truth. The only slight flaw is the constant reference to Japanese Yen. Though a chart is included at the beginning of the book to aid in translating from dollars to Yen, the numbers are so disparate (1,000 Yen = \$8) that it is hard to get a sense of the money involved without flipping back and forth. However, the writing is impeccable and the method of presentation excellent.

DRAWING BOARD



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ELIZABETH PAVLICK, A graduate architecture student from Katy, works on a reflective-surfaces exercise for her advanced drawing class in the Architecture building Thursday morning.

Ninja Turtles top weekend box office as 'TMNT' debuts with \$25.45 million

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The ninja turtles are back, and they're winning.

The Warner Bros. adventure "TMNT," a computer-animated update of the "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" comics, cartoons and 1990s live-action movies, debuted as the top weekend flick with \$25.45 million in ticket sales, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Warner also had the second-place movie with "300," which had been No. 1 the previous two weekends. The battle epic set in ancient Greece took in \$20.5 million, lifting its total to \$162.4 million.

Paramount's "Shooter," starring Mark Wahlberg as an ex-Marine sniper framed for a presidential assassination, led the runners-up among a rush of new movies, opening at No. 3 with \$14.5 million.

New Line's family fantasy "The Last Mimzy" premiered in fifth place with \$10.2 million. The movie centers on a brother and sister who discover a mysterious box of toys and are endowed with superhuman powers to help them preserve humanity's future.

Fox Atomic's horror sequel "The Hills Have Eyes 2," about National Guard troops who stumble on a clan of mutant cannibals, opened at No. 7 with \$10 million.

Adam Sandler had a soft debut for his latest dramatic detour, the post-Sept. 11 drama "Reign Over Me," which came in at No. 8 with \$8 million. The Sony release features Sandler as a lost soul whose family died in the Sept. 11 attacks, with Don Cheadle co-starring as an old friend helping him to reconnect with the world.

Lionsgate's sports tale "Pride," starring Terrence Howard and Bernie Mac in the story of a coach who starts a swim team for impoverished black youths in the 1970s, opened with \$4 million to come in at No. 9.

Hollywood continued a recent business upswing, with the top 12 movies taking in \$125.7 million. That's up 28 percent from the same weekend last year, when "Inside Man" debuted at No. 1 with \$29 million.

The upward trend likely will end next weekend. New movies that include Will Ferrell's comedy "Blades of Glory" and the animated feature "Meet the Robinsons" will have a hard time matching up to "Ice

Age: The Melt-down," which opened with \$68 million over the first weekend in April last year.

"We're on a roll and on an up streak right now, but it's going to be a real tough competition for this weekend," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Media By Numbers.

"TMNT" follows the escapades of four hip turtles who mutate into man-sized reptiles and use their martial-arts mastery

"It's sequel time, dudes. We knew from the inception of this project that the 'TMNT' characters would continue to resonate with audiences across the world."

— HARVEY WEINSTEIN
CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE WEINSTEIN CO.

to fight bad guys.

"It's sequel time, dudes," said Harvey Weinstein, co-chairman of the Weinstein Co., which is distributing "TMNT" overseas. "We knew from the inception of this project that the 'TMNT' characters would continue to resonate with audiences across the world."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Media By Numbers LLC. Final figures will be released Monday.

TOP 10 HITS

1. "TMNT," \$25.45 million.
2. "300," \$20.5 million.
3. "Shooter," \$14.5 million.
4. "Wild Hogs," \$14.4 million.
5. "The Last Mimzy," \$10.2 million.
6. "Premonition," \$10.1 million.
7. "The Hills Have Eyes 2," \$10 million.
8. "Reign Over Me," \$8 million.
9. "Pride," \$4 million.
10. "Dead Silence," \$3.5 million.

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Tech baseball drops weekend series with Baylor

By WES SKIPWITH
STAFF WRITER

After allowing 12 runs in the bottom of the fourth inning Sunday against Baylor at Baylor Ballpark in Waco, the Texas Tech baseball team was run ruled by the Baylor Bears, 14-4.

Baylor's (15-11, 2-4 Big 12) victory Sunday allowed the Bears to take the weekend series 2-1. Tech (18-10, 3-3) was handed its first conference series loss of the year.

Trailing 1-0 entering the fourth,

Tech starting pitcher Aaron Odom gave up a single and a walk to start the inning. Then a throwing error allowed two Baylor base runners to score. Odom gave up four more hits and four more runs, including a two-run home run by Baylor's Bremer Weems.

With the score 6-0, Odom was replaced by relief pitcher Brian Cloud, who was not able to fair much better than Odom. After striking out the first batter, Cloud allowed three hits, including a three-run home run by Baylor's Matt

Czimskey. Baylor extended its lead to 11-0 before reliever Sam Janca replaced Cloud. With runners on first and second, Janca gave up a two-run double. By the end of the fourth, Baylor was on top of Tech 13-0.

Tech was able plate four runs before the game was called after the seventh. Roger Kieschnick hit a solo home run over the right field wall in the sixth to break Tech's scoreless streak. Jason Seefeld had an RBI single to left in the seventh followed by a two-run home run from Kyle

Martin, making the score 13-4.

The Bears scored once more in the bottom of the seventh to end the game with a 14-4 victory.

Aaron Odom was given the loss after pitching 3 1/3 innings, allowing six earned runs on nine hits, moving him to 3-3 on the year.

Tech also lost the first game of the series to Baylor. Like Sunday's game, the fourth inning was costly for the Red Raiders Friday. In the top of the inning, Tech took an early lead after Kyle Martin hit a solo home run over the wall in

left-center field, making the score 1-0, Tech.

In the bottom however, Baylor posted four runs on five hits off Tech starting pitcher Colt Hynes and Tech relief pitcher Josh Scofield.

The Bears scored again in the eighth and won 5-1 over the Red Raiders. Hynes earned the loss after throwing 3 1/3 innings, allowing four runs on five hits. He is now 2-2 for the season.

Saturday, Tech was able to steal a victory away from Baylor in extra innings. With the bases loaded in

the top of the 10th inning and the game tied 7-7, Baylor reliever Nick Cassavechia balked, which scored Tech's James Leverton for the go-ahead run.

In the bottom of the 11th, Tech reliever Travis Young retired Baylor's first three batters to end the game at 8-7. Young was awarded the win after coming in during the bottom of the ninth and retiring every opposing batter he faced. He pitched 1 1/3 innings and allowed zero runs while striking out two batters.

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Weather postpones completion of Tech women's tennis match

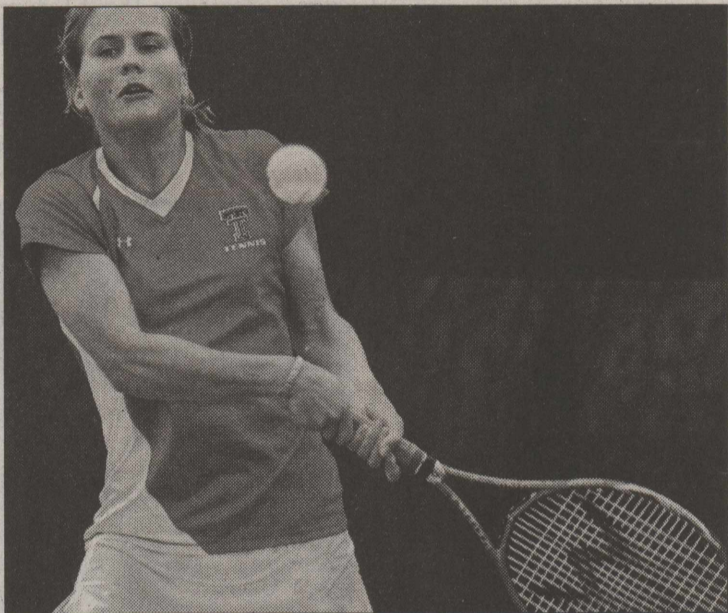
By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

Two rain delays Sunday afternoon forced the match between the Texas Tech and Nebraska women's tennis teams to end in a 3-3 tie.

After rain forced the match to be moved from the McLeod Tennis Complex to the Lakeridge Country Club to play the doubles round of the match, the conditions forced a postponement of the match, which will either be played before the Big 12 Championship in Missouri or will be nullified and the two teams will have to start over.

But of what was completed of the match, Tech jumped out in front of the Cornhuskers 1-0 as Brenna Jackson in the No. 6 spot defeated Ashley Finnegan, 6-0 in one set. The rest of the match was retired, giving Tech the point. Nebraska tied the match up at 1-1 as Nebraska's Diana Kuhl defeated Lakann Wagley, 6-2, 6-2 in the No. 2 spot.

The Tech freshmen managed to come away with wins in their first conference matches of the season as Kerryn Potgieter defeated Nebraska's No. 4 player Maria Ring, 6-1, 7-5, and Maria Jose Andres in



CAITY COLVARD/The Daily Treador
SAMANTHA VAN DER DRIFT hits the ball during the match against Nebraska, Sunday Morning at McLeod Tennis Complex.

the No. 5 spot swamped Marianne Cimanec, 6-2, 6-4.

With only two singles matches left, Tech had a commanding 3-1 lead. The match between Samantha van der Drift and Nebraska's No. 1, Imke Reimers, was tied as van der Drift won the first set and Reimers won the second set. The match between Janet Durham from Tech and Wiveca Swarting

was also in the same situation, but because of the rain delays, the two matches were suspended until the rain cleared. The match moved and was completed at the Lakeridge Country Club. In the end, van der Drift lost her match, 4-6, 6-4, 3-6. Durham followed the same path, losing her match, 6-1, 1-6, 4-6.

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Tech softball stopped by tornado, Tigers

By JEREMY REYNOLDS
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech softball team was in pre-game warm-ups with the Missouri Tigers Sunday afternoon at Rocky Johnson Field when the first funnel cloud peaked. When the second funnel appeared south of the field, the call was made to get both teams to shelter under Jones AT&T Stadium.

The official word came that the game was canceled almost two and a half hours after its scheduled noon start.

Ashley Jacobs, who pitched in Saturday's game against Missouri, said she was "terrified" of the weather.

"Bad weather freaks me out," she said.

Tech will attempt to make up the game against Missouri today.

In Saturday's game, Tech was kept hitless until the sixth inning, dropping the contest 7-4.

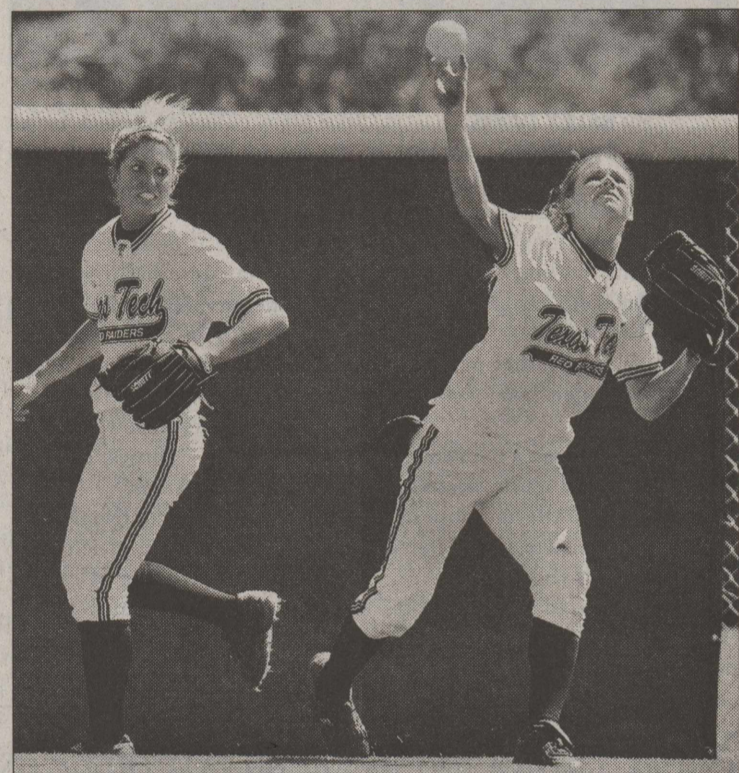
Tech third baseman Brandy Moulin said her team played well and did not consider the game a disappointment.

"I think we performed well as a team," she said. "In certain situations, things didn't fall our way."

Moulin said she credited Tech's lack of offense through the first six innings to her team's lack of ability to "capitalize" in different situations.

"She was a good pitcher, though," Moulin said, referring to Missouri pitcher Jen Bruck.

Missouri took an early lead in the first inning when An-



KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Treador
TEXAS TECH'S ASHLEY PARKER throws the ball from the outfield as Whitney Riley looks on during Tech's game against Missouri on Saturday at Rocky Johnson Field.

dee Allen scored on a double off the center field fence by Micaela Minner, who finished the game with two hits and two RBIs.

Jacobs then kept Missouri (23-17, 1-0) at bay until the sixth inning when the Tigers scored four runs on two home runs.

"I just started missing my spots," she said. "They capitalized on that."

Bruck kept Tech off the base paths and the scoreboard through five innings, not allowing a hit up to that point. But in the sixth, Bruck was replaced by Alana Jacobson, who allowed Tech's first hit to Heather Parker, who hit a fly

ball over the shortstop's head and into left field.

Tech (17-17, 0-3) was able to score four runs in the sixth, complements of singles by Ashley Parker, Devin Zaragoza, Montana Patin and Heather Parker. Still, the rally was not enough as Missouri added two runs in the seventh.

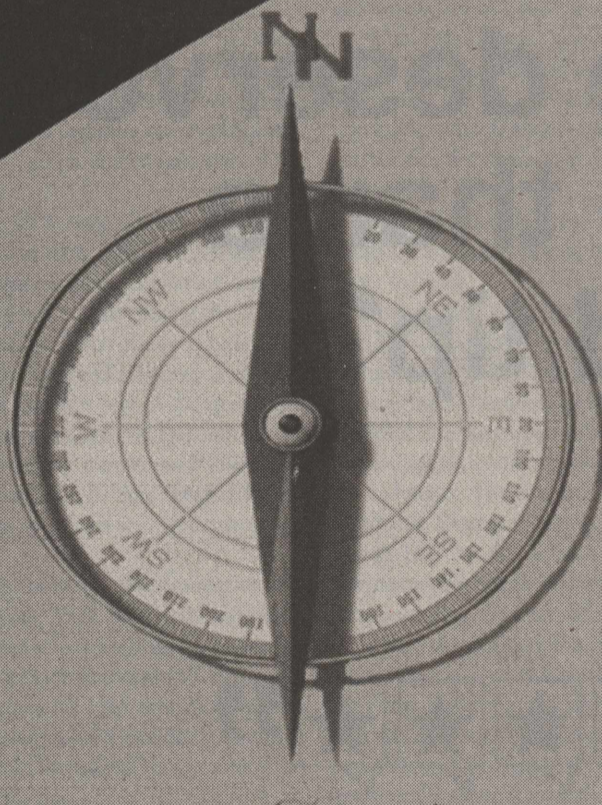
"I think (we) did a good job," Tech's Jacobs said. "We were a little late to get started, but we fought hard 'til the very end."

Jacobs took the loss and dropped 13-9 on the season. Missouri pitcher Bruck was credited with the win, her eighth of the season.

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Mavs improve win streak to six

ATLANTA (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki and Josh Howard each scored 28 points, and Jason Terry scored 15 of his 27 in the fourth quarter to help Dallas beat the Atlanta Hawks 104-97 on Sunday for the Mavericks' sixth straight win.

Dallas' biggest lead came at the 5:16 mark of the second quarter, when Howard's turnaround jumper made it 51-28. The Mavericks improved to 58-11, tops in the NBA.

But after Terry's 14-footer gave Dallas a 73-63 lead with 2:52 left in the third, the Mavericks scored just one field goal over their next 12 possessions, a stretch that included five turnovers.

Josh Childress' dunk gave Atlanta its only lead at 79-77, but Terry answered 22 seconds later with a straightaway jumper.

Following a pair of free throws by Howard with 7:44 remaining, Dallas never trailed again.

Atlanta has lost five of six and 13 of its last 19 game.

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UCLA upends one-seed Kansas to advance to Final Four

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — With good-natured shoves and claps, the UCLA Bruins formed a circle around Arnon Afflalo — the rightful center of attention.

In an exceptional second half that should help erase memories of his past mediocrity in big games, Afflalo scored 15 of his 24 points and the Bruins held off the top-seeded Jayhawks for a 68-55 victory in the West Regional final Saturday night.

Afflalo, hiding behind the souvenir hat and T-shirt from the biggest game of his career, tried to be just one of the guys — even though he was the main reason UCLA is heading back to the Final Four for a second consecutive season.

"I don't really think about it during the game, but when you're making shots, you're gaining confidence," said Afflalo, who made all six of his shots after halftime. "My teammates showed a lot of confidence in me. If I'm fortunate enough to make shots — just keep

shooting, keep playing. That has to be a scorer's mentality."

Darren Collison added 14 points and four big free throws in the final seconds while leading the Bruins' stellar defensive effort — but whenever the Bruins faced offensive trouble, Afflalo seemed to solve it, hitting a big shot or drawing the defense to set up a teammate.

Second-seeded UCLA (30-5) made its halftime lead stand up in an appropriately tense meeting between two schools with rich traditions and a combined 29 Final Four appearances — including an NCAA-record 17th for UCLA next week in Atlanta. The Bruins edged ahead of North Carolina, which has 16 going into Sunday's East Regional final against Georgetown.

The Bruins, who lost to Florida in last season's national title game, could be in for a rematch: They'll meet Sunday's winner of the Gators' regional final against Oregon.

"We do feel like we've been here

before, and we know what to expect," Collison said. "We felt that we didn't finish the job last year, so we're going to enjoy this moment, and then go back and try to finish it."

When Afflalo's teammates surrounded him, the UCLA fans chanted "One more year!" at the smiling junior. He acknowledged the cheers with a wave of both hands, but quickly slipped back into team-speak when he returned to the locker room.

"It really wasn't me individually," Afflalo said. "It was the whole mind-set of our entire team. I was just fortunate enough to make some jump shots tonight."

Brandon Rush scored 18 points for the Jayhawks (33-5), the first No. 1 seed to be eliminated from the tournament. Their 14-game winning streak also was snapped in the school's first NCAA tournament loss in California, where this game had a decided home-court feel for the Bruins.

"I think we beat ourselves, but I

have to give credit to their defense," said Rush, among several Jayhawks soon to be considering jumps to the NBA. "We just did some dumb stuff — dumb plays on defense and dumb turnovers."

The teams combined for 32 steals and 46 turnovers — yet both thought the game wasn't particularly sloppy. Two strong defensive teams collided, but Afflalo and his teammates also had the strength of experience.

"I'll give them credit, because they caused a lot of problems themselves," Collison said. "We had a lot of mistakes we normally don't make, and you've got to give credit to a good defense — but we battled through it."

UCLA made a 14-4 run to take a 35-31 lead when Josh Shipp hit a 3-pointer at the first-half buzzer, and the Bruins took over with an 11-4 run after halftime. Every time Kansas attempted a comeback, Afflalo and Collison met them with

a clutch basket or a big defensive play — and the Jayhawks ran out of time.

"We had our best defenders on (Afflalo), but he's a good player," said Kansas coach Bill Self, who failed to win a regional final for the fourth time at three different schools. "I don't want to appear frustrated. We missed our free throws, and they didn't defend us on those. They just had some guys step up and make some plays. After they got the lead, they played poorly."

Though Kansas is loaded with star talent, the Bruins returned with several major contributors to last Final Four squad. That experience showed in every pressure-packed possession between two teams that began the season with the Final Four as their only acceptable destination.

Afflalo likely felt more pressure than anyone: The Pac-10 player of the year had a dismaying habit of disappearing in big games.

Afflalo struggled in both of the

Bruins' Final Four contests last season, scoring a combined 19 points against LSU and Florida. He managed just three points in this season's conference tournament loss to California, and he was ineffective for long stretches of the Bruins' last two victories in the NCAA tournament.

He had no such trouble this time, hitting a series of clutch baskets with a dwindling shot clock in the second half as UCLA nursed a lead: A 3-pointer as the shot clock expired with 10 minutes to play, or an acrobatic driving layup with 7 1/2 minutes left. Collison chipped in with another 3-pointer to beat the shot clock with 4:43 left.

"We made (three) incredibly tough shots," said UCLA coach Ben Howland, the first coach to lead the Bruins to back-to-back Final Fours since John Wooden's nine straight. "Those are backbreakers. (Kansas was) playing great defense, and then a guy hits an unbelievable shot from 25 feet. That is tough."

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Red Raiders fight through practice

By BEN MAKI
STAFF WRITER

Emotions were running high as members of the Texas Tech football team put on shoulder pads for the first time in spring practice Saturday morning.

Toward the end of practice, scuffles broke out among offensive and defensive players on two consecutive plays.

Tech football coach Mike Leach said he is not concerned about the incidents.

"I don't guess they'll hurt each other," Leach said. "(They've) got pads."

Junior running back Shannon Woods said incidents on the field are to be expected because players are trying to make names for themselves.

"I'm kind of actually surprised that there weren't more (scuffles)," Woods said. "Coming here my freshman year, normally, it was me all in the middle of them. It's really about trying to prove something; that's why you don't see the older guys getting into it because we've already been there, done that."

Woods took over for former Tech running back Taurean Henderson after the 2005 season. In the 2006 season, Woods rushed for more yards (926) in a season than any back at Tech since Leach began his coaching tenure in December 1999. Woods said his approach to working for those yards

is just to react to what the defense gives him; the contact is not an issue with him.

"Really, I don't think exactly what I'm going to try to do, if I'm going to run them over or make a move on them," Woods said. "If I need to run a guy over, I'm going to do it."

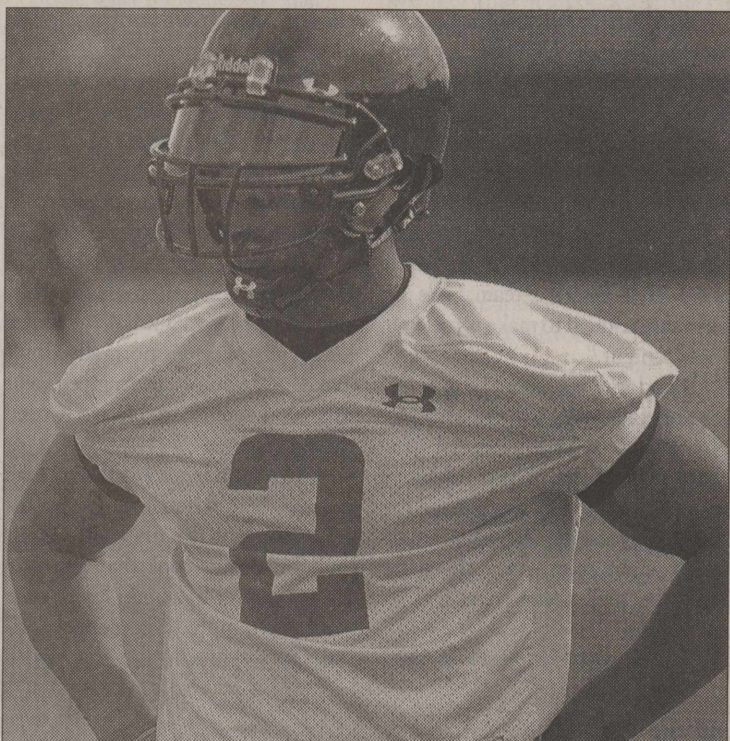
Senior linebacker Kellen Tillman said intensity in practice will improve the squad in the long run.

"Anytime you put the pads on, a lot more emotions come out," Tillman said. "With people playing more emotional, I think that helps our football team. We play better together, and the team chemistry (improves) — there will be occasional cheap shots and arguments, but it's all part of spring football."

Tillman, who has been granted a sixth year by the NCAA, is looking to improve on his 42 tackles from last season now that the teammates have pads on.

"My thing that I would like to work on a little more is my anticipation and my tackling," he said. "That's something I was really down on myself about last season. Just coming out, everyday that's something I want to focus on, like getting my feet set and breaking down and not try to overrun receivers."

Safety Joe Garcia returns for his senior season as the leading tackler from last season. He said he had a little trouble getting back to game



STEVE LEWIS/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH RUNNING back Shannon Woods rests during a recent practice last week.

speed Saturday.

"With our offense, they create a lot of holes," Garcia said. "You have to break down and make sure you have form tackling — the big hits will come, but you have to make the routine tackles. I was missing a couple tackles trying to get used to the speed again."

Leach said Saturday's practice

was up to par for this point in spring practices.

"This is the point where they are probably about as sore as they are going to be — (the) third day," Leach said. "So, I thought it was pretty good work. I thought it was sloppy, but it wasn't any worse than the typical third day."

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GREATEST TECH ATHLETE POLL

For the week of March 26 through March 30, *The Daily Toreador* will give readers the chance to pick the greatest athlete in Texas Tech sports history. Each day *The DT* sports desk will profile two athletes from the list of 14 finalists. To vote for your favorite athlete log on to www.dailytoreador.com/apoll.

Zach Thomas, football player (1992-1995)

Once considered too small to play Division I football, Thomas accepted a scholarship to Texas Tech, where he went on to become a two-time All-American middle linebacker. He was named the consensus Southwest Conference Defensive Player of the Year in his junior and senior campaigns.

Thomas amassed 390 tackles throughout his career, including a career-high 131 tackles and a school-record 20 tackles against Missouri in his senior season.

Thomas played in every game his freshman season, recording 26 tackles. He then started every game from his sophomore season through his senior season.

What fans remember most about Thomas' career at Tech is his game-winning interception return for a touchdown that gave the Red Raiders a 14-7 win over rival Texas A&M in 1995. This still is considered one of the more memorable plays in Tech football history. He also recorded 13 tackles and recovered a fumble in the game.

Following his career at Tech, Thomas again was considered too small to play at the next level. The Miami Dolphins took a chance with him in the 5th round of the 1996 NFL draft, making him the 194th overall pick. Thomas has become a consistent sight at the Pro Bowl, making the team seven times in the last nine years.

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Wes Welker, football player (2000-2003)

The Oklahoma City native was voted *The Sporting News* Freshman All-America team, and he received All-American honors in 2002 and 2003.

He holds the school record for the most career all-purpose yards and receiving yards with 5,370 and 3,069 yards, respectively. He ranks second in Texas Tech school history with 259 receptions. Welker's 21 career-receiving touchdowns are tied for third all-time in school history. He also rushed the ball 79 times for 456 yards and 2 touchdowns.

Welker holds a piece of the NCAA record books for most career punt return touchdowns with eight. He also holds the NCAA records for most punt

returns in a season with 57 in the 2002 season and most career return yards with 1,761.

His 1,099 receiving yards in his senior season ranks fifth most all-time in school history. Welker's 97 receptions in 2003 rank second all-time in school history, behind Taurean Henderson (98). He holds the team record for most receptions in a single game with 14.

In the professional ranks, Welker is known for his willingness to do anything to help the team win. In 2004, he became the second player in NFL history to return a punt and a kick, kick a field goal and an extra point, and record a tackle in the same game.

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Ohio State routs Memphis to move into Final Four

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Greg Oden wasn't going to let foul trouble stop him, not with a chance to take Ohio State to the Final Four.

Frustrated by fouls for a third straight game, Oden made the most of his time on court during a key stretch of the second half, carrying the top-seeded Buckeyes past Memphis 92-76 Saturday in the South Regional finals.

Oden's numbers weren't huge: 17 points, nine rebounds.

The 7-footer's impact was.

The Buckeyes (34-3) went from up five points to down five during the 4:42 the fabulous freshman was on the bench after getting his third foul early in the second half. The moment he returned, everything changed. His presence on offense and defense sparked a 20-8 run that ultimately sent Ohio State to Atlanta for a showdown next weekend with the winner of the North Carolina-Georgetown game Sunday.

The Buckeyes last made the Final

Four in 1999, when a team led by Michael Redd and Scoonie Penn lost to eventual national champion Connecticut. That trip later was expunged from the records because of NCAA violations, making their last official appearance in 1968.

Second-seeded Memphis (33-4) fell a game shy of the Final Four for a second straight season. The Conference USA champs were riding a 25-game winning streak and were plenty confident they could handle the Big Ten champs — and were doing just fine until the 260-pound future NBA lottery pick flexed his muscles.

In only 24 minutes, Oden made 7-of-8 shots and was 3-of-6 from the line with a block that came on the first defensive stand after he returned with three fouls. Memphis' inability to stop him was summed up best when Chris Douglas-Roberts threw both arms around Oden's waist and shoved him for an intentional foul — but Oden still made the shot.

When Oden caught a pass, spun and scored with his left hand against Joey Dorsey, the Buckeyes were up 71-64 and in solid control with about five minutes left. By then, Ohio State fans, who'd anguished through last-second victories the last two games were breathing easily, possibly even wondering how much longer they'll get to savor Oden in scarlet and white before he turns pro.

They made their thoughts on the subject clear by chanting "One more year!" during the postgame, net-cutting ceremony. They later hollered, "Two more games," which could bring the Buckeyes their second basketball title and first since 1960.

Freshman point guard Mike Conley Jr. — the son of a former Olympic star and Oden's high school teammate — set the pace for the Buckeyes with hard-charging drives from the start. He scored 19 points and led Ohio State to its most points of the season. He also was named the top player in

the region.

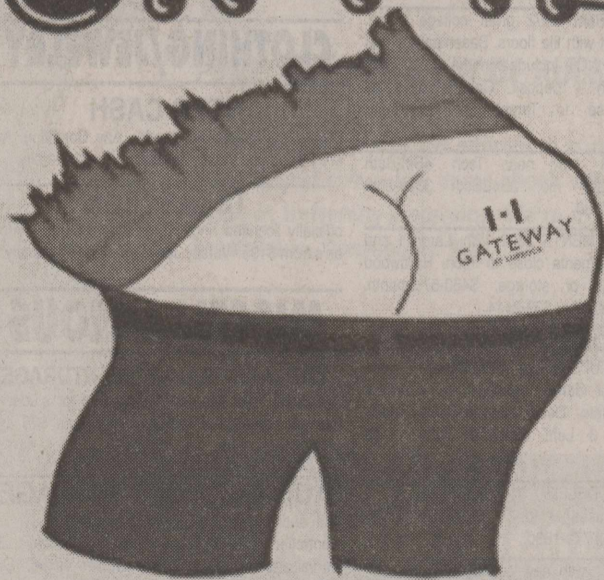
Ron Lewis continued his steady senior leadership with 22 points and six rebounds. Jamar Butler added 12 points. The Buckeyes made 51 percent of their shots, and were 35-of-41 from the foul line, never giving Memphis a chance to get back in the game down the stretch.

The Tigers hung in early by shooting 7-of-10 on 3-pointers in the first half, an surprising start considering they began last year's regional finals loss to UCLA 0-for-14 from behind the arc.

But they couldn't keep it up. Memphis made only three more on 12 tries after halftime and were further slowed by its star player, Douglas-Roberts, getting into foul trouble.

Jeremy Hunt led the Tigers with 26 points, 17 in the first half. Douglas-Roberts scored 14, Willie Kemp had 12 and Antonio Anderson got 10 points and a suture over his right eyebrow after catching an elbow from teammate Robert Dozier in the first half.

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