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STATE

Judge: man should be cleared of rape

DALLAS (AP)—A man who spent 10 years in prison for a gang rape he said he did not commit should have his record cleared because DNA evidence shows his arrest was a case of mistaken identity, a judge ruled Monday.

The recommendation by State District Judge Robert Francis will be forwarded to an appeals court for formal approval that would make James Curtis Giles the 13th man to be exonerated with the help of DNA evidence in Dallas County. Giles, now 53, has been living as a registered sex offender since his release from prison more than a decade ago.

NATION

Imus makes racially charged comments

NEW YORK (AP)—Calling himself a good person who said a bad thing, radio host Don Imus said Monday he would check his acid tongue after being lambasted for making racially charged comments about the Rutgers University women's basketball team.

"Here's what I've learned: that you can't make fun of everybody, because some people don't deserve it," he said on his nationally syndicated radio show Monday morning. "And because the climate on this program has been what it's been for 30 years doesn't mean it's going to be what it's been for the next five years or whatever."

WORLD

Britain bans sailors from selling story

LONDON (AP)—Britain on Monday banned all military service members from talking to the media in return for payment, a day after it said the 15 marines and sailors who were held captive in Iran could sell their stories.

Defense Secretary Des Browne issued a statement saying the navy faced a "very tough call" over its initial decision to allow the payments. The new ban will not affect any of the 15 service members held captive in Iran who already given accounts, a Defense Ministry spokesman said.

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U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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## Iran expands uranium enrichment program

By ALI AKBAR DAREINI  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NATANZ, Iran (AP)—Iran announced Monday that it has begun enriching uranium with 3,000 centrifuges, defiantly expanding a nuclear program that has drawn U.N. sanctions and condemnation from the West.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said at a ceremony at the enrichment facility at Natanz that Iran was

now capable of enriching nuclear fuel "on an industrial scale."

Asked if Iran has begun injecting uranium gas into 3,000 centrifuges for enrichment, top nuclear negotiator Ali Larijani replied, "Yes." He did not elaborate, but it was the first confirmation that Iran had installed the larger set of centrifuges after months of saying it intends to do so. Until now, Iran was only known to have 328 centrifuges operating.

Uranium enrichment can pro-

duce fuel for a nuclear reactor or the material for a nuclear warhead. The United States and its allies accuse Iran of intending to produce weapons, a charge the country denies.

Sean McCormack, the State Department spokesman, said the U.N. Security Council and the U.N. nuclear watchdog group "don't believe Iran's assurances that their (nuclear) program is peaceful in nature."

The White House also criticized

the announcement.

"Iran continues to defy the international community and further isolate itself by expanding its nuclear program, rather than suspending uranium enrichment," said Gordon Johndroe, a spokesman for the National Security Council.

The Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N. nuclear watchdog, had no immediate comment on Monday's announcement.

The United Nations has vowed to ratchet up sanctions as long as Iran refuses to suspend enrichment. The Security Council first imposed limited sanctions in December, then increased them slightly last month and has set a new deadline of late May.

"What we are looking for are reasonable Iranian leaders who view the cost-benefit calculation

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KELLY MATHERLY/The Daily Toreador

PEOPLE WAIT TO talk to Lubbock police after an 11-car pile-up because of icy roads on West Loop 289 and Brownfield Highway Saturday afternoon. One lady was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

## SGA officers reflect on terms in office, look to future

By MAGGIE KIELY  
STAFF WRITER

As the spring semester comes to an end, Student Government Association officers are taking time to reflect on their time in office.

Ryan Worley, the SGA president, said he will graduate with a bachelor's degree in finance in May and is currently looking for a job. He said he believes he accomplished most of the goals he set out to do, and he will miss working for the students.

"I am going to miss the people the most," Worley said. "Texas Tech has great people. I am excited to start at zero again and build myself back up; it is a new challenge, a new opportunity."

He said he hopes to finish the SGA alumni brochure before his term is over.

"My biggest deal is finishing up the alumni brochure to show the incoming students there are amazing opportunities here," Worley said. "I'm hoping it will be something we can use to attract students who are interested in student leadership."

Mason Moses, the SGA legislative liaison, will become the next SGA president. Worley said he believes Moses will work hard to deliver results to the students.

Matt Fowler, SGA internal vice president, said he will graduate with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering in December 2007. He said after leaving office, he will be looking for a job and polishing his resume.

"I want to find a company that is real committed to colleges," Fowler said. "It is important

there is relationship between company and the place you come from."

Fowler said he feels good about what he has helped the SGA accomplish in the last year, like the new fall break and funding allocations to student organizations. He said he will miss working with students and faculty members.

"It can be frustrating when we can't do anything," Fowler said, "but talking with students and letting them know we do care gives me a sense of purpose."

He said he will spend the end of his term transitioning Suzette Matthews, the new internal vice president, into office.

"Suzette is very capable, but there are a lot of details," Fowler said. "She'll do a fine job. I'm excited for what she's going to be able to accomplish."

Chris Huff, the SGA external vice president, will graduate with a bachelor's degree in international business in May. He said he plans to work in Washington, D.C., for the Department of Defense's Speech Writing Office as well as Eli Lilly Pharmaceuticals.

As far as his last week in office is concerned, Huff said he hopes to see the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce Internship Program become implemented, and he has been working toward finalizing the off-campus bus routes.

Huff said he wishes every Tech student would have an opportunity to work with the SGA, and he wishes he could have done more.

"I feel like I did the best possible job," Huff said. "You realize the reality of being put into

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## Bush administration files 2 new trade complaints against China

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
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WASHINGTON (AP)—The Bush administration announced Monday it is filing two new trade cases against China over copyright piracy and restrictions on the sale of American movies, music and books there.

The action, announced by U.S. Trade Representative Susan Schwab, represented the latest move by the administration to respond to growing political pressure at home to do something about soaring U.S. trade deficits.

Schwab said the United States was filing with the World Trade Organization a case that will challenge Beijing's lax enforcement of violations of copyrights and trademarks on a wide range of products. American companies contend they are losing billions of dollars in sales because of rampant

copyright piracy.

The second case will challenge China's barriers to the sale of U.S.-produced movies, music and books.

"Piracy and counterfeiting levels in China remain unacceptably high," Schwab said in announcing the new cases. "Inadequate protection of intellectual property rights in China costs U.S. firms and workers billions of dollars each year."

The two new cases represent the latest effort by the administration to increase pressure on China now that Democrats, many highly critical of China's trade practices, have won control of the House and the Senate.

The U.S. trade deficit set a record for a fifth consecutive year in 2006 — at \$765.3 billion — with the imbalance with China climbing to \$232.5 billion, the highest ever recorded with a single country.

In late March, the administration announced it was impos-

ing penalty tariffs on Chinese glossy paper imports in a case that broke a 23-year precedent that had barred U.S. companies from seeking protection from unfair subsidies provided by the Chinese government.

In February, Schwab announced the administration was bringing a WTO case against China on the government subsidy issue.

The decision to go to the WTO with the two new trade cases will trigger a 60-day consultation period during which trade negotiators from both countries will try to resolve the two disputes.

If that fails, WTO hearing panels would be convened. If the U.S. wins the cases, it would be allowed to impose penalty economic sanctions on Chinese products.

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## HEART TO HEART



NORMA SALCEDO, A graduate student Ph. D candidate from Lima, Peru, shows Perisa Khorsandi, a freshman Nursing major from Plano, the parts of the heart at her anatomy and physiology class in the biology building Monday afternoon.

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## Lubbock police look into burglaries

March 30

Lubbock police investigated the burglary of contents inside of a home in the 2200 block of 48th Street. According to reports, an unknown suspect stole \$2,000 worth of DVDs, a glass jar containing currency, a piggy bank also containing currency and a two-liter bottle containing currency. The total currency stolen equaled \$450.

Lubbock police received a report of a burglary in the 100 block of 82nd Street. According to reports, the victim returned to his home to find the back door of his house broken into. Police said unknown suspects stole a 42-inch projection television worth \$1,300, a PlayStation, video games, a portable television, a video camera, a VCR and a Nintendo GameCube.

Lubbock police investigated an aggravated burglary in the 1700 block of East First Place. According to reports, a victim was robbed when a suspect stole \$400 from the victim's wallet. The robbery occurred when the suspect demanded money from the victim after the victim answered the front door.

March 31

Lubbock police received a report

of a burglary in the 1900 block of 78th Street. According to reports, an unknown suspect gained entry into the residence by breaking in through the back door. Police said a 65-inch DLP Samsung high-definition television worth \$3,500 was stolen, along with a laptop computer worth \$1,200, a jewelry box and jewelry, including a female wedding ring.

Lubbock police investigated the theft at the Family Dollar Store in the 100 block of University Avenue. Police said an unknown suspect left the store without paying for a box of fish sticks worth \$3.35, a box of butter worth \$1.50 and a package of French toast sticks worth \$2.

April 1

Lubbock police arrested two suspects for possession of a controlled substance and for possession of drug paraphernalia in the 3300 block of Toledo Avenue. Police said they were called to the location in reference to two subjects passed out in a 1969 white Ford pickup. When police arrived, they found methamphetamines and drug paraphernalia on the suspects. Police transported the suspects to the Lubbock Detention Facility where the suspects were booked.

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## On the border, Bush returns focus to immigration proposals

YUMA, Ariz. (AP) — President Bush visited the U.S.-Mexico border Monday to tout a guest worker program for immigrants, pursuing a key domestic policy goal despite chilly relations with Congress.

The trip, a bookend to the visit that Bush made to the same southwest desert city last May, comes as tension rises over a new immigration proposal tied to the White House. Bush's team is privately working hard to rally votes for what Bush calls comprehensive reform — a mix of get-tough security with promises of fair treatment for undocumented residents.

Upon arriving in Yuma, Bush

met Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff. The two took a quick look at the "Predator," an unmanned plane that border officials use to monitor the region.

Bush pointed to two new layers of fencing that have been erected at the border since he visited the same spot a year ago.

"It's amazing the progress that's been made," Bush told border officials. "I was most impressed by your strategy, but more impressed by the fact that it's now being implemented."

Both Bush and the Democratic-run Congress are eager to show some accomplishment on a core issue like

immigration. Yet, it's a sticky subject, and the fault lines don't necessarily fall along party lines. For Bush, opportunities to see through his domestic agenda are shrinking.

With up to 12 million illegal immigrants in the U.S., lawmakers haven't agreed on how to uphold the law without disrupting lives, eroding the work force and risking political upheaval.

Bush is hopeful for a legislative compromise by August. He was making his case at a point along the Yuma Sector Border, a 125-mile stretch overlapping Arizona and California. Bush hoped to send a message that the stepped-up border

enforcement is working.

So far this budget year, apprehensions of people crossing illegally in the Yuma Sector is down 68 percent, according to the White House. Bush credits that to the power of deterrence.

The president's relations with Congress these days have been soured by the war in Iraq. He is at odds with Democratic lawmakers over a bill to extend war funding in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Presidential spokesman Gordon Johndroe said that although war dominates the headlines, "there's a lot of quiet work that goes on underneath the surface, so that we can get

some legislation done on issues like immigration."

Administration officials led by Chertoff and Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez have been meeting privately for weeks with Republican senators. That expanded to a meeting in late March with key senators from both parties.

Out of that session, a work-in-progress plan emerged — one described as a draft White House plan by officials in both parties and advocacy groups who got copies of the detailed blueprint.

The White House disputes that characterization. Spokesman Scott Stanzel said it was only a starting

point, an emerging consensus of Republican senators and the White House.

Regardless, the floated proposal has already met opposition. Thousands of people marched through Los Angeles on Saturday, spurred in part by what they called a betrayal by Bush.

The plan would grant work visas to undocumented immigrants but require them to return home and pay hefty fines to become legal U.S. residents. They could apply for three-year work visas, dubbed "Z" visas, which would be renewable indefinitely but cost \$3,500 each time.

## Nuclear

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and see that it is not to the benefit of the Iranian people to continue to pursue the course on which they find themselves," McCormack said.

Michael Levi, a fellow for science and technology at the Council on Foreign Relations, was skeptical of the Iranian claims. He said by his

calculations, the capabilities Iran has just announced would provide 10 percent of the material needed to run its plant.

"To me, that's not industrial scale," Levi said. "An industrial-scale facility is a facility that can support your industry."

On the other hand, "from a political perspective, it's more important to have them in place than to have them run properly," he explained

since the announcement stirs up support and patriotism at home, and the international community has almost no way to verify how well the program is working.

"Iran looks to be moving its nuclear program along on a political schedule rather than a technical schedule," Levi said.

Levi marveled that Iran has the power to cause such a stir with an announcement. He noted that most

of the time, world leaders complain they can't trust Iran, "except when they say something really scary, we take them at their word."

In his speech, Ahmadinejad insisted Iran has been cooperative with the U.N. nuclear watchdog, allowing it inspections of its facilities, but he warned, "Don't do something that will make this great nation reconsider its policies" in a reference to the threat of increased

U.N. sanctions.

"With great honor, I declare that as of today our dear country has joined the nuclear club of nations and can produce nuclear fuel on an industrial scale," Ahmadinejad said.

Larijani said his country was willing to offer assurances that its program is peaceful. But he said the West must accept its nuclear program as a fact: "We do not give in our rights."

On April 9, 2006, Iran announced it had first enriched uranium using an array of 164 centrifuges.

Across Iran, school bells rang on Monday to mark the "national day of nuclear energy." The government sent out text messages of congratula-

tions for the occasion to millions of mobile phone users.

In Tehran, some 200 students formed a human chain at Iran's Atomic Energy Organization while chanting "death to America" and "death to Britain." The students burnt flags of the U.S. and Britain.

Experts say the Natanz plant needs between 50,000 to 60,000 centrifuges to consistently produce fuel for a reactor or build a warhead.

In the enrichment process, uranium gas is pumped into a "cascade" of thousands of centrifuges, which spin the gas at supersonic speeds to purify it. Uranium enriched to a low level, at least 3 percent, can be used as fuel, while at a far higher level, more than 90 percent, it can be used to build a weapon.

Also Monday, Iranian state television reported that an Iranian Revolutionary Guard general who is under travel restrictions urged by the sanctions visited Russia without any difficulty.

Gen. Mohammad Baqer Zolqadr, who is also deputy interior minister for security affairs, was quoted on the state TV Web site as saying that his six-day journey to Moscow, which ended Monday, showed "the ineffectiveness of the resolution."

The resolution urges all governments to ban visits by the 15 individuals and says that should such visits occur — presumably for exceptional circumstances — the countries should notify a U.N. committee.

Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Andrei Krivtsov confirmed that Zolqadr visited Russia. He told The Associated Press that the resolution does not prohibit visits by the listed individuals, but calls for heightened vigilance "directed first of all at people who are directly related to nuclear programs" — suggesting that Zolqadr was not.

Tensions are also high between Iran and the West following the 13-day detention of 15 British sailors by Iran. The sailors, who were seized by Revolutionary Guards off the Iraqi coast, were released on Wednesday, but since then have said they were put under psychological pressure by their captors to force them to "confess" to being in Iranian waters when captured, angering many in Britain.

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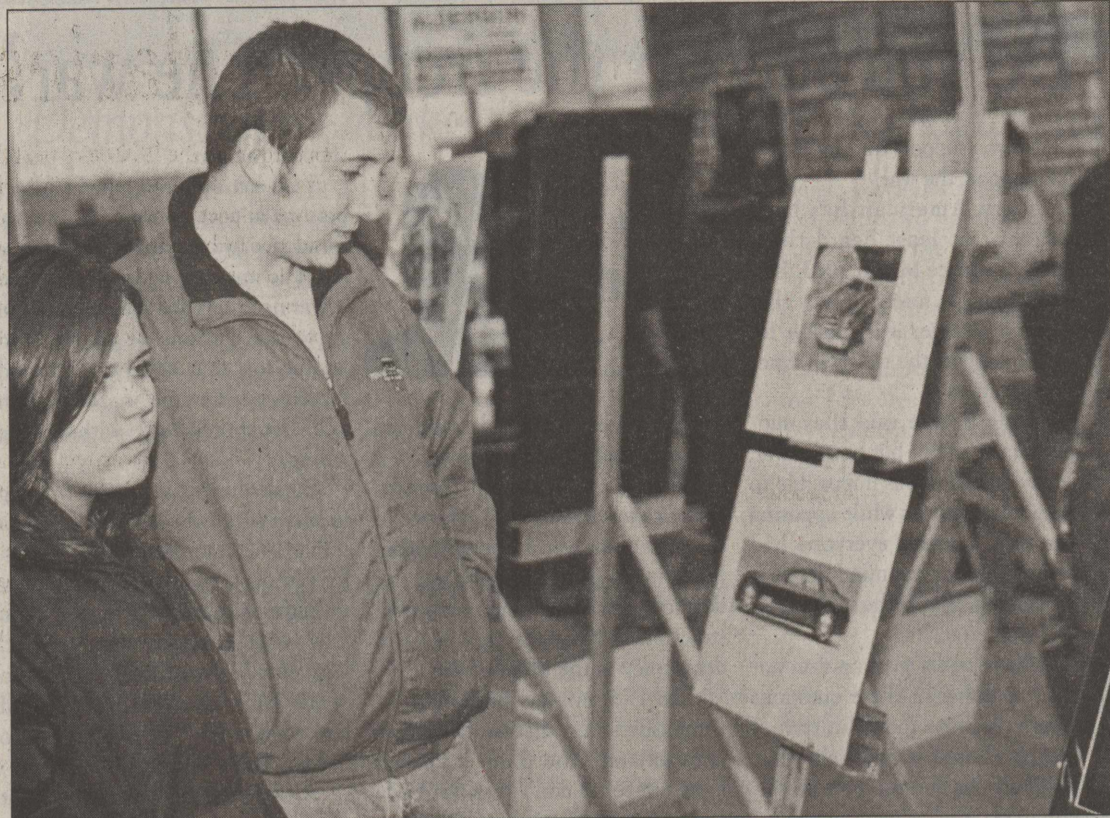


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# Students exhibit works at local car art show



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BRITTANY YOUNG, A freshman architecture major from Dallas, and Greg Miller, a freshman mechanical engineering major from Dallas, check out artwork Friday night at the Alderson Subaru Car Art Show.

By RICHARD CAMPANARO  
STAFF WRITER

A handful of selected architecture students exhibited their watercolor artwork Friday evening at the Alderson Subaru Car Art Show.

Alderson Enterprises Inc. sponsored the event as part of the Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts' First Friday Art Trail. Alderson pledged \$15,000 to the Delineation Enrichment Endorsement Endowment for the College of Architecture with the funds being distributed over a five-year period.

About 200 students participated in the College of Architecture delineation program and competed for a chance to display their artwork.

John Chinn, delineation instructor with the College of Architecture, said delineation is like "learning how to see" using handwork, sketches and painting. He said delineation is an essential part of architecture, and employers look for students with the ability to create quality materials quickly.

"The ability to put things down

on paper is a vital part of being able to work in a variety of media," Chinn said. "As much as a computer helps, the ability to draw is a necessary skill that makes using a computer even better."

Jimmy Davis, coordinator for the delineation program, said the program encompasses much more than merely drawing.

"There's a lot more to it than painting," he said.

He said the exhibition is a good form of motivation for students, most of whom have never worked with watercolors. Portraying cars makes for a challenging subject for students because of vehicles' curves, reflections and shading.

Aaron Shenefelt, a first-year architecture student from Amarillo, said it is exciting for him to have his work displayed, especially since he had never drawn anything before enrolling in the delineation course. Shenefelt displayed a depiction of a 1955 Mercedes-Benz Gold wing. He said it took him about six hours per day for nine days to finish the painting.

Glen Garnett, manager of new

car sales for Alderson Subaru and supporter of the program, said one of the dealership's goals is to maintain an active role with Tech, especially with programs other than athletics, since sports programs tend to receive more attention than other programs. Representatives from the dealership will choose a handful of paintings to be displayed in the dealership's showrooms throughout the year. After being displayed in the showrooms, the paintings will be returned to the students.

"I don't know how we're going to pick," Garnett said, scanning the showroom. "This is some great work. The ones that are chosen will be framed and placed throughout each of the five franchises."

Davis said there have been several inquiries about purchasing some of the artwork.

Ryan Burchett, a freshman architecture and visualization major, said it is a great feeling to have his work recognized. He said competition can be high among the students, mostly freshmen, in the program.

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## SGA

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a leadership role, and it is difficult to do everything you wanted."

Taylor Hutcherson will take over as the SGA external vice president, and Huff said he is confident in Hutcherson's capabilities.

Zeb Alexander, the SGA graduate vice president, said he will continue working on his teaching certificate, and he eventually would like to become a high school history teacher. Until then, Alexander said he will be working at First United Methodist Church in Lubbock as the director of Recreational Programming Ministries.

He said he believes the SGA members worked well together over

the past year, resulting in a lot of programs being implemented. Still, he said he wishes the students and SGA would communicate better.

"People criticize SGA and don't even talk to us and know what we do," Alexander said. "They just join the bandwagon for criticism and it is odd that college students would take that role."

Scott Gorenc will be the new SGA graduate vice president.

Alexander said Gorenc will be attending meetings with him and already has a good sense of the job responsibilities.

Jimmie Bradley, the SGA office secretary, said it is always hard for her to see students leave office.

"It is very heartbreaking," she said. "Sometimes I'm with a student from freshmen council through getting a degree and graduating. It is a friendship we've established."

She said she believes it is important to stay in contact with SGA alumni because it gives her an opportunity to see what sort of people they have become. She said she believes most students who work with the SGA mature and become more devoted to themselves.

"I think we had a strong group," Bradley said. "Most of the time I judge that on how much we build on what the officers before them

have done."

Worley and Fowler said they had the same advice for the incoming SGA officers: Keep their heads high and remember who they are working for.

"It has been a real pleasure being able to work for students," Fowler said. "Make decisions for the right reasons; I always try to remember I have 28,000 bosses."

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## China

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In a statement, the Motion Picture Association of America said that American industries lost an estimated \$2.3 billion in revenue to copyright pirates in China in 2005 with only one out of every 10 DVDs sold in China a legal copy.

"China is, by virtually any

and every measure, the world's largest marketplace for pirated goods," said MPA chairman Dan Glickman.

Mitch Bainwol, chairman of the Recording Industry Association of America, said that his industry welcomed the administration's decision to file the WTO cases. "The theft of music is pervasive in China and takes place virtually without meaningful consequence," he said.

## Police say gunman shot 3 inside Detroit-area office building

TROY, Mich. (AP) — A former accounting firm employee is suspected of shooting three people at the firm's offices Monday, killing one of them, officials said. Three hours after the attack, police believed they had the suspect in custody after a high-speed chase.

Police said they had located Anthony LaCalamita, 38, of Troy on Interstate 75, north of the suburban Detroit office building where the shootings took place.

"It looks like we have found the vehicle and the suspect," said Troy police Lt. Gerry Scherlinck.

He said officers found a gun in the vehicle. The man inside did not have identification, was not cooperating and would be brought back to Troy, Scherlinck said.

The two wounded victims, both men, were being treated at Beaumont Hospital, spokeswoman Ilene Wolfe said. She said

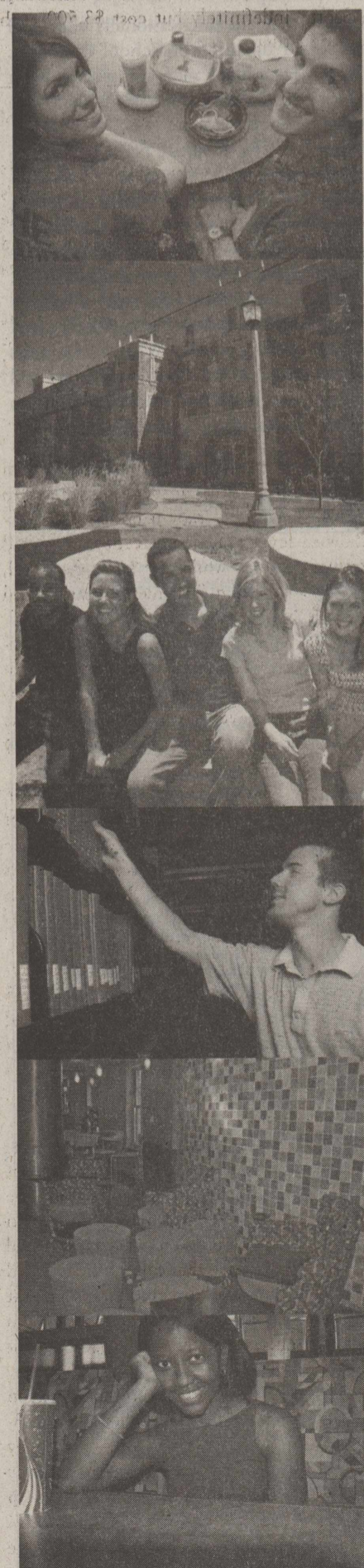
the third victim died on the way there.

LaCalamita was listed among the professional staff on the Web site of Gordon Advisors, a public accounting and business consulting firm in the building. Scherlinck said the shooter was a former employee of one of the offices there and might have been terminated as recently as a week ago.

The victims were shot around 10 a.m. on the building's second floor, Scherlinck

said. He could not say how many shots were fired but said the shooter used a long gun — either a rifle or a shotgun.

The 170,000-square-foot building houses a number of businesses, including law offices and the accounting firm where the shooting was believed to have occurred. Police at first told workers to stay in their offices but a short time later evacuated the building, about 15 miles north of Detroit.



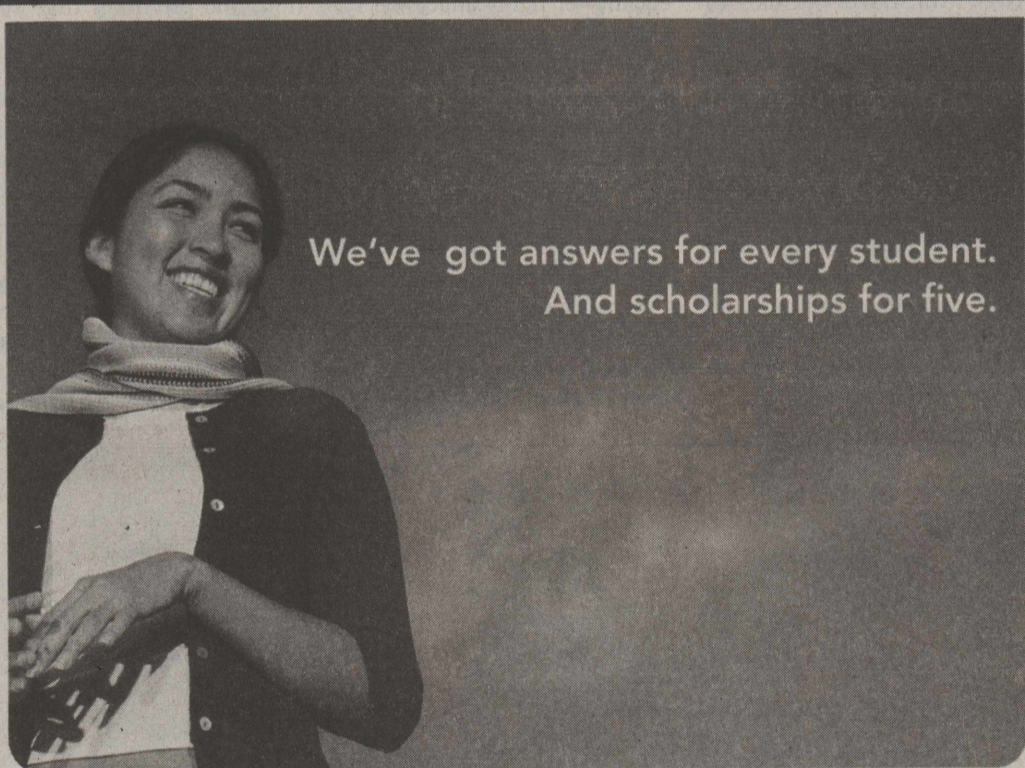
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# OPINIONS

## Humanity needs modern belief systems

A Christian and a Jew are waiting for the bus, and they start having a conversation about who has the correct religion. The Jewish guy tells the Christian Jesus was a heretic and by following him, the Christian is going to hell. The Christian insists Jesus was indeed the son of God and by not believing in him, the Jew was going to hell. Unable to resolve the dispute, the two ask a third party for help. They explain their sides and then ask him to decide who is right. The person says, "Islam is the only true faith; you're both going to hell."

What an interesting quagmire these three find themselves in. They all believe they have the absolutely correct religion, and nothing anyone says will change their minds. Obviously they can't all be right because their ideologies are mutually exclusive. So who is correct? How can you figure out which religion will bring you salvation?

The answer to this fundamental question is not based on deep spiritual truth — though a subscriber may feel deeply spiritual — but depends on a series of factors that, taken together, form a very potent method of persuasion.

The first aspect depends on the family and/or society in which a given person spends the formative years of his or her early life. Society spends some effort indoctrinating its youth into its belief system starting from a very young age. When a child is brought up being told a certain religion is the ultimate truth, this idea becomes deeply ingrained within that person's psyche and consequently, is nearly impossible to remove. Society exerts strong social pressure upon people to conform to widely held beliefs. Going against the majority of one's peers in questioning society's widely held belief system means one potentially could face social castration.

### Will Harman



Humans are innately social creatures and are dependent upon social interactions for their survival and as a result are strongly compelled to follow the ideas of the majority. This psychological trait evolved in order to ensure group survival in our ancestors. On one end, it helped provide group cohesion and agreement so individuals could better help one another survive. On the other hand, individuals felt compelled to conform so as to not be ostracized from the group, which would have meant certain death. This is a major factor in determining why people generally feel great anxiety when social relationships come under strain or break and also why people are compelled to hold the views of their peers.

Additionally, another one of humanity's great survival traits is the ability to understand the environment and predict how it would work. This trait was selectively successful because individuals stronger in this trait were more likely to survive. Religion itself is an extension of this innate human need to explain why things happen and was used primarily when nothing but a "God" could explain a situation people didn't understand.

The desire to understand why certain things happen in our lives is a major reason people who escape indoctrination still are drawn to religion. Religion was the precursor to modern science in it was humanity's first attempts to explain the world in which we live. However, religion led to incorrect notions such as lightning

being God's wrath, not a separation of charge between the earth's atmosphere and surface.

I used to go to a Christian church, and one sermon in particular stuck out to me. The pastor was trying to explain how you knew God really existed. He said you have to feel God's presence and that came through faith. God doesn't need to prove his existence because the faithful would know him personally through emotion.

My interpretation of this sermon is no compelling evidence exists, and so the only way to make people follow you is by appealing to emotions such as guilt, fear and love. By saying God loves you, they appeal to the human desire to be loved. People are made to feel guilty when they act in a way that God — who loves them like a father — supposedly doesn't approve of, even though what God wants is obviously up to interpretation. Also, people are made to fear reprisals from God such as being punished in a lake of fire for all eternity if they don't conform to religious beliefs — all of which can be powerful motivators.

I don't claim to know who or what God is or what happens to people after they die. What I do claim is people who say they know these things really don't know either because the answers to all of life's questions do not come from books written thousands of years ago by men. The more society moves ahead and our understanding of the way the world really works increases, the more understanding conflicts with traditional religious dogmas. It is only a matter of time before those ancient traditions must be abandoned in favor of more modern belief systems.

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## Do you support the troops? The war?

Do you support the troops? Do you support the war?

Every American has been asked or at least heard these questions since March 2003. Last week, my U.S. foreign policy class debated whether it is possible for one to support the troops and not support the war.

Some people said they supported the troops but not the war. Many argued it was impossible to support the troops while opposing the war. It seems everyone had made up his or her mind on what it meant to support the servicemen and women in Iraq.

I have never given a firm answer to either of these questions simply because the definition of "support" itself is now debatable. With all this confusion, it is difficult to know whether one supports the troops or the war.

During the Vietnam era, anti-war protesters treated troops coming home from the war quite poorly — and so did the government. Tens of thousands of Vietnam veterans remain homeless, many with substance abuse and mental-health problems.

The backlash from this disaster led to a different attitude on wars. America would not allow this to happen again. Even if the war was entirely unpopular, we would give our veterans support in all areas.

When the Iraq conflict began, people stuck yellow ribbons, signifying support of the troops, on their vehicles. Government officials promised to give troops adequate body armor, supplies, health support and job support when they returned home.

During this period when most Americans claimed to support the war, I had not made up my mind on whether I supported it or not. I did

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not like the way the president entered the war, and I didn't think it was necessary to go. However, I wanted America to win because I believed in the goals of the war: toppling Saddam Hussein's regime, preventing the development of weapons of mass destruction and establishing a peaceful democracy in the Middle East.

The U.S. military brilliantly accomplished these first two goals, but unfortunately, the third was much more difficult. I don't know anybody who wishes Hussein was in power today, especially with weapons of mass destruction in hand, but I know many people who couldn't care less whether Iraq is a stable democracy or not.

They say we should not impose our belief system on another country. They say we should not mingle in other countries' affairs. Many of them say we should have a complete withdrawal of troops as soon as possible. I think anyone who ascribes to these beliefs would admit openly he or she is against the war.

The opposite of this view is of complete devotion to the war. People who believe this way feel America is doing the right thing in Iraq and using the right means to do it. They say we should stay until the job is finished, and any costs are worth it. To go home before the mission is accomplished would be to accept defeat and encourage the growth of terrorism. Most of these people would admit openly they

support the war.

I fall somewhere in the middle. I personally wish we were not in Iraq. Since the day the war began, I have felt this way. I have never thought it was necessary for the president to go to war. I think we are stuck in a situation that will not end, and I believe sometime in 2008 or in 2009, we should begin withdrawing troops.

But despite my opposition to being in Iraq, I still want us to win. I want a stable democracy in the Middle East. Even though I want the government to begin withdrawing troops, I am fully aware I am not a military expert. I am not about to call the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and tell him what to do. The military has to develop these strategies.

And there's the debate of what it means to support the troops.

I strongly disagree with the means by which the administration is trying to achieve its goals — in other words, I did not like the president's decision to use military force.

However, I do not want another member of the U.S. military to be killed in Iraq, and I want them to win. I want them to have the best body armor available and return to the United States to be treated with respect by our people and government.

I used to complain about people telling me what I supported and what I did not. With all these different definitions of "support," though, I'm tired of trying to figure it out. Do I support the troops? Do I support the war?

I don't know. Maybe my foreign policy class can figure it out for me.

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## Equality amendment would revoke privileges women have enjoyed

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(U-WIRE) ATHENS, Ohio — I didn't plan on writing another column about feminism, but I keep discovering more examples of pernicious ideas the so-called "women's rights activists" are pushing on society. Last week, the Democrat-controlled Congress reintroduced the long-dead Equal Rights Amendment, which gained popular support in the 1970s but died when Americans found out what it actually entailed. Thirty years later, feminists in Congress seem to think we've forgotten.

The language of the amendment, now renamed the Women's Equality Amendment, is deceptively simple: "equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex." But the amendment has nothing to do with equality or rights. It is the tool radical feminists will use to make America a society that does not acknowledge gender.

Americans learned this in the 1970s from Phyllis Schlafly, founder of the successful STOP ERA campaign. Although feminists have spent the last three decades sneering at Schlafly for being a dumb housewife,

they've been unable to disprove her main point: The Women's Equality Amendment would revoke protections and privileges that women enjoy while granting them no new rights.

The amendment would end the military draft exemption for women, regardless of whether they are single mothers or have recently given birth. It would also lift the restriction on women in ground combat. Women serve honorably in many areas of the military, but sending young women and mothers to die in ground combat is universally recognized as morally repellent — which is why no army

in the world has ever experimented with it. The amendment would place women on the front lines of war, where they can be shot at and taken prisoner by the enemy. We've already witnessed the ordeals of the few women seized in Iraq, who reported being beaten and sexually assaulted by their captors. Are Americans willing to tolerate the torture of female soldiers on a much larger scale?

The amendment would likely lead to gender quotas and affirmative action for women in the military as well as police and fire departments — two occupations where most women don't belong. A 1982 review by the New

York Fire Department found that the vast majority of women were unable to pass basic strength tests crucial to firefighting, such as carrying a 145-pound victim over their shoulders. If America ever experiences another Sept. 11-style attack, are we going to rely on less-able women to evacuate burning buildings?

The amendment would render unconstitutional any organization or institution that is all-male or all-female. It would spell the end of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, the Boys' Clubs and Girls' Clubs of America, fraternities and sororities and countless other single-sex organizations

that are congressionally chartered or operated on school campuses. How many men and women want to abolish organizations that have benefited them?

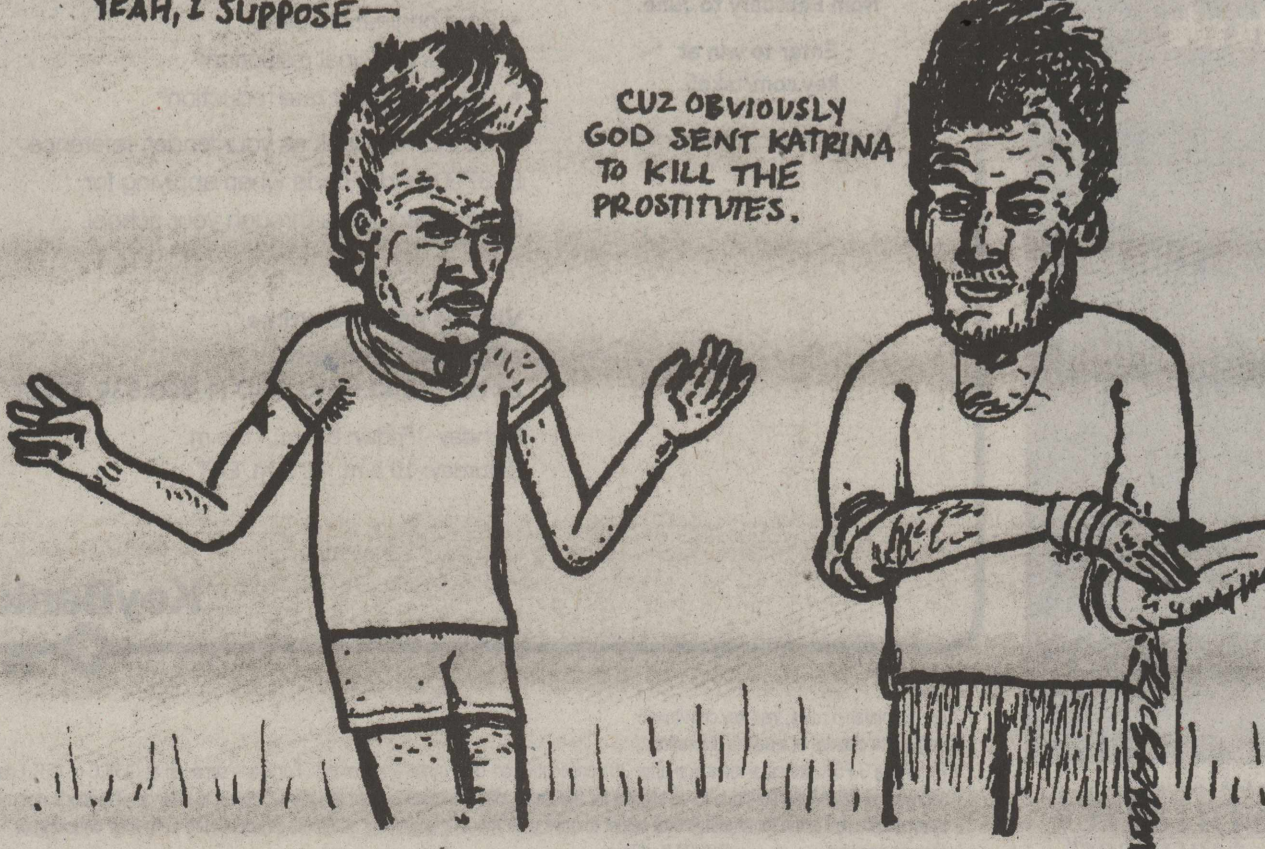
The Women's Equality Amendment would also revoke protections women have traditionally enjoyed. It will overturn state laws that exempt a woman from paying her husband's debts if he dies or abandons her. It would also take away a widow's right to collect her husband's social security benefits. When are feminists going to tell abandoned wives and elderly widows that they intend to repeal laws that protect them?

WHAT'S WITH THESE TREE-HUGGERS, TALKIN' 'BOUT, LIKE, "TREES HAVE FEELIN'S, AND SUCH?"

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# WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

## Demonstrators mark 4th anniversary of Baghdad's fall

BAGHDAD (AP) — Tens of thousands marched through the streets of two Shiite holy cities Monday to mark the fourth anniversary of Baghdad's fall.

The rally was called for by powerful Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, who commands an enormous following among Iraq's majority Shiites and has close allies in the Shiite-

dominated government.

A day earlier, the renegade cleric issued a statement ordering his militiamen to redouble their battle to oust American forces and argued that Iraq's army and police should join him in defeating "your archenemy."

On Monday, demonstrators marched from Kufa to neighboring

Najaf, 100 miles south of Baghdad, with two cordons of Iraqi police lining the route.

Some at the rally waved small Iraqi flags; others hoisted up a giant flag 10 yards long. Leaflets fluttered through the breeze reading: "Yes, Yes to Iraq" and "Yes, Yes to Muqtada. Occupiers should leave Iraq."

## Supporters rally around S.C. teen who killed grandparents

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Every week, Janet Sisk rises as early as 5 a.m. and drives nearly 100 miles to spend her Sundays with a teenager who was just 12 when he murdered his grandparents in their sleep.

She planned to spend part of Easter weekend sitting across a table from Christopher Pittman at his maximum security prison in Columbia. She also made the trek from her home in Charlotte, N.C., to spend

Christmas Eve with him.

She's not alone — a half-dozen people drawn to Pittman's case visit him weekly. Another woman has flown from Michigan to see him twice in the past year. Hundreds of others rally around him in other ways: promising to pay for college when he gets out of prison, and campaigning for extra safeguards for arrested juveniles in South Carolina.

To Sisk, director of the Juvenile Justice Foundation, Pittman has become more than the youth who attracted worldwide attention when he blamed the 2001 slayings on Zolof, the antidepressant he was taking. She now thinks of him as her third son.

"He's shy and he's quiet and he's polite," Sisk said recently. "It's like we've been friends with him forever."

## U.S. says N. Korea would allow U.N. inspections

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — North Korea's top nuclear negotiator told a visiting American delegation Monday that U.N. inspectors would be invited back once \$25 million in frozen funds are released, but said it could be difficult for Pyongyang to meet a Saturday deadline for shutting down its main nuclear reactor.

The impoverished North has refused to move forward on February's landmark agreement due to the

delayed transfer of the funds, which were frozen by Macau authorities after the U.S. blacklisted privately run Banco Delta Asia in 2005 for allegedly helping Pyongyang launder money.

On Monday, North Korean Vice Foreign Minister Kim Kye Gwan met with Bill Richardson, a Democratic presidential candidate, and Anthony Principi, President Bush's former veteran affairs secretary, who were visiting Pyongyang.

Kim "indicated that the North Korean government would invite the ... inspectors back the moment the funds are released to the North Korean government," Principi told reporters after the meeting.

Kim also told the delegation of the difficulty of shutting down the regime's main nuclear reactor by a Saturday deadline called for in the February nuclear disarmament accord, he said.

## Iraq official says U.S. turned Iraqis against Americans

NEW YORK (AP) — In a rueful reflection on what might have been, an Iraqi government insider details in 500 pages the U.S. occupation's "shocking" mismanagement of his country — a performance so bad, he writes, that by 2007 Iraqis had "turned their backs on their would-be liberators."

"The corroded and corrupt state of Saddam was replaced by the corroded, inefficient, incompetent and corrupt state of the new order," Ali A. Allawi concludes in "The Occupation of Iraq," newly published by Yale University Press.

Allawi writes with authority as a

member of that "new order," having served as Iraq's trade, defense and finance minister at various times since 2003. As a former academic, at Oxford University before the U.S.-British invasion of Iraq, he also writes with unusual detachment.

The U.S.- and British-educated engineer and financier is the first senior Iraqi official to look back at book length on his country's four-year ordeal. It's an unsparing

look at failures both American and Iraqi, an account in which the word "ignorance" crops up repeatedly.

First came the "monumental ignorance" of those in Washington pushing for war in 2002 without "the faintest idea" of Iraq's realities. "More perceptive people knew instinctively that the invasion of Iraq would open up the great fissures in Iraqi soci-

## Few in presidential race can claim military experience

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 2008 presidential campaign is long on war rhetoric and short on warriors.

Despite the high-profile roles of the battle against terrorism and conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan in the presidential campaign, few of the candidates can claim military experi-

ence on their resumes.

Of the top tier of 2008 candidates, only Republican John McCain has been to war and served in uniform.

Yet, while the demand for a president with a military background might be expected to run high in the post-Sept. 11 era, few see that as a deter-

mining factor in the 2008 race.

"It teaches you certain things, but I don't think it makes you a better candidate for higher office," said Navy veteran Edward Ferrari, 76, of Randolph, N.J. "It teaches you honor and duty. I guess you can get that in other places, too."

## Bush to return to work to focus on immigration

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — President Bush returns to work Monday on the volatile issue of immigration, where his hope for a legislative breakthrough is complicated by cold relations with Congress.

Bush will be back in Yuma, Ariz., to inspect the construction of border fencing and to push for the creation of a guest worker program

and a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants. The trip serves as a bookend to the visit Bush made to the same southwest desert city last May.

It also comes as tension rises over a new immigration proposal tied to the White House.

Bush's team is privately working hard to rally votes for what

Bush calls comprehensive reform — a mix of get-tough security with promises of fair treatment for undocumented residents.

The Democratic-led Congress, eager to show some accomplishment on a core issue, wants to get a law passed. So does Bush, who is seeing opportunities to advance his agenda shrink.

## Award-winning cartoonist Johnny Hart dies at 76

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Cartoonist Johnny Hart, whose award-winning "B.C." comic strip appeared in more than 1,300 newspapers worldwide, has died. He was 76.

Hart died Saturday while working at his home in Endicott.

"He had a stroke," his wife, Bobby, said Sunday. "He died at his

storyboard."

"B.C.," populated by prehistoric cavemen and dinosaurs, was launched in 1958 and eventually appeared in more than 1,300 newspapers with an audience of 100 million, according to Creators Syndicate Inc., which distributes it.

"He was generally regarded as

one of the best cartoonists we've ever had," Hart's friend Mell Lazarus, creator of the "Momma" and "Miss Peach" comic strips, said from his California home. "He was totally original. 'B.C.' broke ground and led the way for a number of imitators, none of which ever came close."

## Efforts to reduce vehicle emissions gets 1st court test

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) — A week after the U.S. Supreme Court said vehicle carbon dioxide emissions can be regulated like other pollutants, an effort by several states to do that is about to get its first court test.

California long has been the pacesetter in regulating car emissions, setting tougher limits than

those imposed by the federal government.

To avoid having cars built to meet 50 different sets of state rules, federal law allows other states to choose between the federal and the California rules. Vermont and nine other states follow California.

But on Tuesday, the focus shifts to Vermont, where a trial begins

over new rules — adopted by California in 2005 and soon after by the other states — designed to reduce emissions of the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide.

The trial, resulting from a lawsuit filed against Vermont by a coalition of automakers and car dealers, is the first of a series of court fights expected in the states.

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# LA VIDA

## 'Grindhouse' pairs Rodriguez and Tarantino, brilliance and terror

Fast cars, deadly women, extreme sex and violence were featured in the "good ol' days" of exploration cinema, and because of Robert Rodriguez and Quentin Tarantino, all of those elements are back.

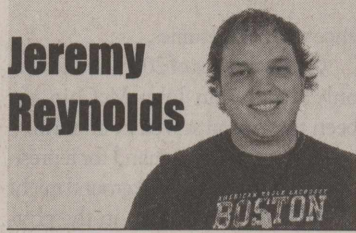
It's impossible not to love "Grindhouse," which comprises two films for the price of one — with fake movie trailers in between. How can anyone say "no" to that?

Tarantino's film "Death Proof" is the better of the pair; it takes a new twist on the classic slasher genre.

Kurt Russell stars as a stunt man who uses his car to kill unsuspecting women. We meet Russell at an Austin bar as he sits, eating nachos and eyeing a group of women across the room with his hungry eyes and sly grin.

Instead of taking the Michael Myers approach to killing and slash-

Jeremy Reynolds



ing the women's throats, he crashes his car into their vehicles at 200 miles per hour.

That's the first half of Tarantino's film, which delves into Russell's motives for killing. The second half is truly amazing. After walking away with a few minor injuries from a car crash earlier in the film, Russell sets his eyes on four new women.

Zoe Bell stars as one of the women Russell is eyeing. Here's the inside scoop on Bell for those who doesn't recognize her from the "Kill Bill" movies: She's a stunt woman who Tarantino thought would make

the perfect character in his movie. She plays herself and, obviously, does her own stunts.

The scene in which she's flapping around on the hood of a speeding car using only the sweat on her palms to keep from falling off was filmed completely without a stunt double. It really makes a person appreciate her work.

Rodriguez's film is a take on the classic zombie genre. His film is a bit more over the top than Tarantino's, but it works all the same.

In Rodriguez's "Planet Terror," Rose McGowan stars as Cherry, a go-go dancer, who's one lap dance away from throwing in her g-string. After a night on stage, she heads to a barbecue shack on the outskirts of a Texas town, just a few miles south of a military base.

At that base, Bruce Willis and his team of Marines have acciden-

tally released three zombies into the community. Once someone is bitten by one of these zombies, he or she then transforms into one.

"Planet Terror" is the basic undead story. Someone can kill the monsters by shooting them in the head.

Rodriguez decided to make his film as over the top as possible. It's packed full of blood, sex and gore. It's the classic grindhouse film. Even the picture is a little scratchy, and there are scenes missing from the reel. I loved that the sex scene was missing, as if someone from the theater stole it for his or her personal use.

Starring alongside McGowan is the up-and-coming actor Freddy Rodriguez. He's been in so many films lately almost anyone will be able to say, "Oh, isn't that the guy from ..."

His performance as a trucker with a heavy past is perfect. He's over the top with his acting, he's violent toward everyone and everything and he's the perfect man's-man hero.

Stuffed between the two movies were fake trailers. Rob Zombie directed the trailer for "Werewolf Women of the SS," starring Nicholas Cage and basically the entire cast from "House of a 1000 Corpses."

Eli Roth, who's trailer was cut down for MPAA reasons, directed "Thanksgiving." It's the basic slasher in the vein of "Halloween" and "Black Christmas." Edgar "Shawn of the Dead" Wright directed the trailer "Don't," which is a lot of cut scenes, each one featuring a different actor. The trailer is classic Italian horror, so when it's over, audience members have no idea what the movie is about, and it looks as if

it stars 90 actors and actresses.

The trailers add to the overall experience of "Grindhouse" and are just plain fun. Rodriguez's trailer, "Machete," actually is going to get the full treatment and will be turned into a movie. It's up to fans which of the fake trailers will get that same respect and make the cut for "Grindhouse 2."

"Grindhouse" is classically fun. A person's taste in films doesn't even matter because between "Planet Terror" and "Death Proof," there's something for everyone.

"Planet Terror" 5 out of 6 — GREAT  
"Death Proof" 6 out of 6 — CLASSIC

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## Columnist glad to see decline of reality TV

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(U-WIRE) UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — I hate reality television. There, I said it. More than anything, I hate the fact that people on reality television shows will do anything for their 15 minutes of fame. More often than not, manufactured tension between two people united in their goal to get their face in the tabloids passes for drama on reality TV shows.

Once in a while, however, something happens on a reality TV show that actually carries genuine weight, be it comedic, dramatic or otherwise. Usually it involves someone actually displaying some semblance of a conscience or doing something that a kindhearted person would do. These events are rare. Other times, though, there are different reasons to tune into a reality show. The goings-on at American Idol (my least favorite of

all reality shows) fall into this latter category.

His name is Sanjaya Malakar, and he can't sing his way out of a tuba. He is the antithesis of any definition of a good singer. He's full of himself, Simon Cowell hates him, Randy Jackson just shrugs, and Paula Abdul struggles to find nice things to say about him. In short, he's the perfect candidate to put an end to reality TV as we know it.

I don't watch American Idol, nor have I ever had the urge to, but Malakar might make me give the show a look. He's the kind of unifying, awful anti-star that reality TV has been waiting for. He's cocky, arrogant, thinks very highly of his talents as a singer, and best of all, isn't in on the joke.

The joke that I'm referring to, of course, is the fact that Malakar is only still on the show thanks to sites like VoteForTheWorst.com and a healthy dose of publicity from Howard Stern. Malakar thinks he's the best singer in

the world, and I suspect that watching him come crashing down to earth would be a guilty pleasure for most of the viewing world.

But Malakar can't come crashing down, at least not until he wins. If he indeed does pull it off, a referendum of sorts will have been passed on reality TV as a whole. The American people, the voters who choose between these wannabe stars, will have had their say on reality TV if Malakar wins. They'll have said that they're sick of it, that it's a ridiculous fad gone completely off the charts (in a bad way), and that it's time to bring down the final curtain on the craze.

This should have happened a long time ago. Reality TV ran its course after about the third or fourth Survivor, yet there were apparently enough mindless drones in the viewing public to green-light a number of new shows, including Man Vs. Beast, Pros Vs. Joes, So You Think You Can Dance?

and so on.

Add those shows in with the content MTV and VH1 are producing, and you have a recipe for disaster, though I'll admit that Flavor of Love had its share of perversely entertaining moments.

To put it mildly, the quality of the programming was suffering.

At least now people are coming to their senses and striking back at reality TV and all those who hold it dear. The people that are full of righteous indignation at the Malakar saga are precisely the people who need to be ridiculed. These are the people who have kept this tired idea going for so long. Surely most of the country has to be sick of people stabbing each other in the back and acting despicably just so they can say they were famous for a few months and then fade into obscurity, at least until their sex tape gets leaked.

I hope that the Malakar story is only the first of many assaults on the "legitimacy" of reality TV.

The genre as a whole has become nothing more than a parody of itself, a disease in need of a cure, and an era of modern entertainment programming that needs to be forgotten, buried, and never spoken about again.

## Runaway horse carriage in Indianapolis stopped by teen who gave chase in taxi

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A runaway horse pulled a carriage with two out-of-town tourists on a wild ride through downtown streets, until a teenager rode to the rescue in a pursuing taxi, leaped out and grabbed the horse's reins.

The driver of the Yellow Rose Carriage was thrown from her seat when a van crashed into the buggy Sunday afternoon.

"The carriage driver lady just flew off the carriage," said William Basler, 19.

Basler ran after the carriage to try to stop it. A taxi driver saw what was happening, slowed and told

Basler to jump in. The cab chased and passed the carriage, and Basler jumped out, grabbed the reins and stopped the horse.

"It was just instinct," Basler said. "I was just worried about the people inside of it."

He needed instinct, since he said his only experience with horses was riding one once when he was 15.

Police said carriage driver Kathleen Moriarty, 53, was briefly knocked unconscious but was not seriously hurt.

The passengers complained of some pain and were examined at a hospital, said police Sgt. Matthew Mount. The horse was not injured.

## 'King of Queens' star Kevin James says he's proud the CBS sitcom has stayed under the radar

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kevin James, who stars on "The King of Queens," credits the success of the long-running sitcom to staying under the radar.

"It may have worked for us because people kinda left us alone," the 41-year-old actor said in a recent conference call. "You know, when they tapped us on

the shoulder and we looked up, it was nine years later. We never really were that shiny show, but we're a simple show — and that's something that I'm proud of."

The 200th episode of the blue-collar comedy, which stars James as deliveryman Doug Heffernan and Leah Remini as his secretary-wife, Carrie, was to air Monday night on CBS Corp.'s CBS network. The series ends next month.

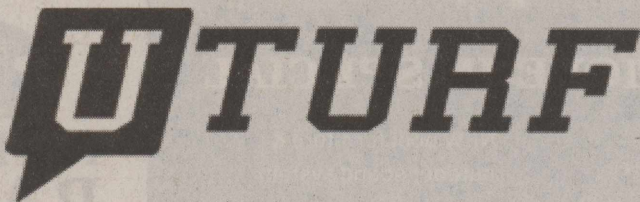
"It didn't really hit me until shooting the last episode, I gotta be honest," James said. "It was a nice milestone, the 200th episode, but it doesn't really affect you until you realize that you're not going to be seeing these people on a regular basis."

James said the series, which shows the Heffernans as they cope with life in the New York City borough of Queens, is relatable.

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# I Love Pam Beesly

By JAKE KILROY

DAILY TITAN (CAL STATE-FULLERTON)

(U-WIRE) FULLERTON, Calif. — The new “it girl” isn’t some blonde with skyscraper legs or some European import.

She’s not on the party circuit and she isn’t known for wearing low-cut dresses. She’s the character Pam Beesly from NBC’s “The Office.”

Since her debut in 2005, Pam Beesly, perfectly played by Jenna Fischer, has become one of the most realistic “dream girl” characters written for television.

Pam Beesly dresses conservatively, sits behind a desk accessorized with a computer and phone, and looks adorable despite fluorescent lighting. The directors and producers of “The Office” aren’t going out of their way to make Pam the hot fictional girl on the market. But that hasn’t stopped any guy with a functioning television and beating heart from longing for her.

For the normal man (one who isn’t boldly striving to date one of the girls grinding another girl in advertisements for Club Glam), Pam Beesly is the girl you’d love to come home to while all your friends keep asking if she has a sister. She’s low-maintenance and isn’t too

awkwardly tomboyish when in the presence of your friends. Her mouth is never foul and her smile is cute.

She has ethics but participates in pranks. She paints but isn’t pretentious. She types 90 words a minute but isn’t much of a nerd. She rarely drinks but when she does, it’s adorable.

She brags of being a Sudoku buff and her top five films in the “stuck on a deserted island” game are pretty legit: “Fargo,” “Edwards Scissorhands,” “Dazed and Confused,” “The Breakfast Club” and “The Princess Bride.”

She dislikes Frisbee golf, country music, hunting, Pig Latin and Six Flags commercials.

And yet, I haven’t the faintest clue as to how our generation managed to score realism in a dream girl.

We’re the generation of “Laguna Beach” and MTV’s (hectic) Spring Break. How is it that the character of a soft-spoken and quirky office receptionist captured our attention and hearts?

Can you imagine the same sitcom junkies loving Chrissy Snow (Suzanne Somers from “Three’s Company”) as much as they adore Pam?

It’s uncertain if we should expect more strong female leads that capture our hearts as real women

in a not-so-real world. Are sitcom writers today vying for women that modern men can actually relate to?

Should I expect to start falling in love with more women come the new fall season?

“Scrubs” has Elliot, the attractive blonde doctor who has emotional hang-ups and serious neurotic tendencies. She exists with real personal problems and some awkward social skills. She’s not perfect, but she’s more real than others.

But she’s no Pam.

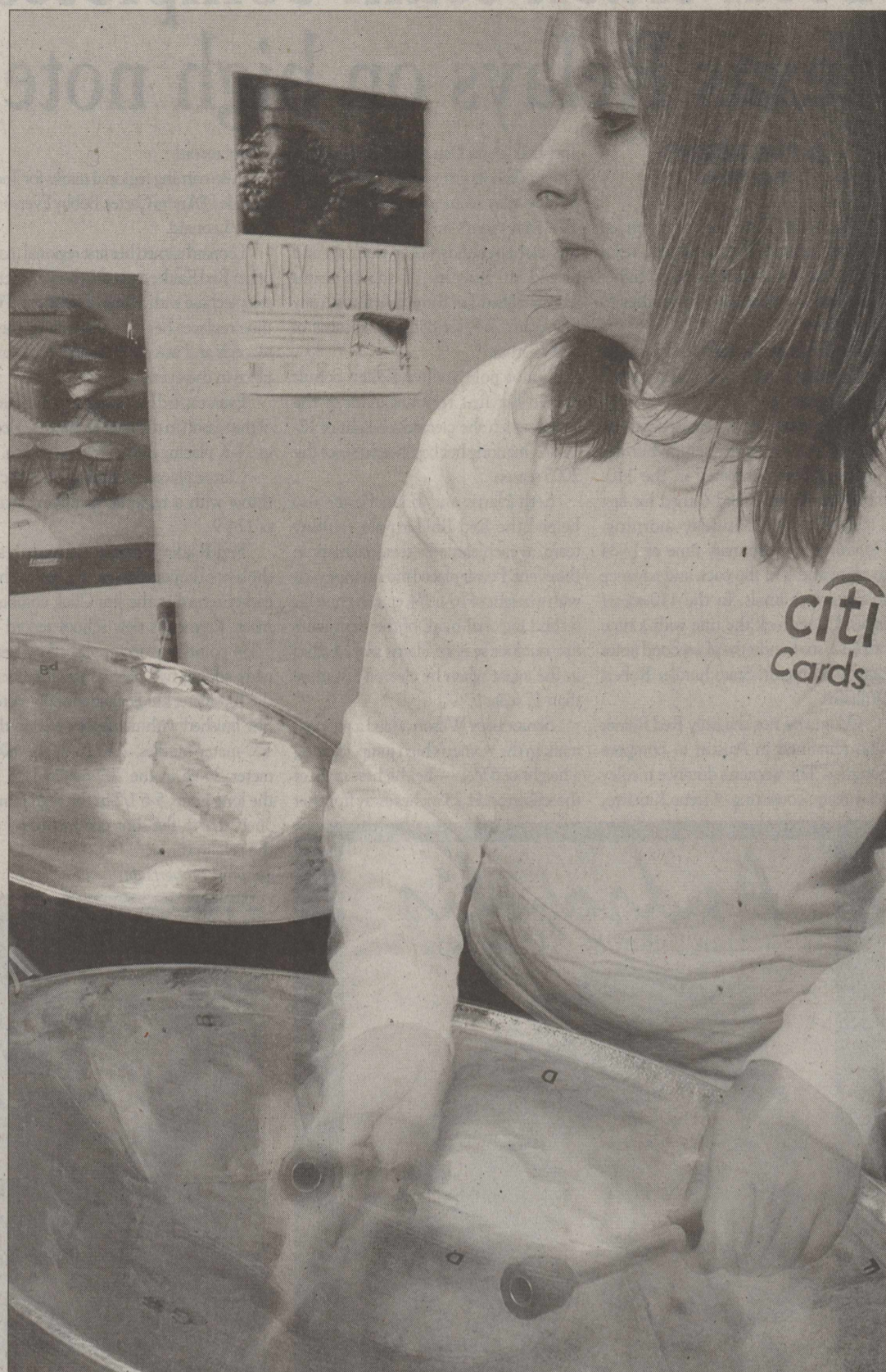
Pam was the girl next door that the jocks noticed. And now she’s the hold-steady your mother spoke of years ago.

Armies of modern men have sworn their allegiance to her cute sweaters. Women have prayed for more Pams in the world for their brothers to marry.

To see why she’s the one, watch the “Office” episode “Cocktails” for the following line: “I’m going to be more honest. I’m going to start asking people what I want directly. So, look out world, ‘cause old Pammy is getting what she wants,” Pam said with a smile before making a demand. “And don’t call me Pammy.”

I couldn’t imagine a Thursday night without her.

## DRUMS OF STEEL



DR. JULIANN SCHOLL, assistant professor of communication studies, practices playing the steel drums Thursday in the music building.

## ‘Shock Value’ not all that shocking

By ABBY HOLEKAMP

THE MANEATER (U. MISSOURI)

(U-WIRE) COLUMBIA, Mo. — Timbaland gets by with a little help from his friends. The super-producer behind some of the most memorable hip-hop tracks in years has brought his whole crew to support him on his first album since 2003, “Timbaland Presents: Shock Value.” And there are certainly some noteworthy guest appearances.

“Bounce” joins Dr. Dre and Missy Elliot with Justin Timberlake, who intones a slightly ridiculous hook about a menage-a-trois. The track has a menacing, mechanical feel, and though it’s not necessarily disappointing as a song, it’s definitely not more than the sum of its parts, which is kind of disappointing in itself.

Timberlake makes another appearance on “Give It To Me,” the album’s first single. He, Nelly Furtado and Timbaland turn in a hypnotic track with slightly robotic-sounding vocals that are entertaining but not nearly as catchy as Furtado’s Timbaland-produced single “Promiscuous.”

The album opener, “Oh Timbaland” is the only song on the album where Timbaland goes it alone. It begins with frenetic handclaps over an up-tempo piano line and quickly segues into tense percussion and a squelching bass line. But for a good producer such as Timbaland, he has trouble carrying a track by himself. His flow leaves something to be desired, and despite the creative production, the track isn’t album-opener material.

Overall, “Shock Value” is almost more interesting for the novelty of some of the combinations Timbaland puts together than for the merit of the music itself.

Toward the end of the album, there is a string of three tracks, starting with the song “Throw It On Me,” that includes some unlikely, rock-centric guest appearances. “Throw It On Me” features The Hives, and with Timbaland giving a twist to a classic Hives’ guitar line, it rocks more than anything else on “Shock Value.” Too bad it’s the shortest song on the album.

Timbaland follows “Throw It

On Me” with “Time” and “One and Only,” the former featuring moody Los Angeles rockers She Wants Revenge and the latter featuring Fall Out Boy. “Time” sounds like a hip-hop version of Interpol’s “Slow Hands,” not in the least because the singer from She Wants Revenge sounds uncannily like Interpol singer Paul Banks. “One and Only” sounds strangely like Fall Out Boy’s own “Dance, Dance” down to the rhythmic handclaps that permeate the track.

These attempts at bridging the gap between genres are admirable, and if anyone can make it work, Timbaland can. But even he needs a little more practice as these two songs are a little too derivative.

The last song on the album, “2 Man Show,” features some jazzy piano played by none other than Elton John -- but that’s pretty much all it has going for it. It seems inevitable that this album ended up kind of disjointed because of the sheer number of different people present on it. It ends up feeling more like a compilation than a solo album.

## Blue Oyster Cult’s albums don’t need more cowbell

By JON MATSUMOTO

DAILY FORTY-NINER (CAL STATE-LONG BEACH)

(U-WIRE) LONG BEACH, Calif. — It’s been argued that heavy metal first started in the ‘50s, with the surging power chords of Eddie Cochran’s “Summertime Blues” or in the 1960s with The Kinks’ anthem-like “You Re-

ally Got Me.”

But there is no doubt that this testosterone-fueled form of amplified machismo — beloved by numerous generations of teenage boys — really took flight in the ‘70s. Led Zeppelin, Aerosmith and Black Sabbath were the nonpareil metal gods of that era. Below them were a host of hot rocking bands that collectively deserve their

own chapter in the rock ‘n’ roll history books.

One of these second-tier groups was Blue Oyster Cult, a Long Island, N.Y., outfit that continues to perform today to loyalists in beer-soaked clubs throughout the country. Recently, Sony’s Legacy label reissued two of the band’s ‘70s-era albums as a reminder of what BOC had to offer during its peak years.

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# Tech track team completes Texas Relays on high note

By **PAUL ROBERTS**  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech track team ended the 80th Annual Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays one day early after bad weather prevented the final day of the meet to be completed.

Even though the meet ended earlier than expected, eight Red Raiders earned qualifying marks.

While most of the team packed up and left Austin early, senior hurdler Marlon Odom competed in the 110-meter-hurdle finals and earned his first 110-meter title Saturday morning. Odom ran a preliminary time of 13.84 to place ahead of the pack and advance to Saturday's finals. In the 110-meter finals, Odom took the title with a time of 14.12, six-hundredths of a second faster than Washington State hurdler Robert Williams.

Odom was not the only Red Raider who remained in Austin to compete Saturday. The women's distance medley relay team, consisting of Irene Kimaiyo,

Tori Polk, Asia Diaz and Sally Kipyego, earned Tech its first victory for a distance medley relay team at the Texas Relays. The relay team's final time of 11:39.42 was eight seconds faster than second place Oral Roberts. Of the 18 teams who qualified for Saturday's finals, only four teams did not compete because of bad weather.

Junior pole vaulter Kelley Schulz earned her first regional mark of the season when she cleared a height of 12-11 1/2, marking her best height since the 2005 season.

Seth Harris and Brian Porter also helped the Red Raider pole vaulting team, as each earned a regional mark in the event. Porter placed fifth in the event with a height of 16-6 3/4, earning him his second regional mark of the freshman's first outdoor season. Harris placed third in the event when he cleared just more than 17 feet.

Senior Lacy Wilson added a regional mark in the women's high jump, clearing a height of 6 feet — her highest mark of the season and 1.25 inches away from her

school record.

Also earning regional marks for Tech include D'Andra Carter, Bobby Evers and Katie Leonard.

Leonard earned her first regional mark of her Red Raider career in the 300-meter steeplechase with a time of 10:48.82. The time replaces her previous best by three seconds and was good enough for fourth place in the event.

Evers earned his second regional mark of the season in the long jump with a leap of 24-3, placing him in seventh place.

Carter placed second in the discus throw with a regional qualifying mark of 174.9.

Red Raider Julianne Kennedy reset the school heptathlon record, besting her earlier record at the Jim Click combine meet. Kennedy's new school record of 5,234 points was accomplished by Kennedy adding two new personal bests in the 100-meter hurdles and the 800-meter. She finished with marks of 14.20 in the 100-meter hurdles, 2:30.16 in the 800-meter, 25.98 in the 200-meter, 19-2 in the long jump, 5-6 1/2 in the high jump, 36-10 1/2 in the shot put and 109-5 in the javelin throw.

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# Disgraced Olympic sprinter Tim Montgomery pleads guilty in multimillion-dollar fraud scheme

NEW YORK (AP) — Olympic sprinter Tim Montgomery, once considered the fastest man on Earth until his world record was erased in the BALCO steroid scandal, pleaded guilty Monday to conspiracy in a multimillion-dollar bank fraud and money-laundering scheme.

"I sincerely regret the role I played in this unfortunate episode," Montgomery said in a statement following the plea. "I have disappointed many people, and for that I am truly sorry."

Montgomery's plea deal "reflects his minor role" in an alleged conspiracy and does not require him to testify at the trial of his former coach, Steven Riddick, and other co-defen-

dants, according to his lawyers. That trial is scheduled to begin Tuesday.

Defense attorneys said Montgomery could be sentenced to 37 to 46 months in prison. Sentencing is scheduled for Nov. 1. The U.S. attorney's office had no immediate comment.

Montgomery, 32, was charged last year along with Riddick, and 11 others in an alleged conspiracy to deposit \$5 million in stolen, altered or counterfeit checks at several banks over three years.

An alleged coconspirator, Ephraim Richardson, previously pleaded guilty to a single charge of conspiracy to commit bank fraud.

The government had accused Montgomery of participating in a plot created

by two other defendants who set up sham businesses to take checks stolen from banks and alter them or make counterfeits.

Montgomery allegedly deposited three bogus checks worth a total of \$775,000. He also was accused of helping Riddick deposit others worth at least \$905,000 and accepting a \$20,000 fee for his role. Riddick, a 1976 Olympic medalist, has maintained his innocence.

Montgomery was a 2000 Olympic gold medalist and a former 100-meter world record holder. He retired in 2005 after he was banned from track and field for two years by the Court of Arbitration for Sport for doping linked to the investigation of BALCO, the lab at the center of a steroid scandal in sports.

# Plenty of rust, but no pain from Wade in Miami's loss

(AP) — He shot free throws like Shaquille O'Neal and had nearly as many turnovers as assists.

Yes, Dwyane Wade was rusty. The Miami Heat weren't concerned, though, because he was also pain-free.

"I had a lot of turnovers to-

night. I missed a lot of free throws," Wade said. "But one thing about me, you don't have to worry about that. I won't do that too often."

Wade's struggles in his first game in 6 1/2 weeks helped the Charlotte Bobcats beat the Heat 111-103 in overtime Sunday. The NBA finals MVP played 27 minutes, scoring 12 points on 3-for-9 shooting from the field and 6-for-12 from the foul line. He had eight assists but committed six of Miami's season-high 26 turnovers.

"It's exciting to get back, but at

the end of the day, you always want to win. You always want to come back and help your team win," Wade said. "I came back and at times, I looked OK and at times, I didn't."

But although Wade's play wasn't always good, his news after the game was.

"No pain tonight," Wade said. In other games, it was: Detroit 87, Cleveland 82; Phoenix 115, the Los Angeles Lakers 107; Toronto 103, Chicago 89; Philadelphia 109, Atlanta 104 in overtime; and Houston 112, Sacramento 106.

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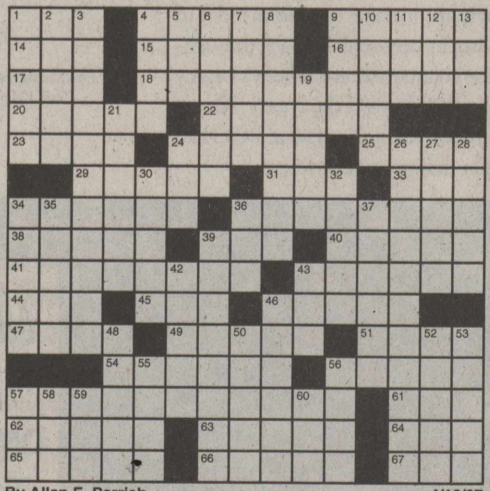
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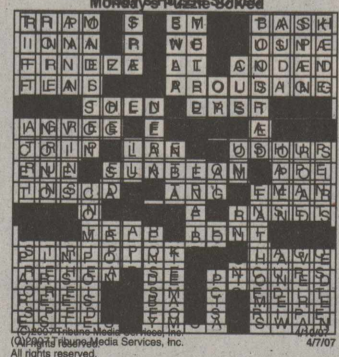
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# SPORTS

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## Baylor, weather best Tech softball in final home series

By JEREMY REYNOLDS  
STAFF WRITER

Impending weather Friday afternoon forced the Texas Tech softball team to move up its game against No. 11 Baylor to an earlier time and cancel its Saturday contest against the Bears.

Tech stayed with Baylor through five innings Friday afternoon but fell to the Bears 14-9.

Winless at home and in Big 12 Conference play, the Red Raiders wasted little time in jumping ahead on the scoreboard.

Senior third baseman Natalie Kula knocked in the first grand slam in her career in the first inning, bringing the score to 7-1.

Kula's home run was one of five in the game. The three-hour-plus contest also featured three doubles and 24 hits.

After Kula's homer that gave Tech (17-20, 0-6 Big 12) the early lead, the Bears began clawing their way back on the scoreboard, scoring at least one run in each of the final five innings.

Baylor's Ashley Monceaux doubled down the right-field line in the third, and she and teammate Alex Colyer later scored in the inning, cutting the lead to 7-3.

Baylor overcame Tech's lead in the fourth, adding five runs to take an 8-7 lead. Jordan Daniels led the inning for the Bears with a single. Tiffany Wes-



KELLY MATHERLY/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH'S DEVIN Zaragoza slides into home plate Friday night at Rocky Johnson Field against Baylor. Tech lost to the Bears, 14-9.

ley pinch ran for Daniels and, after advancing to third on a stolen base and a wild pitch, she was knocked in by right fielder Nicole Wesley.

Ashley Parker and Heather Parker scored in the bottom of the fourth, but those would be the last two runs Tech would get in the game. Baylor went on to add two runs in the fifth, one in the six and three runs in the seventh for the win.

Tech freshman pitcher Ashly

Jacobs (13-11) started the game and allowed eight runs. She was pulled and replaced by Sarah Losleben (4-8), who was credited with the loss.

Baylor (36-9, 6-0) pitcher Lisa Ferguson gave up nine runs, eight of which were earned. Kirsten Shortridge (12-3) finished the game in the circle for Baylor and earned the win.

The second game of the night, which was originally scheduled for Saturday afternoon, was postponed because of the temperatures just above freezing. The game eventually was canceled because of snowfall during the morning hours. NCAA rules prohibit teams from making up games because they must play within a 72-hour window, starting at the time the visiting team arrives.

The game against Baylor was Tech's last home contest of the season; Saturday, the Red Raiders will play Iowa State in Ames, Iowa.

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## Weather forces split between Texas Tech and A&M

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After an 8-3 victory over No. 13 Texas A&M Friday at Dan Law Field, the Texas Tech baseball team finished with a split series as the final game was canceled Saturday because of inclement weather.

Blayne Beal, associate director of media relations, said the third game could not be rescheduled because NCAA rules mandate all three games must be played within a 72-hour period beginning when the visiting team arrives; A&M arrived in Lubbock Wednesday.

Tech sophomore outfielder Roger Kieschnick said he does not consider the split series a victory.

"We got the win, but we wanted to take the series," Kieschnick said. "A&M is a good team; we want to play as many

games as we can."

In the game Friday, Kieschnick's two-run home run in the third inning not only gave Tech the lead for good, it left him one big fly shy of his freshman total in the 2006 season. The sophomore went 4-for-5, scoring three runs and needing only a double to complete the cycle.

Tech baseball coach Larry Hays said his team has shown its character all season, and Friday's comeback provided yet another example of the team's capacity.

Sophomore pitcher A.J. Ramos (7-1) pitched seven innings, giving up nine hits, allowing just two earned runs. Four of those hits and both runs came in the second inning.

Ramos also struck out seven batters, increasing his total to 63. He now claims a 3.72 ERA in 11 appearances, including 10 starts.

Senior pitcher Colt Hynes pitched the final two innings,

allowing one hit and one run; he struck out two batters.

Two errors in the seventh inning by the Red Raiders broke a streak of 38 innings without an error.

Sophomore outfielder James Leverton extended his hitting streak to 10 games, but he said he was unaware of that statistic.

"I have no clue, no clue," Leverton said of his streak. "I just start my at bat and try to look for something in the middle — look for a great pitch to hit. I try to just adjust with two strikes and take the pitch wherever it wants to go."

Tech (21-13, 5-6 in Big 12) now sits tied for sixth place in the Big 12 with Nebraska, while The Aggies (27-7, 6-5) claim fourth place.

Next up for the Red Raiders is Hardin Simmons 6:30 p.m. today at Dan Law Field.

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## Tech tennis teams compete over weekend

By ADAM COLEMAN  
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With only three matches left in the season, the Texas Tech men's and women's tennis teams looked to gain more momentum going into the Big 12 Tournament during the weekend, but while the men's team was successful in defeating its two non-conference opponents, the women's team fell to Kansas State.

The men's team blanked Lamar, 4-0, and New Mexico State, 6-0, at the McLeod Tennis Complex after two losses to Texas A&M and Texas the previous weekend.

Tech coach Tim Siegel said it was good to get back on track after the two losses.

"It was good to get out there," Siegel said. "Lamar and New Mexico State have improved."

The Tech men (12-7, 1-2 Big 12) started the match off with singles competition because of freezing weather conditions, which nearly postponed the match. Wins from Michael Breler, Christian Rojmar, Milos Kustadija and Sinisa Markovic were enough to clinch the win against the Cardinals. Breler, in the No. 4 spot, took his 10th singles win of the season against Lamar's David Wanja, 6-3, 6-0, ending Breler's four-match losing streak.

The New Mexico State match finished in a similar fashion as it needed only singles matches for a Tech victory. Dimitrio Martinez and Bojan Szumanski added to their win total as Martinez picked up his 11th win of the season

and Szumanski, who is ranked No. 39 in the country, picked up his seventh. New Mexico State pushed some of the matches to tiebreakers, but Tech prevailed.

Siegel said his team had the right mentality going into the weekend matches.

"We showed good focus and good concentration," Siegel said.

The Tech women (9-8, 2-5) fell to Kansas State, 6-2 in Manhattan, Kan. Going into the match, the Wildcats had just one conference win.

Tech coach Carl Groce said the team tends to play well in some games and not well in others.

"We don't know which team was there," Groce said. "There's a good team and a bad team."

In doubles play, the women were unable to get off to a good start as the No. 3 duo of Kerryn Potgieter and Maria Jose Andres fell to KSU's Tamar Kvaratskhelia and Natasha Vieira, 8-1. The doubles point was clinched by KSU's Olga Klimova and Katka Kudlackova.

In singles play, Samantha van der Drift tied the match at 1-1 by defeating Viviana Yrureta from KSU, 6-1, 6-2. Kansas State took four of the five remaining matches, with Andres being the only other point for Tech.

Groce said the players have to figure out the problem within the team if they want to have a shot at being successful in the Big 12 Tournament.

"We're beating ourselves," Groce said. "When our entire team shows up, we are a very good team in singles and doubles."

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