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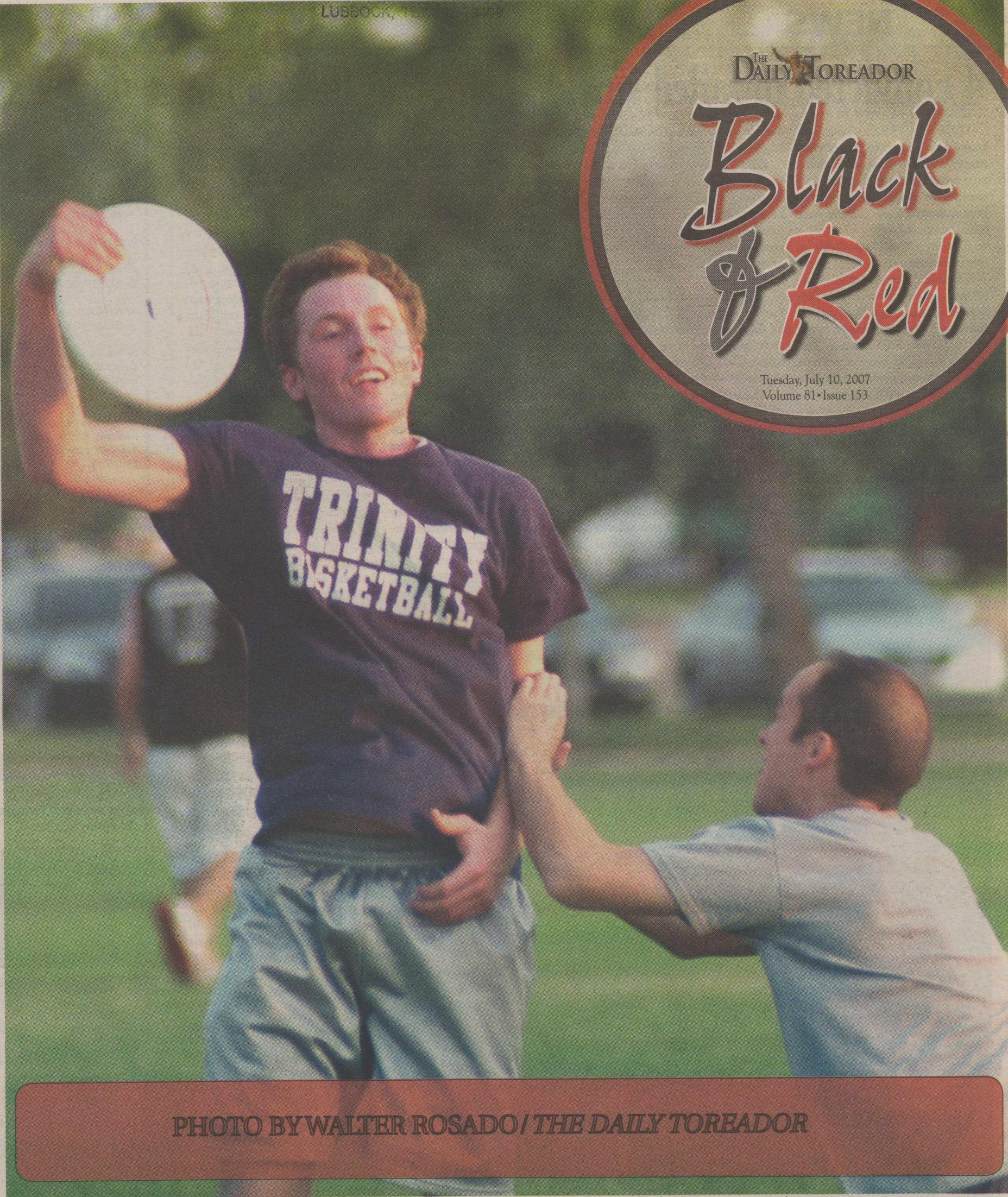


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4 convicted in failed suicide bombings in London

LONDON (AP) — Four men were found guilty Monday of plotting to bomb London's public transport system on July 21, 2005, two weeks after a coordinated suicide bombing attack on the network killed 52 commuters.

The jury was still deliberating on two co-defendants.

The men were accused of attempting to detonate explosives-laden backpacks on three subway trains and a bus in a mirror image of the July 7, 2005 attacks. The devices — made from a volatile mix of hydrogen peroxide and flour — failed to explode, and no one was injured.

All six suspects denied the charges, saying the devices were duds and their actions a protest against the Iraq war.

The verdicts, which follow a six-month trial, come days after police uncovered a plot to detonate car bombs in London's entertainment district and two men rammed a

flaming Jeep Cherokee into Glasgow International Airport.

Convicted of conspiracy to murder were Muktar Said Ibrahim, 29; Yassin Omar, 26; and Ramzi Mohammed, 25. Several hours later the jury returned another guilty verdict against Hussain Osman, 28, accused of trying to detonate a bomb on a subway train.

Judge Adrian Fulford told the jury of nine women and three men he would accept 10-2 majority verdicts on the other two defendants: Manfo Kwaku Asiedu, 34; and Adel Yahya, 24.

The explosives were packed in plastic tubs, with screws, bolts and other pieces of metal taped to the outside as shrapnel. The detonators contained triacetone triperoxide (TATP), an explosive used by the July 7 bombers.

Omar and Mohammed set off their devices aboard two subway trains; a couple of hours later Ibrahim's device failed aboard a

double-decker bus.

Osman is accused of trying to detonate a bomb on a third subway train, while prosecutors say Asiedu lost his nerve and abandoned his device in a London park. Yahya left Britain for Ethiopia several weeks before the attacks.

Police said scientific tests on the devices proved they were all viable. They do not know why they failed.

During the trial, Asiedu turned on the others and claimed Ibrahim, the gang's self-proclaimed leader, had wanted the attacks "to be bigger and better" than the July 7 bombs.

The botched plot rattled a city already shaken by the July 7 attacks, as Scotland Yard detectives launched the biggest manhunt in British history.

Much of the prosecution's case was based on eyewitness testimony and closed circuit television footage from the targeted subway cars and bus.

In one of the most chilling pieces of footage, Mohammed attempts to detonate his charge with his backpack facing a mother and young child. Moments later passengers are seen running to the other side of a carriage, while an off duty fire fighter, Angus Campbell, remonstrates with Mohammed.

A day after the failed attacks, police shot dead a Brazilian electrician aboard a Tube train after mistaking him for one of the bombers.

Police said they were under enormous pressure to capture the men, uncertain over whether they would try again and anxious to avoid a repeat of the aftermath of the hunt for terrorists responsible for the 2004 Madrid train bombings. Then, suspects killed a police officer and themselves when they exploded booby traps as police stormed their hideout.

Giving evidence in the trial, a specialist firearms officer, identified only as PC 7512, described how he almost shot Omar dead when he found him standing in a bathtub, fully clothed and wearing a backpack.

"In all honesty, I still don't know to this day how I did not shoot him," said the officer, describing how his Heckler and Koch carbine submachine gun was trained on Omar's head.

Police believe the planning for the attack started after Ibrahim returned to Britain from a trip to Pakistan in March 2005. He was in the country at the same time as two of the July 7 bombers — Shezad Tanweer and Mohammed Sidique Khan — but officials do not know if they ever met.

They believe the transit system was not the original target, but was chosen following the successful attacks two weeks earlier. Their original target is unknown.

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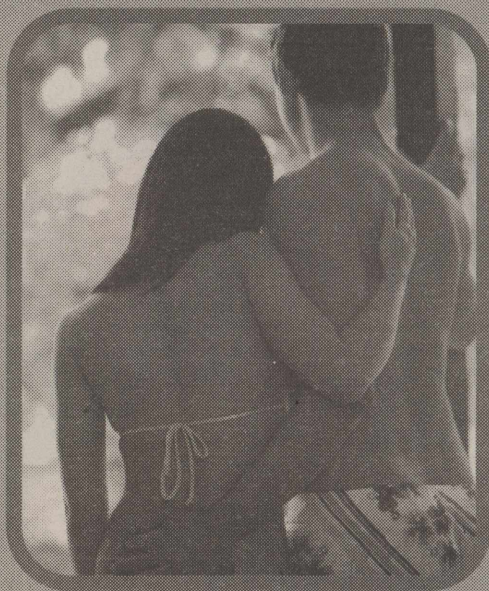


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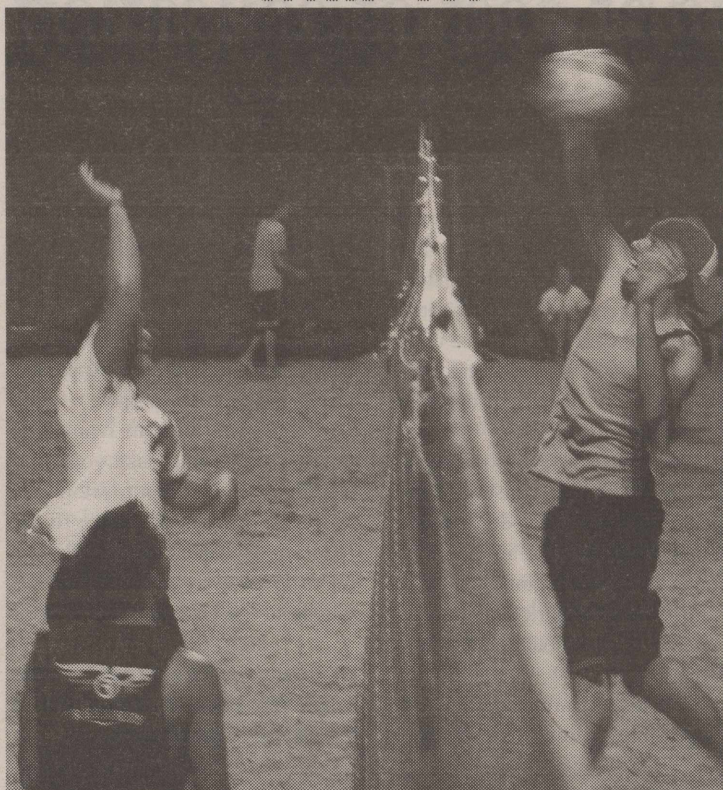
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WHIP IT!



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Taylor Wilson, from Lubbock, spikes the volleyball as Kurt Kerns, from Smyer tries to block the shot at the Urbanovsky Park sand volleyball courts Sunday evening.

Former Vice President of Operations dies

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

Less than a week after the death of a former administrator, the Texas Tech flag flew at half-staff Monday.

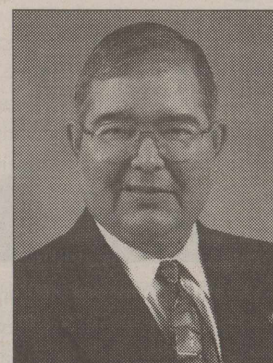
Former Tech Vice President of Operations Max Hinojosa died Thursday at the age of 53. Hinojosa served as vice president for operations from 2001 to 2007 before resigning in January.

Tech President John Whitmore said Hinojosa made the decision to resign due to health problems.

"He was a great asset to the university," Whitmore said. "Just about anything any of our students, faculty, or staff saw on campus or the buildings we occupied, offices, classrooms, research facilities, all of those were under Max's careful management."

On his last day of work, faculty and staff showed their support for Hinojosa and the achievements he accomplished.

"We threw a university wide reception in his honor on his last day of work



Hinojosa

and hundreds of people showed up from across the university," he said. "They sent testimonials to thank him for his work and effort."

Jorge Valdez, a carpenter from League City, worked under Hinojosa in 2000 at the University of Houston - Clear Lake, when Hinojosa was assistant vice president for facilities management and construction.

Valdez said Hinojosa found a way to affect every worker in a positive way.

"He was a real nice, down-to-earth

man that communicated with whoever," he said. "He didn't look down to anyone. He was always charismatic and mingling with everyone. Max was one hell of a person that we're going to miss."

Hinojosa graduated from Texas A&M University in 1977 where he received a Bachelors degree and Bachelors in Education degree in building construction and environmental design.

Hinojosa served in the United States Air Force as a civil engineering staff officer.

He represented the City of Lubbock's water and sewer rate board and is a past board member for the Texas Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers.

The cause of Hinojosa's death has not been determined.

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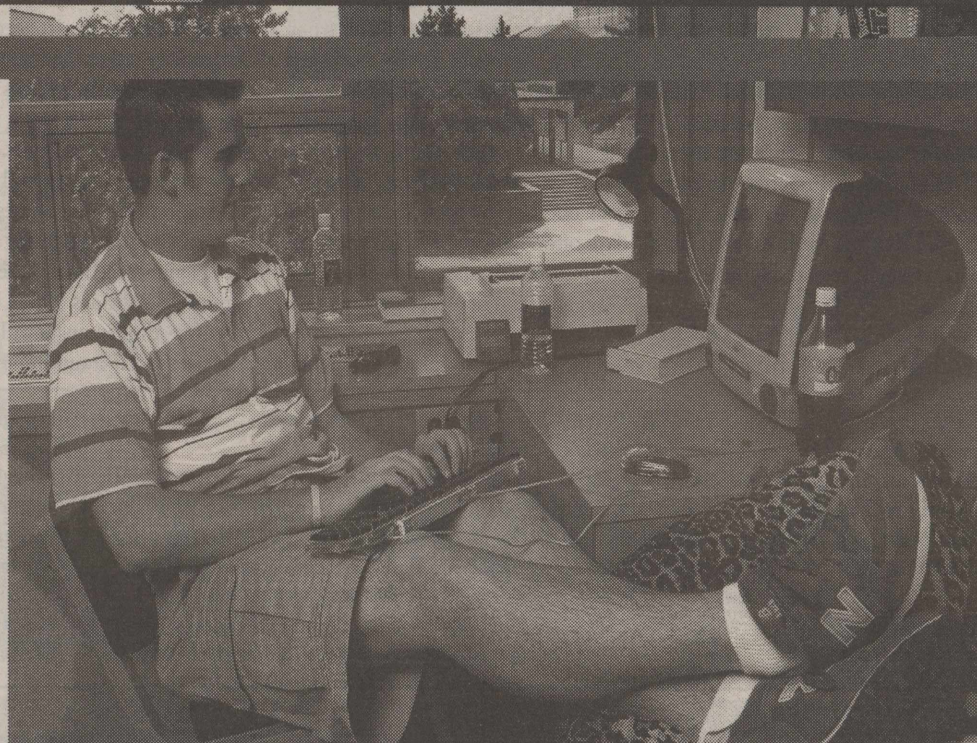
why live on campus?

...to make the grade...

Living on campus has given me a chance to really get to know my fellow classmates and make new friends.

Living in Gordon Hall has given me opportunities to find help from others in my major, and even from others in more advanced courses, for the problems I'm facing in adapting to college life during my first year here at Tech. In fact, I would attribute my above 3.5 GPA to the fact that I live on campus in a residence hall.

Matt Aaron
Sophomore
Pre-nursing

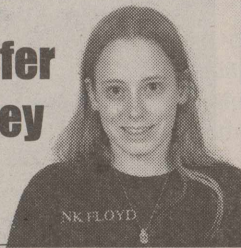


Tech's campus beautification coming at cost of education

In 1984, Texas Tech was voted "The Ugliest Campus in America" by *Sports Illustrated* magazine. Instead of ignoring it, as would befit a school of modern learning, the university has been bending over backward to repair that outward image. The result is an absolutely gorgeous campus with more sculptures and art than some museums and a lack of funding for the original intent of college: the education one gets here.

I look around and see maintenance crews replacing flowers every few weeks, fountains running in the heat of the summer day and more sculptures going up every semester it seems. I see these grand buildings costing millions of tuition dollars going up with more decoration than student usability. Within all this sumptuousness are equipment and desks decades

Jennifer Cheney



old and held together with tape, zip ties and solder. Yes, yes, we have new computers and technology to that effect, but there's no funding to put any new equipment or software in the classrooms and labs other than what is provided for under the Dell and Microsoft agreements. In majors such as engineering and the hard sciences, where being knowledgeable on, or at least have seen, the current programs and hardware are crucial for students entering the work force,

some students are graduating with a bare knowledge of 40-year-old technology. This equipment is, in some cases, unusable because of a lack of funds to repair it.

The funding to repair or replace these atrocities is lacking not because the money isn't there, but because it's being diverted to campus beautification. Money that should go to buy library books and new machinery is being used on flowers with low life expectancies and buildings with wasted spaces. There are buildings on this campus with 20-foot ceilings without accommodating for lecture halls. These could not only house twice the number of classrooms — if designed correctly — they are monstrously inefficient in heating and cooling. However, in the name of appearance and beauty, these ceiling are retained,

leaving students, faculty and staff members freezing in the winter and sweltering in the summer.

I understand some colleges have higher budgets than others because of alumni and government endowments. I understand the football team needed a larger stadium and contributes a large chunk of revenue to the university. I know a pretty campus is a nicety, if not downright necessary, for recruitment purposes.

However, I also know some departments are so poor they are using hand-me-downs from other departments. People come here for an education, not to pay several grand a year for admission to a park and outdoor museum. There should be a balance of funding.

Tech makes the claim "From here, it's possible." Most would interpret

that to mean this college offers all one would need to succeed in the "real world" if one succeeds here and takes advantage of what the university has to offer. I don't see how this is possible if the administration appears to care more for the outer façade than the interior workings. It's akin to having a grand and wonderful computer case with the equivalent of an Apple IIC inside. It defeats the purpose.

I leave you with an Ivan Illich quote to help you make your own decision: "Any attempt to reform the university without attending to the (educational value within) is like trying to do urban renewal on New York City from the 12th floor up."

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Looking to cyberspace for musical diversity uncovers hidden treasure

I've long held the belief that musicians are important social historians, carriers and transmitters of culture, and preservers of human heritage.

If this is the case, what does the majority of sound waves emitted from the bowels of FM radio tell us about humanity? Modern themes tend to focus on lust and greed, and these generally are not even presented in a very musical way.

Recently, a Chicago church made national news when it posted 20 billboards that read: "Stop Listening to Trash." The billboards targeted prominent hip-hop artists such as 50 Cent and Ludacris for their overt misogyny, rampant sexual discourse and profanity.

Worse, a lot of mainstream, popular music does not explore the topics,

Sarai Brinker



especially artistically. At least when the Wu Tang Clan addressed the ghetto, money and sex, it did it in a musically interesting way. Transforming reality — even one not pretty to look at — into art can be an admirable goal. But the hip hop on the radio these days often consists of lyrics with the complexity of a nursery rhyme — at best — and hooks that repeat as endlessly as bad jingles.

Yet, I assert the problem is found

more in the medium than the genre as there are a multitude of interesting, even elegant, hip-hop artists partially hidden in cyberspace.

When I say "medium," I am referring to the current ugly conglomeration of big recording industries, modern radio and "music television" that are selecting which songs receive contracts and airplay as a result of calculated potential profitability rather than musical merit. And unfortunately, sex has sold well. Occasionally, a great piece of art will soar to the top of the charts, but this is the exception rather than the rule.

The result of the oppressive hand of the established recording industry is the ubiquitous mediocrity spewing forth through the airways. Music executives too often display an unwillingness to deviate too far away from the status

quo. Anything too different or unique — and therefore potentially unprofitable — is rejected out of hand, regardless of artistic quality.

Yet it was the uniqueness and endless experimentation of genres like pop, folk and hip-hop, powered by thriving, healthy underground scenes that made the musical legends of the genres in the '60s and '70s, when many modern genres were emerging from infancy.

The support of an underground scene is vital to diversity and quality in music. It's easy to see the importance of variety in news sources, and the same is true in the world of music. This is a very good reason to support local artists.

Increasingly, though, the Internet is serving as a platform for underground music scenes. Someone seeking new, interesting music shouldn't look to the

Billboard charts, which tell one what is being sold or played rather than what is worth listening to. Instead, one should explore Internet radio and independent artists' blogs, a true bastion for new music untainted by the pressures of the industry.

It takes a little exploration, but a frontier of good music awaits the persistent. Internet radio sites like www.pandora.com can help stream-line this process by continually suggesting new music based on your preference, whether it be a vamping bass, complex lyrics or a melody in a minor key.

Good music is never more than a few mouse clicks away.

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Bush invokes executive privilege, denies Congress testimony

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush invoked executive privilege Monday to deny requests by Congress for testimony from two former aides about the firings of federal prosecutors.

The White House, however, did offer again to make former counsel Harriet Miers and one-time political director Sara Taylor available for private, off-the-record interviews.

In a letter to the heads of the House and Senate Judiciary panels, White House counsel Fred Fielding insisted that Bush was acting in good faith and refused lawmakers' demand that the president explain the basis for invoking the privilege.

"You may be assured that the president's assertion here comports with prior practices in similar contexts, and that it has been appropriately documented," the letter said.

Retorted House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers:

"Contrary what the White House may believe, it is the Congress and the courts that will decide whether an invocation of executive privilege is valid, not the White House unilaterally," the Michigan Democrat said in a statement.

The exchange Monday was the latest step in a slow-motion legal waltz between the White House and lawmakers toward eventual contempt-of-Congress citations. If neither side yields, the matter could land in federal court.

In his letter regarding subpoenas the Judiciary panels issued, Fielding said, "The president feels compelled to assert executive privilege with respect to the testimony sought from Sara M. Taylor and Harriet E. Miers."

Fielding was responding to a 10 a.m. EDT deadline set by the Democratic chairmen, Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont and Rep. John Conyers

of Michigan, for the White House to explain its privilege claim, prove that the president personally invoked it and provide logs of which documents were being withheld.

As expected, Fielding refused to comply. He said he was acting at Bush's direction, and he complained that the committees had decided to enforce the subpoenas whether or not the White House complied.

"The committees have already prejudged the question, regardless of the production of any privilege log," Fielding wrote. "In such circumstances, we will not be undertaking such a project, even as a further accommodation."

The privilege claim on testimony by former aides won't necessarily prevent them from appearing under oath this week, as scheduled.

Leahy said that Taylor, Bush's former political director, may testify as scheduled before the Senate panel

on Wednesday. The House Judiciary Committee scheduled Miers' testimony for Thursday, but it was unclear whether she would appear, according to congressional aides speaking on condition of anonymity because negotiations were under way.

The probe into the U.S. attorney firings was only one of several Democratic-led investigations of the White House and its use of executive power spanning the war in Iraq, Bush's secretive wiretapping program and his commutation last week of I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby's prison sentence.

Fielding's letter welcomed lawmakers back to town with a clear indication that relations between Congress and the White House had soured during the break.

Bush's counsel cloaked his tough rejoinder to the Democratic committee chairmen in gentlemanly language, but his message was unequivocal: the White House won't

back down, and believes the congressional legal argument to be far weaker than its own and its attitude less appealing.

Fielding dismissed the chairmen's attempt to "direct" the White House to provide the legal underpinning of Bush's executive privilege claims and a detailed listing of the documents he is withholding. He said the White House already has provided its legal argument and so does not need to do so again — and won't.

"We are aware of no authority by which a congressional committee may 'direct' the Executive to undertake the task of creating and providing an extensive description of every document covered by an assertion of Executive Privilege," he wrote. Fielding suggested that asserting executive privilege on the testimony comes as a result of this impasse and the lack of good faith it demonstrates on the part of Congress.

More flash flooding brings misery to East Texas

DALLAS (AP) — A new round of flooding swamped parts of Texas, leading officials in one county to declare a fresh disaster area in the hard-hit Plains.

Smith County officials made a disaster declaration Sunday night, asking for state and federal aid. They say flooding has caused about \$200,000 worth of damage to their eastern Texas county.

"We still have areas that are dangerous," county Commissioner Bill McGinnis told KLTU of Tyler. "We have barricaded those off. We beg people not to go around those barricades because it is just so extremely dangerous to do that."

The search for a 26-year-old man missing since his raft capsized on the rain-swollen Trinity River near Fort Worth resumed Monday morning, said Kent Worley, spokesman for the Fort Worth Fire Department.

Teams had shifted their search from a rescue mission to a recovery, Worley said. "The water has gone down, but it's still fairly swift. It's still fairly rapid," he said.

In central Texas, some homes in low-lying areas were flooded in Hico, about 100 miles southwest of Dallas. No injuries were reported, but some major roads into

the town were closed.

"We have really got some major flooding," Hico Mayor Lavern Tooley said Sunday evening. "It just did not let up."

Rivers in Kansas and Oklahoma have been receding from record flood crests, revealing millions of dollars in damage to thousands of

homes and businesses, in addition to the 1,000 or so damaged in central and northern Texas.

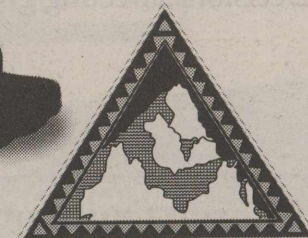
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Orlando police release transcript of interview with former astronaut

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Former astronaut Lisa Nowak told a detective she came to Orlando to meet her rival for the affections of a fellow astronaut because she wanted to know where she stood in the bizarre love triangle, according to a police interview made public Monday.

A 72-page transcript of the interview conducted after her February arrest, with portions redacted, was released by the State Attorney's Office.

Orlando Police Detective Chris Becton asks Nowak about why she wanted to meet Navy Capt. Colleen Shipman in a parking lot at the Orlando International Airport.

Nowak, 44, is accused of attacking

Shipman with pepper spray directed through the window of her car and trying to jump into the vehicle. She has pleaded not guilty to charges of attempted kidnapping, battery and burglary with assault.

Nowak repeatedly asked to speak to Shipman and asked the detective if Shipman, who was interviewed before Nowak, knew who she was.

Nowak told Becton she wanted to tell Shipman of her involvement with Bill Oefelein, a colleague who told detectives he had a two-year relationship with Nowak but ended it some time after he started a relationship with Shipman.

"I thought it was important that

she knew," Nowak told the detective. "I wanted her to have the same awareness, I guess, for my potential, or whatever."

When asked if she intended to kill Shipman if she didn't talk, Nowak said no.

Asked if it would have been acceptable for Oefelein to date both of them, she said "as long as everybody knows that that's the case."

She also said it was her husband, not Oefelein, who hurt her.

"My husband is the only person who broke my heart ... over the years, I guess," she said. "It happened over time."

An attorney for Nowak, Donald Lykkebak, asked a judge last month to seal the transcript, but the judge took no action. Lykkebak also asked that the interview not be introduced as evidence during Nowak's trial, claiming she wasn't properly advised of her constitutional rights.

The transcript indicates that Becton told her she had the right to remain silent, the right to an attorney and that what she said could be used against her in court.

NAACP "buries" N-word

DETROIT (AP) — There was no mourning at this funeral.

Hundreds of onlookers cheered Monday afternoon as the NAACP put to rest a long-standing expression of racism by holding a public burial for the N-word during its annual convention.

The ceremony included a march by delegates from across the country from downtown Detroit's Cobo Center to Hart Plaza. Along the way, two Percheron horses pulled a pine box adorned with a bouquet of fake black roses.

"Today we're not just burying the N-word, we're taking it out of our spirit," said Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. "We gather burying all the things that go with the N-word. We have to bury the 'pimps' and the 'hos' that go with it."

He continued: "Die N-word, and we don't want to see you 'round here no more."

The N-word has been used as a slur against blacks for more than a century. It remains a symbol of racism, but also is used by blacks when referring to other blacks, especially in comedy routines and rap and hip-hop music.

Public discussion on the word's

use increased last year following a tirade by "Seinfeld" actor Michael Richards, who used it repeatedly during a Los Angeles comedy routine and later issued a public apology.

The issue about racially insensitive remarks heated up earlier this year after talk show host Don Imus described black members of the Rutgers University women's basketball team as "nappy-headed hos" on April 4.

NAACP National Board Chairman Julian Bond repeated the call during the opening address Sunday night for the 98th annual convention, which runs through Thursday.

"While we are happy to have sent a certain radio cowboy back to his ranch, we ought to hold ourselves to the same standard," Bond said. "If he can't refer to our women as 'hos,' then we shouldn't either."

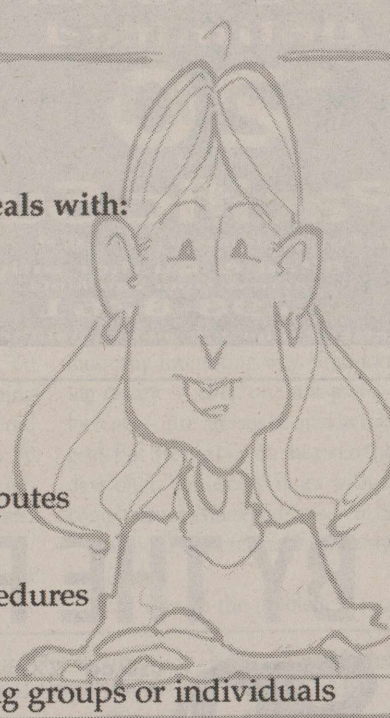
Black leaders, including the Revs. Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton, have challenged the entertainment industry and the American public to stop using the N-word and other racial slurs.

The NAACP held a symbolic funeral in Detroit in 1944 for Jim Crow, the systematic, mostly Southern practice of discrimination against and segregation of blacks from the end of post-Civil War Reconstruction into the mid-20th century.

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Southwest raises fares on flights

DALLAS (AP) — Southwest Airlines Co. raised most of its fares by \$1 to \$10 each way over the weekend, and many competitors quickly matched the move.

Southwest, which boasts about low fares, said it marked its second increase this year after six fare hikes in 2006. An analyst for J.P. Morgan said, however, that it was Southwest's fourth increase this year.

The increases, which began showing up Friday, ranged from \$1 each way on flights of under 500 miles to \$10 on walk-up fares for flights longer than 1,250 miles, said Southwest spokeswoman Beth Harbin.

Mika Brzezinski a hero to some for refusing to read Hilton story

NEW YORK (AP) — A lighter and paper shredder helped make Mika Brzezinski the symbol of television journalism's guilt trip about Paris Hilton.

Brzezinski used both to destroy a script calling for her to read about Hilton's release from jail on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" program recently. Part serious, part an act, it has become an Internet sensation. More than two million people have watched a clip of the incident, around 10 times the number who watched it live on TV.

Apparently, she's not the only one sick of the socialite.

"Among journalists it touched a nerve because I think we're tired of pretending this is important," she said. "We also know that, deep down inside, our viewers know that we don't believe this is news. They can't. They can't think we're that dumb."

Brzezinski, who left CBS News last year, has been working as a news-reader and on-air foil for Joe Scarborough on the show MSNBC is trying out to replace Don Imus in the morning.

Hours after Hilton's June 26 catwalk to freedom, Scarborough and Brzezinski discussed one of the day's other big stories at their show's opening: influential Republican Sen. Richard Lugar's declaration that President Bush's Iraq strategy wasn't working.

It was then Brzezinski's turn to sum up the day's news. She looked down at her script and Hilton was the top story. She froze.

"I could not get through the first three words without crumbling," she said. "My skin was crawling. This was our lead? On a day like this? To me, it was just the ultimate Paris Hilton out-of-control moment. We've gone too far and we've got to stop. That was all real. There was nothing

planned about that, and I believe we got a little snappy."

Indeed, Scarborough egged her on. He took the wadded-up script and drew it to his nose, inhaling with a look of rapture on his face. "Smell that," he said. "It even smells good."

Broader show-biz antics took over during subsequent news breaks. Brzezinski attempted to set the script ablaze at one point, then sent it through a shredder borrowed from network chief Dan Abram's office.

She attracted the world's attention. Brzezinski's gotten over a thousand e-mails, and was named "woman of the week" by a British Web site. She's been invited to address a media symposium in Scotland. The New Zealand Herald hailed her: "Deliberate or not, there is no denying the incident struck a chord with viewers the world over. When it comes to Paris, we've all had enough."

It may be a coincidence, but three days after the incident MSNBC told Brzezinski that she'll have a regular hour to anchor the news each morning.

There's been no shortage of journalists making clear their distaste for the story, only to find Hilton's siren song irresistible.

CBS's Katie Couric told a Boston audience in May, to applause, that "we have a precious amount of time on the 'CBS Evening News' and I don't think we need to ever utter the name Paris Hilton." A month later, Couric's broadcast reported on Hilton's jailing and the controversy over her short-lived release.

NBC's Brian Williams noted on his Web log when Hilton was taken into custody that "nobody mentioned Paris Hilton at our afternoon editorial meeting." The very next day, Hilton's brief release was the No. 2 story on NBC's "Nightly News."

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'Transformers' morphs into money machine

LOS ANGELES (AP)— The shape-shifting robots of "Transformers" have taken on a new form: Huge piles of cash.

The sci-fi saga "Transformers," DreamWorks and Paramount's big-screen take on the Hasbro toys, debuted with \$67.6 million in ticket sales in its first weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday. That gave it \$152.5 million since opening with preview screenings Monday night.

If the weekend figures hold when final numbers are released Monday, that would give "Transformers" the biggest first week revenues ever for a non-sequel, surpassing the \$151.6 million of 2002's "Spider-Man." But factoring in today's higher ticket prices, "Spider-Man" drew more people in its first week, about 26.1 million, compared to 22.5 million for "Transformers."

"Transformers," was directed by Michael Bay and features a cast led by Shia LaBeouf and Megan Fox, who are among the humans hurled into the action when two races of warring robots bring their feud to Earth.

The movie's striking visual effects and the Transformers brand — which debuted in the 1980s with toys, a TV show and an animated movie — proved irresistible for audi-

ences, said Rob Moore, Paramount's head of worldwide marketing and distribution.

"Michael Bay created something visually that people hadn't seen before," Moore said. "When you look at a jet plane flying under a bridge then flipping and turning into a robot, those kinds of images people found incredibly unique and compelling."

"Transformers" also took in \$93.6 million in 23 other countries where it has opened since June 28.

However, the overall domestic box office plunged. The top 12 movies took in \$161.5 million, down 23 percent from the same weekend last year, when "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" opened with what was then a record weekend of \$135.6 million.

"The good news is we've got another big one right around the corner with 'Harry Potter,'" said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Media By Numbers. "We should be looking at a strong mid-summer boost that'll hopefully carry through to the end of summer."

The weekend's other new wide release, the Warner Bros. comedy "License to Wed," took fourth place with \$10.4 million, raising its total since debuting Tuesday to \$17.8 million. It stars Robin Williams as a minister who forces an engaged couple (Mandy Moore and John Krasinski) through a tortuous marital boot camp.

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

1. "Transformers," \$67.6 million.
2. "Ratatouille," \$29 million.
3. "Live Free or Die Hard," \$17.4 million.
4. "License to Wed," \$10.4 million.
5. "Evan Almighty," \$8.1 million.
6. "1408," \$7.1 million.
7. "Knocked Up," \$5.2 million.
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George re-signs with Mavericks

DALLAS (AP) — After opting out of his contract and looking for a better deal elsewhere, swingman Devean George is coming back to the Dallas Mavericks.

George has agreed to a roughly \$2.4 million, one-year deal that keeps him as a reserve on one of the NBA's top teams and puts him in position for a bigger payday next summer, agent Mark Bartelstein said Monday.

George would've made around \$2 million under the deal he signed last summer, but opted out of it last month. Bartelstein spoke with several teams, only to find that the best combination of salary and championship potential came from Dallas.

Part of the lure was that after this season the Mavs will hold George's "Bird rights," which means they can sign him again for a larger salary without certain salary cap implications.

"His goal was to come back," Bartelstein said. "But you want to take a look around and make sure you're not bypassing something that really was significant. It would've taken something major to take him out of Dallas."

The deal can't be finalized before Wednesday, and team officials can't

comment before then. However, president of basketball operations Donnie Nelson said recently that the club was committed to bringing back its key players — as demonstrated by the re-signing of Jerry Stackhouse late last week.

George and Stackhouse were part of a strong bench that helped the Mavericks win 67 games, fifth-best in league history, before a stunning first-round playoff loss to Golden State.

George, who turns 30 next month, averaged 6.4 points and 3.6 rebounds last season. He played 60 games, starting 17, and averaged 21.4 minutes. Coach Avery Johnson likes having him as a defensive ace, especially against perimeter players. George played his first seven years with the Los Angeles Lakers, winning three titles and reaching the finals a fourth time.

Bartelstein said the early playoff exit with Dallas didn't discourage George. If anything, it made him want to return.

"He was disappointed because he was hurt, he wasn't himself in the playoffs," Bartelstein said, citing a late-season knee injury. "He wants to contribute more to help the team get to the (championship) level."

Belgian Gert Steegmans wins Tour de France stage in Belgium

GHENT, Belgium (AP) — Gert Steegmans won the second stage of the Tour de France on Monday with an inspirational victory in his home country, avoiding a late crash that slowed many riders and left them with scrapes and bruises.

Steegmans led a 1-2 Belgian finish in winning a Tour stage for the first time. He covered the 105-mile course on rain-drenched roads from Dunkirk, France, to Ghent in 3 hours, 48 minutes, 22 seconds. Switzerland's Fabian Cancellara kept the leader's yellow jersey.

"What an explosion of emotion it was after the finish," Steegmans said. "It was really important for the team. You could feel this enormous pressure because we're a Belgian team."

QuickStep teammate Tom Boonen of Belgium was second, followed by Filippo Pozzato of Italy after a sprint among a group of breakaway riders.

"I think it was a perfect picture, the two of us next to each other," Steegmans said.

Steegmans said the victory

could help rebuild spirits at QuickStep, a team under pressure amid speculation about doping.

"There was a big attack from one newspaper on our team," Steegmans said. "It was a hard time for us — especially when you take a train, people see you as a gang member and not as a team rider."

Cycling's credibility was sent reeling last year because of doping. Floyd Landis, the 2006 Tour champion, tested positive for synthetic testosterone and is awaiting an arbitration panel's decision about whether he can retain his title.

Cancellara kept the overall lead for a third straight day despite falling in the crash and injuring his hand with a little more than a mile to go.

Andreas Kloeden of Germany is second, 13 seconds behind Cancellara, and British time trial specialist David Millar is third, 23 seconds back.

The crash that caused a bottleneck for most of the pack. Steegmans led a group of about 20 riders that was unaffected.

Tomas Vaitkus of Discovery Chan-

nel was taken to the hospital for an injured right thumb, team spokesman P.J. Rabice said.

Under course rules, because the crash occurred within 1.8 miles of the finish, all riders in the main pack were awarded the same time as the stage winner.

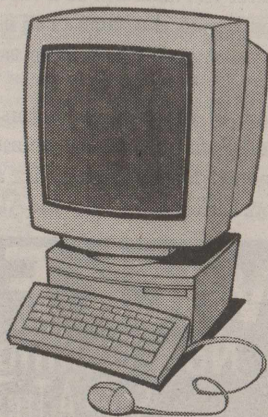
The three-week race returns to France nearly for good Tuesday, leaving the Belgian town of Waregem for a 147-mile ride to Compiègne, northeast of Paris.

The main contenders typically don't seek stage victories in the flat early stages that are prone to crashes, preferring to wait for tougher mountain stages to make their move.

Kloeden, Alexandre Vinokourov, Levi Leipheimer, Cadel Evans and Alejandro Valverde are all within 40 seconds of Cancellara, who isn't expected to keep up in the Alps and Pyrenees.

Boonen, a former world champion with four Tour stage victories, said there were no hard feelings toward Steegmans. Steegmans typically helps Boonen but is not supposed to beat him.

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Federer, Nadal rivalry reaches new level after Wimbledon final

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal long ago established themselves as the best of the best in men's tennis, far ahead of anyone else in the game these days.

Then, firmly entrenched at No. 1 and No. 2, they began meeting regularly in tournament finals.

Now they finally have produced the other element any great sports rivalry needs: a scintillating showdown on the biggest of stages. Their five-set "thriller" of a Wimbledon final, as Federer put it Sunday after beating Nadal, left fans wanting more.

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"We sometimes haven't lived up to the expectations in the past, in our matches in majors, especially," Federer acknowledged. "That was maybe a bit of a problem."

Not anymore.

With the most prestigious title in tennis on the line, there were tense tiebreakers, long points, brilliance from both at the baseline. Nadal attacked the way Federer does, even playing serve-and-volley a couple of times. Federer played defense the way Nadal does, winning some points by extending rallies until an error came from the other side.

It was riveting, far more so than their previous Grand Slam encounters, none of which went five sets. It drew TV ratings in the United States that were about 10 percent higher than for last year's Federer-Nadal final. And it increased the likelihood that Federer vs. Nadal will be looked upon one day in the same class as Sampras vs. Agassi, say, or Borg vs. McEnroe.

At four of the past six majors, Roger and Rafa have been the last men standing, dueling to determine a champion, with Federer 2-0 at the All

England Club, Nadal 2-0 at Roland Garros. Only one other pair — Fred Perry and Gottfried Von Cramm in 1935-36 — played each other in the French Open and Wimbledon finals in consecutive years.

Eventually, perhaps, one will triumph on the other's turf, and while the thinking before Sunday had been that Federer was closer to coming through on clay than Nadal was on grass, this match might have changed that.

When they met at the net, physically and mentally spent, Federer told his nemesis, "I'm the lucky one today" — a fascinating comment from someone with 11 Slam titles.

"He knows just how good Rafa is," said Federer's mother, Lynette.

Later, after kissing his fifth Wimbledon trophy, Federer spoke of Nadal in glowing terms.

"He's playing phenomenal tennis. He's definitely improved yet again, I think. He had more of a game plan this year than he had last year. Last year, he came out, nothing to lose, kind of hit hard but didn't know why," Federer said.

"This year around, he's changed his game a little bit. Plays maybe a bit more aggressive, knows the game of grass much better. That's why I think he's not only just a good clay-courter, he's a good all-around player."

Nadal, for his part, always has nice things to say about Federer, and that didn't change despite the disappointment of falling just short this time.

He called Federer "the best" and his play "unbelievable."

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HELP WANTED

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HELP WANTED

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with excellent numbers sense, accuracy, neat appearance, and quiet personality. Work schedule: at least 20 hours per week. Must be able to carry 75 pounds unaided up and down stairs. Apply in person 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Paddle Tramps, 1317 University Avenue. No phone calls, please.

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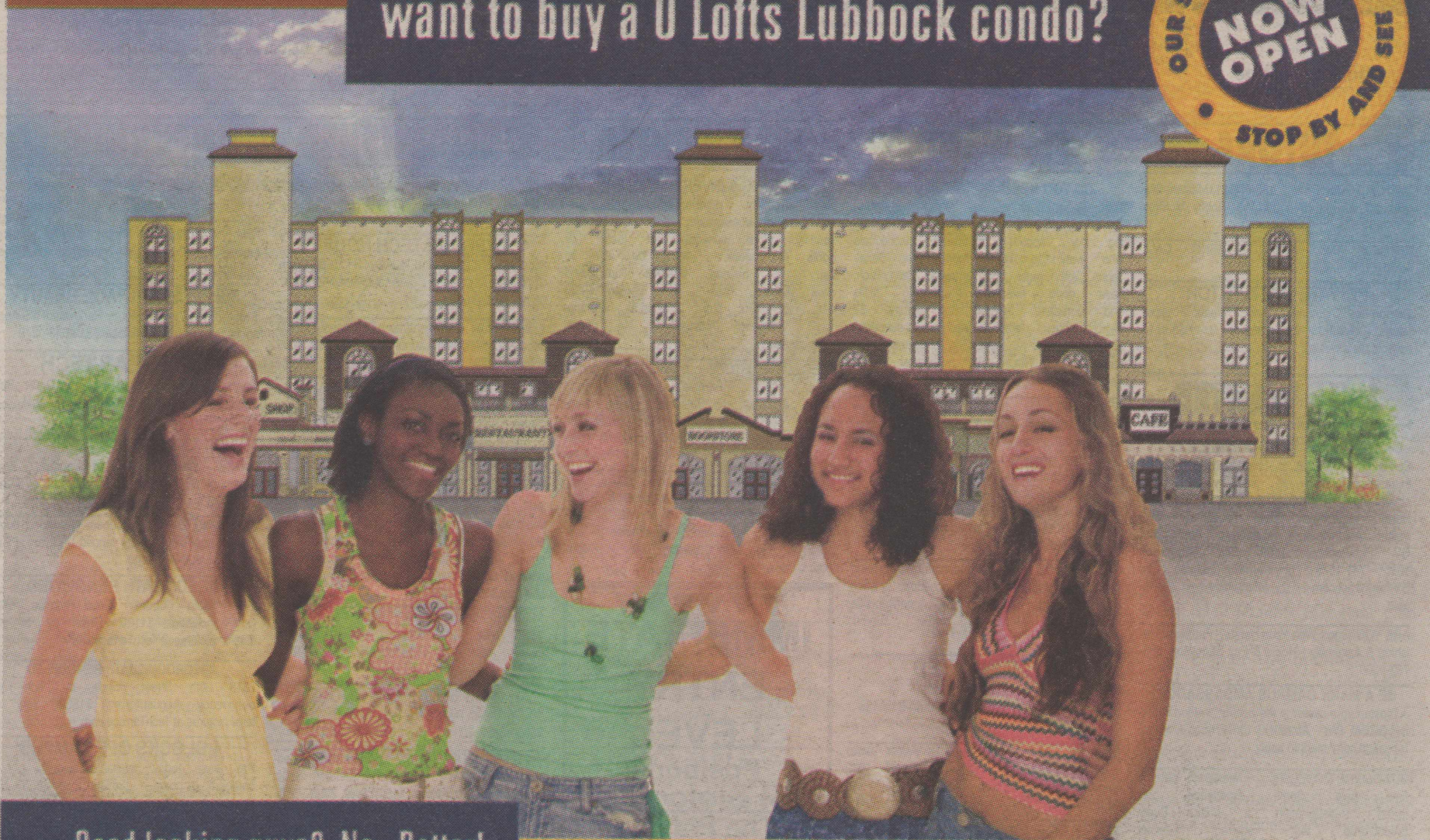
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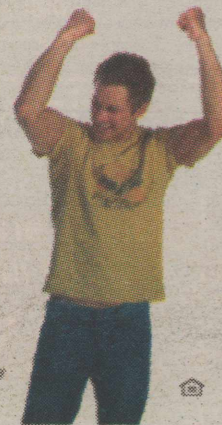


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