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Tech student shot, killed in Tech Terrace neighborhood

By **ALEX YBARRA**
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech student Ross Baker, 23, was shot and killed Saturday morning at a Tech Terrace home at 3006 24th St.

Baker was a senior construction engineering major from Weatherford.

The shooting occurred around 3:45 a.m., according to the police report. The homeowner, Charles Mire, told police he confronted Baker, and Mire said he then fired a warning shot into the ceiling above his head. Mire shot Baker after he did not leave following the warning shot.

He was then transported to the University Medical Center, where he later died, according to the police report.

Baker had no prior criminal record.

The Baker family was unable to be reached for comment Monday.

Meg Carroll, a senior accounting major from Houston and a close friend of Baker's, said Baker was always great company and a peaceful person.

"Nobody ever had any problems with him. (He was) very non-confron-

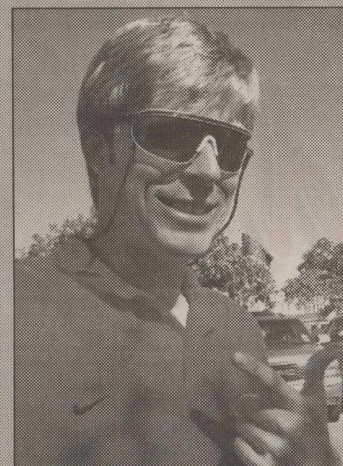
tational," Carroll said. "He would never wrong anybody. All he did was go hunting on the weekends or hang out with friends."

Carroll said Baker enjoyed anything having to do with the outdoors, such as fishing and hunting.

Sergeant John Gomez said the police department is still in the process of gathering information from several witnesses. He said Baker's autopsy and toxicology information will not be available for another two or three weeks.

Baker was a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

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Va. Tech victims' family members demand representation on panel studying the killings

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — Relatives of the Virginia Tech shooting victims demanded representation Monday on a gubernatorial panel studying the killings, saying in a letter that they feel "ostracized."

They also questioned the status of a memorial fund that has generated millions of dollars to honor the 32 victims of the student gunman.

"We are angry about being ostracized from a government-chartered panel investigating a government-sponsored university, and about how the university has used the names and images of our loved ones to raise millions of dollars without any consultation," the families said in a statement presented to the review board Monday during its third public meeting.

The statement was written on behalf of 13 families, said Holly Sherman, the mother of slain student Leslie Sherman.

Gov. Timothy M. Kaine's spokesman said the governor wanted "specialized expertise" when he named the eight-member panel, which includes former Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge, psychiatrists, educational

specialists and former law enforcement officials.



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Barnes and Noble Web link idea raises questions

By **ALEX YBARRA**
STAFF WRITER

Off-campus bookstore managers expressed similar opinions regarding a Web link idea that will allow students to order and reserve textbooks from Barnes and Noble's on-campus bookstore while registering for classes online.

Chris Toelle, the owner of Red and Black Bookstore, said he would like to see more options available for students.

"It would be fine if (every bookstore) could use it," Toelle said of the Web link idea, "but anytime you limit competition and anytime the university is just pushing the most expensive bookstore, I don't think it's good for the students."

Toelle said Barnes and Noble receives freshman textbook orders because off-campus bookstores are unable to inform freshmen of their alternatives. He said instead of Texas Tech being concerned for its students, the university just wants to make more money.

"If (Tech) were truly concerned about the students, why wouldn't you want as much competition for text books as you possibly could to keep the price down?" he said.

Bob Davenport is the manager at Varsity Bookstore and said he does

not agree with the Web link either.

He said the Web link should make all bookstores available for students.

"If it's possible, the Web link should be where students can make a choice of what they want," Davenport said. "Whether they want to shop over (at Barnes and Noble) or shop over (at Varsity) or shop at Double T or Red and Black or wherever they want to shop or even online for that matter. It looks like if (Barnes and Noble is) the only choice that they have, then that's not correct."

Conversely, Jade Ruth, the vice president for books of Barnes and Noble College Booksellers, said the Web link makes it easier on students.

"Instead of having to go through the normal process of selecting your course and your professor and your section, we just present the (book that you're using based on the course for which you just registered). Essentially it's cutting out steps for the student's convenience."

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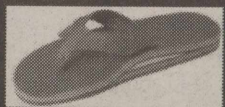
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'Hero's welcome' is blessing in disguise for President Bush

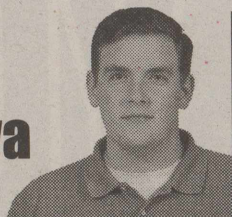
During his visit over the weekend to Albania, President George W. Bush received, as many news publications reported, "a hero's welcome." In this welcome, Bush finally saw what he unreservedly hoped for since the beginning of the Iraq War: a country that actually thanks us.

Of course there were celebrations in Iraq following the 2003 ouster of Saddam Hussein, but what do you expect when a dictator of multiple decades finally is thrown from power? Moreover, the jubilation in Iraq during that time was about Hussein, not about the force that expelled him.

The celebrations witnessed over the weekend in Albania were genuine as Albanians attempted to thank President Bush and more so the United States for saving their country.

Bordering the Adriatic Sea, Greece, Serbia and Macedonia, Albania is a former Stalinist state. For years following World War II,

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the country's citizens lived under a brutal dictator by the name of Enver Hoxha. When Hoxha died in 1985, it allowed the country an opportunity to step out of its communist shadow and form a genuine government of the people. Their transition to democracy was aided, in large part, by the United States — thanks to our generous monetary policy toward the country. Most importantly, Albanians thank us for our support of Kosovo, a border province in neighboring Serbia, whose populace is predominantly Albanian. It was in Kosovo that NATO intervened against the murderous rampage of Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic. President

Bush adamantly supports independence for Kosovo. Henceforth, the Albanians adamantly support the United States.

Indeed, the president received quite a welcome from the Albanians, who refer to him as "Boosh-y." American flags blanketed Albanian buildings, and signs in the crowd read "Proud to be Partners" and "President Bush Making History." If you ignore the obvious parallels to "Borat," you can really appreciate the country's desire to be more like the United States. Several Albanian stamps have featured both likenesses of Bush and the Statue of Liberty, while the street in front of the Albanian Parliament bears Bush's name.

While I'm sure Bush finds an experience like this very flattering, you can't help but wonder if this is the welcome the president wishes for Iraq. A country like this must push

Bush in his desire for success in the Iraq War.

In a speech to the crowd, Bush commended the country for "cast(ing) off the shackles of a very oppressive society and showing the world what's possible." There couldn't be more obvious overtones to Iraq. One argument about the failure to secure a free and peaceful Iraq is that Muslims aren't predisposed to freedom. Their religion, especially the radical wing, is just too strict to allow freedom to take hold.

Yet we need to look no further than Albania. It's not a Christian country like the others that fell in the Soviet Bloc. What makes Albania unique in both its support of America and its commitment to democracy is that the country is predominately Muslim. Albania supports our invasion of Iraq and Afghanistan and has sent its own troops to aid in our fight. This mat-

ter-of-factly negates the prevailing, and rather racist, argument that Muslims, as a whole, don't want freedom.

That's why I find this welcome by the Albanians a blessing in disguise for the president. He is beleaguered by crises at home: the War in Iraq, a failing attempt to pass immigration reform and more rumblings about his standing by Attorney General Alberto Gonzales. Many don't like president for those reasons, and I certainly have to disagree with his immigration policy, but once in awhile, it's good to see him rewarded. Moreover, this entire experience hopefully will rejuvenate his resolve to win in Iraq because as he has seen first-hand, it can be done.

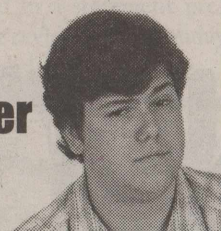
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No felon left behind: Attempts by Congress to solve immigration problems disappoint

The latest attempt by Congress to help alleviate immigration problems in the United States is an absolute disappointment. Making matters worse are Senate Democrats working to quickly push through a bill that fails to tighten border security and helps legalize illegal immigrants over those who have waited in line as our laws dictate they must.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., plans to close debate on the bill by the end of the week in a mad dash to push Senate Bill 1348 through as quickly as possible to avoid debate over the terribly flawed legislation and prevent its possible modification. The Senate already passed an amendment requiring employers to recruit American workers before they utilize the guest-worker program. It rejected a measure

Cole Shooter



to make permanent-residency status much more difficult to acquire as an illegal alien.

More amendments and challenges await the bill before it is sent to President George W. Bush for his signature, but senators defeated one of the most important amendments by a 46 to 51 vote Wednesday afternoon. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, was working to amend the 2007 immigration bill's proposed legalization program, which

would have made many illegal immigrants ineligible for the proposed legalization program because the amendment would have banned anyone who had ignored deportation orders, used false documentation or committed crimes.

The amendment was a futile attempt to bring some sort of decency to very flawed legislation. Since it didn't coddle those who choose to ignore the laws of our nation, the amendment was thwarted.

"If we are serious about restoring the rule of law, then how in good conscience can we reward those who have repeatedly committed felonies, such as identity theft, with a path to American citizenship?" Sen. Cornyn said Wednesday. "If we do not adopt this amendment then we might as

well re-title this section of the bill 'No Felon Left Behind.'"

Rather than pass Cornyn's amendment, the Senate chose to go with an alternative offered by Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass. His amendment cut the list of crimes to things like drug trafficking, sex offenses and other "very serious" crimes. However, if the crime committed occurred in association with getting a job, the individual still would be allowed to be legalized. Rewarding people for breaking our laws goes against everything Congress should stand for. There is no reason to create laws if certain people are allowed to break them. If I get pulled over for speeding, I should not expect a reward. Strangely enough, I don't see a police officer handing me a gift

card for breaking the law. If it continues on this trail, our court system could be turned into a game show. I already can hear a judge saying, "Give this heroin addict a new car!"

We are in desperate need of immigration reform, but this bill isn't the answer. Amnesty didn't help when President Ronald Reagan allowed it in the '80s, and it won't work now. We're supposed to learn from our mistakes, but unfortunately in this case, our politicians have yet to figure that out.

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Senate Democrats to force on Monday a 'no-confidence' vote on attorney general

WASHINGTON (AP) — The top Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee said Monday he will vote Alberto Gonzales, after long questioning the leadership and independence of for a no-confidence resolution against Attorney General President Bush's longtime friend.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said

he's concerned like others in his party that the resolution, sponsored by Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y. and up for a test vote later in the day, was a Democratic effort to embarrass Bush and prompt Gonzales to resign. But Specter has long said that Gonzales has exercise poor leadership on a host of issues, from the firings of eight federal prosecutors to

the department's handling of wiretapping authority under the Patriot Act.

"If you ask Arlen Specter, do I have confidence in Attorney General Gonzales, the answer is a resounding no," Specter said during a news conference in Philadelphia. "I'm going to vote that I have no confidence in Attorney General Gonzales."

Butts steals toilet paper from Iowa courthouse

MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa (AP) — Police blame a woman named Butts for stealing toilet paper from a central Iowa courthouse, and while they're chuckling, the theft charge could put her in prison.

"She's facing potentially three years of incarceration for three rolls of toilet paper," Chief Lon Walker said, stifling a laugh as he talked to KCCI-TV about

Suzanne Marie Butts. "See, I can't say it with a straight face."

Workers had noticed the rolls disappearing from the Marshall County Courthouse much faster than usual, Walker said.

Butts, 38, was caught last week after an employee saw her taking three rolls of two-ply tissue from a storage closet, Walker said.

Butts insisted it was the first time she'd pilfered toilet paper, but she declined to answer further questions on her attorney's advice.

The fifth-degree theft charge, a misdemeanor, normally carries a sentence of less than a year in jail. But Butts could face more time if convicted under the state's habitual offender law because she has prior theft convictions.

Judge voids sentence in teen consensual sex case

ATLANTA (AP) — A Georgia judge ordered the release Monday of a man sentenced to 10 years in prison for consensual oral sex with a 15-year-old girl when he was 17, a sentence that had been widely criticized as grossly disproportionate to the crime.

Several influential people, including former President Jimmy Carter,

publicly supported Genarlow Wilson's appeals, and state lawmakers voted to close the loophole that led to his 10-year term.

Monday's ruling doesn't ensure Wilson's freedom, though.

Georgia Attorney General Thurbert Baker said Monday afternoon that he had filed notice of appeal, arguing

that Georgia law does not give a judge authority to reduce or modify the sentence imposed by the trial court. He said he would seek an expedited ruling from the Georgia Supreme Court.

Wilson defense lawyer B.J. Bernstein said she believes Baker is just trying to stop Wilson's immediate release.

Fire strikes Maedgen Theatre for second time in 6 months

By MICHELLE CASADY
EDITOR

For the second time in a six-month period, fire has struck the Charles E. Maedgen Jr. Theatre. This time the State Fire Marshal, Kelly Vandygriff, believes arson was the cause.

"Since this is the second fire since January, the Lubbock Fire Department and Texas Tech requested that the state fire marshal be involved," Vandygriff said.

The two fires might be related, and a correlation between the two is not being ruled out, Vandygriff said.

The fire was reported 4:56 p.m. Sunday. According to a press release from the Texas Tech University Office of Communications and Marketing, the fire originated in the scene shop of the theatre. No one was injured during the blaze. Since the building was already under construction from the previous fire, there is no estimate of the cost of damages.

Mark Ethridge, Lt. public information officer for the Lubbock Fire Department, said the fire was small, and there was smoke throughout the entire building when crews arrived to the scene.

The fire is still under investigation, and Vandygriff said it will involve the Lubbock Fire Department, Tech and the State Fire Marshal offices.

He said for the duration of the investigation the building will be under 24-hour surveillance. A \$1,000 reward is being offered to anyone with information about the suspected arson. The hot line number is (877) 434-7345. Callers can remain anonymous.

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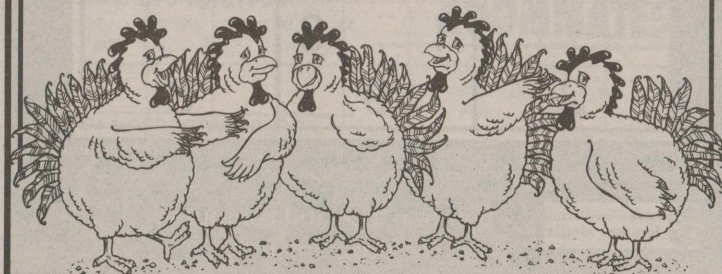
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Federer falls to Nadal in French Open final, again

PARIS (AP) — Maybe Roger Federer needs to allow the pain of coming up short at the French Open to last a little longer.

Maybe he needs to be a tad more concerned about whether he ever will pull off what he's come so close to — and yet, in a way, remains so far from accomplishing: a "Roger Slam" of four consecutive major titles, a career Grand Slam, a true Grand Slam.

Maybe Federer needs to feel absolutely gutted by the prospect of once again having a 27-match Grand Slam winning streak end at the hands of Rafael Nadal at Roland Garros.

Then again, maybe Federer is right to move on so quickly, as he insists he does. Because given the way Nadal plays on clay — and, more to the point, the way No. 2 Nadal plays against No. 1 Federer on clay — a French Open title might never get any closer to the Swiss star's grasp.

"Oh, I don't know how I felt last year, but I think I was disappointed, you know, for five minutes.

Same today," a straight-faced Federer said Sunday after losing the championship match at Roland Garros to his nemesis, Nadal, in four sets, the same result as in 2006.

"I played another final of a Grand Slam. I'm on an incredible run yet again," Federer continued. "So disappointment goes away after a short time."

There's no doubt that Federer is already, at 25, one of the greatest tennis players in history. Monday marked his 176th consecutive week at No. 1 in the rankings, extending his record. He's been to eight Grand Slam finals in a row, something no one else ever did. He's been to 12 Grand Slam semifinals in a row, another record. His 10 major titles — four straight at Wimbledon, three straight at the U.S. Open, three at the Australian Open — are tied for fifth on the career list behind Pete Sampras' 14.

The one gap on that resume? A French Open title.

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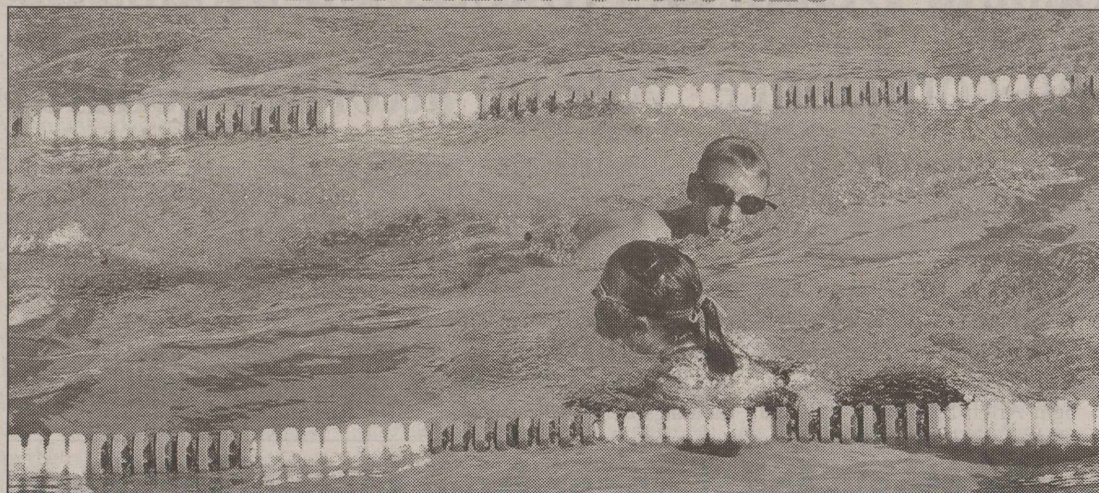


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MARRIED COUPLE Noel Conrad, a junior Russian major from Austin, and Angela Conrad, a graduate student studying family consumer sciences from Georgetown, swim laps at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center pool Monday afternoon.

Auction house withdraws bid on Bonds' 756th homer ball

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The prospect of a melee in the stands prompted an auction house on Monday to withdraw a \$1 million bounty on Barry Bonds' career-record homer baseball.

Bonds is approaching Hank Aaron's home run record this season, and sports memorabilia experts have speculated that the San Francisco Giants slugger's 756th homer ball would command six figures at auction. Dallas-based Heritage Auction Galleries upped the ante last month, offering \$1 million to purchase the ball.

But after a Heritage auctioneer met with a security official at AT&T Park, the company rescinded the offer.

"We didn't hear of any way to pre-

vent possible public safety problems, and we don't want a fan or a child injured or

"We didn't hear of any way to prevent possible public safety problems."

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killed," said Greg Rohan, president of Heritage Auction Galleries, the world's

largest collectibles auction house which last year auctioned Babe Ruth's 1933 All-Star jersey for \$657,250.

The highest price ever paid for baseball memorabilia was set in 1999 when comic artist Todd McFarlane snagged Mark McGwire's record single-season home run ball for \$3 million.

Baseball memorabilia prices have stagnated or declined since the start of a widespread federal inquiry into steroid use in 2003. The investigation has put intense scrutiny on Bonds, who reportedly told a 2003 federal grand jury he never knowingly used performance-enhancing drugs.

Sports memorabilia collectors say Bonds' involvement in the scandal has depressed prices that his items command at auctions.

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Cavs showing they can compete with Spurs — for 1 quarter

CLEVELAND (AP) — The comebacks come too late for many of their young fans to see, and certainly too late to do much good against the San Antonio Spurs.

Once the fourth quarter rolls around, the Cleveland Cavaliers begin playing NBA finals-worthy basketball.

If their goal is to make the game close on the scoreboard, that might be good enough. If they want to be competitive on the court, they'd bet-

ter get started much sooner.

"We have to find a way to pick up our intensity and carry on what happened in the fourth quarter into the rest of the game," Cavaliers star LeBron James said.

The Cavaliers traveled home Monday and were set to host an NBA finals game for the first time Tuesday night. They left San Antonio with a 2-0 deficit, but maybe with a bit of momentum after thoroughly outplaying the Spurs in the final quarter of Game 2.

Cleveland outscored San Antonio 30-14, briefly cutting what had been a 29-point deficit into single digits. But by then, the Cavs would have needed the greatest comeback in finals history to pull out the victory.

So what did those 12 minutes mean?

"Really nothing," center Zydrunas Ilgauskas said. "I think they took their foot off the gas pedal a little bit. Too little, too late.

"Obviously we'll look at it, see

what good things we did and stuff, but I don't know. We're down 30 points so I just ... something went our way eventually but it was just, like I said, too late."

By the time the fourth quarter arrived, the trio of Tony Parker, Tim Duncan and Manu Ginobili had outscored Cleveland 68-62. In Game 1, the Cavs trailed 64-49 through three quarters, with the Spurs' Big Three matching the Cavs' total at that point.

James has said throughout these playoffs that if his teammates keep it close, he'll try to win it for them in the end. But with the deficits the Cavs have been facing, that's too much for James or anybody else to accomplish.

By then, Cleveland is playing just to avoid further embarrassment.

"I think the fourth quarter we just realize that it's a pride thing then and we don't want to get blown out," James said.

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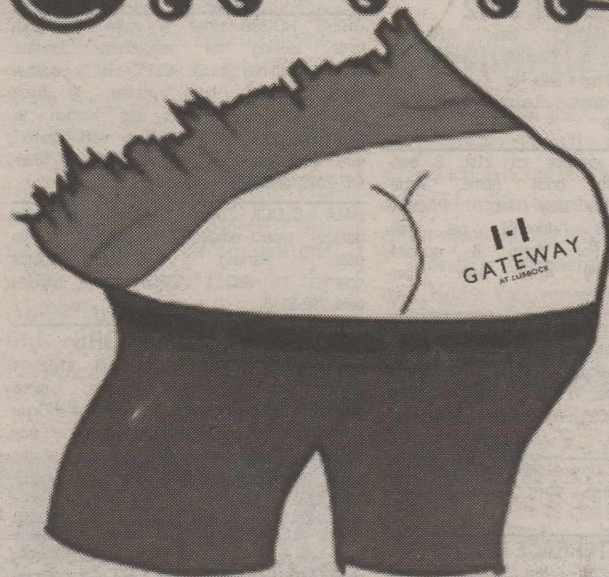
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