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STATE
Authorities arrest 11 in dogfighting ring

DALLAS (AP) — Eleven people face animal cruelty charges after authorities broke up a dogfighting ring in rural East Texas, officials said Monday.

Acting on an anonymous tip, a deputy with the Marion County Sheriff's Department arrived at a home Sunday and found between 10 and 15 people surrounding a pen in which pit bulls were fighting. Four suspects were arrested at the scene, with the rest running off into a nearby wooded area, officials said.

NATION
Believers mourn death of church president

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Thousands of believers were in mourning Monday following the death of Gordon B. Hinckley, the humble head of the Mormon church who added millions of new members and labored long to burnish the faith's image as a world religion. An announcement of his successor was not expected for days.

Hinckley, the 15th president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, died Sunday of complications arising from old age, church spokesman Mike Otterson said. He was 97.

WORLD
Bomb kills 5; troops poised for showdown

BAGHDAD (AP) — In a daring ambush, insurgents blasted a U.S. patrol with a roadside bomb Monday and showered survivors with gunfire from a mosque in increasingly lawless Mosul. Five American soldiers were killed in the explosion — even as Iraqi troops moved into the northern city to challenge al-Qaida in Iraq.

The attack on the U.S. patrol — the deadliest on American forces since six soldiers perished Jan. 9 in a booby-trapped house north of Baghdad — raised the Pentagon's January death count to at least 36.

DEATH TOLL

3934

U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Bush gives final State of Union address

By **TERENCE HUNT**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, standing before Congress one last time, urged the nation Monday night to persevere against gnawing fears of recession and stay patient with the long, grinding war in Iraq. He pressed Congress to quickly pass a plan to rescue the economy.

"We can all see that growth is slowing," Bush said in a blunt acknowledgment of rising food and gas

prices, increasing unemployment and turmoil in the housing and financial markets.

He cautioned against accelerating U.S. troop withdrawals from Iraq, saying that would jeopardize progress achieved over the last year.

"We have unfinished business before us, and the American people expect us to get it done," Bush declared. It was his final State of the Union address and he faced a hostile, Democratic-led Congress eager for the end of his term next January.

With his approval rating near its all-time low, Bush lacked the political clout to push bold ideas and he didn't try. He called on lawmakers to urgently approve a \$150 billion plan — worked out with House leaders — to avoid or soften any recession through tax rebates for families and incentives for businesses to invest in new plants and equipment.

"The actions of the 110th Congress will affect the security and prosperity of our nation long after this session has ended," the president said.

Senate Democrats want to expand the economic stimulus plan with rebates for senior citizens living off Social Security and extensions of unemployment benefits for the jobless. Bush said those changes "would delay it or derail it and neither option is acceptable."

He also pushed Congress to extend his tax cuts, which are to expire in 2010, and said allowing them to lapse would mean higher tax bills for 116 million American taxpayers. For those who say they're willing to pay more, Bush said, "I welcome their enthusiasm, and I am

pleased to report that the IRS accepts both checks and money orders."

Before speaking, Bush turned to shake hands with a smiling House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Vice President Dick Cheney, seated behind him. Bush's wife, Laura, and their twin daughters, Barbara and Jenna, sat in a VIP box. His speech lasted 53 minutes, interrupted frequently by applause, most often by Republican lawmakers.

Since the 2003 invasion of Iraq, the war has been a main topic of Bush's annual addresses to Congress.

TOUGH ENOUGH

Lady Raider uses football experience to improve court skills

By **ALEX YBARRA**
STAFF WRITER

Maria Moore once donned football pads as a starting receiver for the Raiders.

When Moore asked the varsity football coach at Reed High School if she could join the team, Ernie Howren reacted how most football coaches would.

"She's kidding right?" Howren said of the 5-foot-5 inch point guard on the Texas Tech Lady Raider basketball team. "At the time, she had already been an established basketball player and doing very well."

Fresh off her sophomore basketball season in high school, in which she earned honorable mention on the All-American team, Texas Tech transfer from Sparks, Nev., played a full year on junior varsity in 2004 at wide receiver.

Her statistics did not add up to much: zero catches, zero yards and a few tackles, but Moore said she enjoyed staying in shape, among other things.

"I really didn't like playing receiver," she said. "I wanted to play defense. I liked to hit people. I tackled some people in practice. That was the fun part."

Moore said whenever the ball was thrown her way, her strategy consisted of not catching the ball but swatting it down just before the defense could collapse on her like the forwards and centers of today in the Big 12 Conference.

"The linebackers were just huge, I could not take that."

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MARIA MOORE
POINT GUARD



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Congressional bill would give workers money

By **GLENYS BOLLS**
COPY EDITOR

A bill waiting to pass the U.S. Congress could put hundreds of dollars extra in workers' pockets, and students could be among the beneficiaries.

There is only one requirement for getting this money: filing federal income tax forms.

Michael Frohlich, communications director for Lubbock-area congressman Rep. Randy Neugebauer, said the rebates will be included when workers file their regular tax forms.

The bill, announced Thursday, would give federal income tax payers up to \$600 per individual or up to \$1,200 per couple, plus an additional \$300 per child.

"It's just giving more money into the hands of the American people," Frohlich said. "It's a good shot in the arm to the economy."

Individuals who earn up to \$75,000 or couples who earn up to \$150,000 would be eligible for the money.

"The idea is that the more money is in people's pockets, the more likely they are to spend it on things they need," Frohlich said.

Normally, a person's employer automatically withholds a certain percentage of the employee's paycheck for federal income taxes. However, this is not always the case.

"If you make less than the standard deduction, you don't have anything withheld," said Susie Edwards, office coordinator for H & R Block Tax Services in Lubbock. "If you're a single person, you have to make \$8,350 before you pay any taxes."

Even without paying federal income taxes, people who earned more than \$3,000 last year would be eligible for part of the refund. Individuals could receive up to \$300, and couples could receive up to \$600, with an additional amount — about \$300 per child — included for children.

At the current minimum wage of \$5.85 per hour, a person could earn \$3,000 by working at least 16 hours per week during the regular fall and spring semesters.

Texas Tech's University Library offers tax forms for university community members. Anyone interested in filing their taxes can use the forms available in the library or file electronically for free on the Internal Revenue Service Web site, www.irs.gov.

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Kennedy endorses Obama, plans to campaign for him

By **DAVID ESPO**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Summoning memories of his slain brother, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy led two generations of the First Family of Democratic politics Monday in endorsing Barack Obama for the White House, declaring, "I feel change is in the air."

Obama is a man of rare "grit and grace," Kennedy said in remarks salted with scarcely veiled criticism of the Illinois senator's chief rival for the presidential nomination, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, as well as her husband, the former president.

Obama beamed as first Rhode Island Rep. Patrick Kennedy, then Caroline Kennedy, and finally

the country's best known liberal took turns bestowing their praise. "Today isn't just about politics for me. It's personal," Obama told a boisterous crowd packed into the American University basketball arena a few miles across town from the White House.

It was also about politics, though, and a rapidly approaching set of primaries and caucuses across 24 states on Feb. 5, with more than 1,600 national convention delegates at stake.

Kennedy's endorsement was ardently sought by all three of the remaining Democratic presidential contenders, and he delivered it at a pivotal time in the race. A liberal lion in his fifth decade in the Senate, the Massachusetts senator is in a position

to help Obama court voting groups who so far have tilted Clinton's way. These include Hispanics, rank-and-file union workers and lower-income, older voters.

Kennedy is expected to campaign actively for Obama beginning later this week, beginning in Arizona, New Mexico and California. Caroline Kennedy, the daughter of John Kennedy, who was assassinated in 1963, will also make campaign appearances, officials said.

David Axelrod, a senior Obama adviser, said strategists also hope Kennedy can help blunt Clinton's charges that Obama's health plan would not provide coverage for all. "I don't think anybody believes that Ted Kennedy would endorse a candidate who wasn't thoroughly committed to the goal of universal

health care," he said.

Clinton betrayed no disappointment at her rival's gain.

"We're all proud of the people we have endorsing us," she said in a conference call with Arizona reporters. Addressing Kennedy's criticism of politicians who pit groups against one another, she said she was "strongly in favor of getting to where our politics can be about the real issues, trying to find common ground."

So strong is the Kennedy family's hold on some Democrats that as word spread on Sunday about the elder Kennedy's plans, Clinton announced that she had the backing of Kathleen Kennedy Townsend. She is a daughter of Robert F. Kennedy who lost a gubernatorial election in Maryland five years ago.

Tech professor publishes research on sexual behavior

By KENDALL WHEELER
STAFF WRITER

Thoughts of sex have helped one Texas Tech professor publish her research.

Sheila Garos, an associate professor of psychology and director of the counseling psychology doctoral program at Tech, recently had her Garos Sexual Behavior Inventory — a measure to help clinicians detect disorders of sexual frequency and control — published by Western Psychological Services, a publisher

of assessments, books, software and therapy tools, according to its Web site, portal.wpspublish.com/portal.

Garos said the inventory is the result of 10 years of research in sexual behavior.

"I feel very fortunate to be published," she said. "There are very few published tests that can be adopted by clinicians to test behaviors as addictive or compulsive."

While the inventory helps clinicians in considering potential areas of concern, Garos said, it cannot be used to make a judgment

for treatment without a variety of other tests.

"The inventory itself cannot quantify what is sexually normal," she said. "To make a diagnosis, different backgrounds, cultures and experiences would need to be brought into consideration."

Garos said the inventory, which has been used to screen prisoners for compulsive sexual behaviors and help couples with sexual differences, was developed through Garos' interest in treatment of sexual disorders.

"People are often too embarrassed or scared to talk with anyone about (sexual difficulties)," she said. "Our sexuality and sexual behavior affects how we feel about ourselves, our identity and our relationships."

David Rudd, a professor and chair of the psychology department, said the publication of Garos' work raises the profile of both the department and the university, which he hopes will help recruit quality students and faculty in the future.

He also said he believes the inventory will impact the psychology

clinical practice community.

"One of the notable things about Dr. Garos' work is that it offers the rare blend of scientific rigor and clinical relevance," Rudd said, "meaning it will directly impact the nature of clinical practice, that is, how people with sexual behavior disorders are recognized and subsequently treated."

Rudd said research and publication are expectations of faculty members in the department of psychology because their research directly affects what is taught in

the classroom.

"Research and publication mean that faculty members are on the cutting edge of their discipline," he said.

People need to stay open minded about sexual disorders and their treatment, Garos said.

"Many sexual problems can be effectively treated," she said. "There is no need to suffer thinking that something is so terribly wrong or shameful that it cannot be talked about."

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Bill

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Tom Rohrig, an associate librarian at the University Library, said he works to ensure library patrons have access to all the information they might need.

"We get the most heavily-used tax forms and publications," Rohrig said. "Everything is out now except the non-resident forms, and we're expecting those in early February."

An updated list of the library's available tax forms can be found on the library's Web site, library.ttu.edu/ul/govdocs/USTaxes.php.

Rohrig said he does not know of any increased interest in the tax forms since the bill's announcement.

"We haven't heard about any confusion about the new regulations," he said, "but I'm hoping when people do have questions they'll contact the IRS."

Individual tax forms must be filed by April 15.

If Congress acts on the bill in the next two weeks, Frohlich said, the rebate checks could be in the mail in May or June.

"It's not finalized yet," Frohlich said. "Both houses will be back in session next week. They discussed it some last week, but they will probably discuss it some more next week. It won't be voted on probably until next week or the week after."

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Hamas working with Egyptians to reimpose control at Gaza border

RAFAH, Egypt (AP) — Hamas militants joined Egyptian forces for a second day Monday in trying to restore control at three breaches in the Gaza border, building a chain-link fence to seal off one opening and directing traffic at two others.

Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians have flooded into Egypt unchecked over the past six days since Hamas militants blasted holes in the border partition. They have been voraciously buying up food, fuel and other goods made scarce by Israeli and Egyptian closures of Gaza's borders.

Hamas seized control of the Palestinian territory in June but before the breach, it had no role in policing the border with Egypt. Now the Islamic militant group is hoping that will change now and it is pressing for some kind of future role in border administration.

At a meeting in Cairo, Arab

governments were forceful in their opposition to that idea.

Egypt and the foreign ministers of the Arab League have firmly backed the Palestinian Authority led by moderate President Mahmoud Abbas of Fatah in its power struggle against rival Hamas. They have called for a return to a 2005 international border monitoring agreement that excluded the Islamist organization entirely.

"They (Hamas) should not interfere. They should just simply get out of the way and allow this to happen," Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad, who heads a rival government in the West Bank, told reporters after returning from Cairo.

In the divided town of Rafah, however, Hamas forces were very much in control.

"There has been continuous and direct cooperation with Egyptian security officials over the last couple of days," said a bearded Hamas security official dressed in blue camouflage and sporting an assault rifle. "They asked us to only allow trucks to enter and not

civilian cars to make the operation as orderly as possible."

Traffic was still chaotic on the Egyptian side as more Palestinians poured in to snap up whatever goods they could find.

Food and fuel were in short supply in Gaza since Israel, responding to growing rocket attacks from Gaza, sealed its border days before the militants blasted open the Egyptian frontier further to the south.

The Egyptians deployed about 100 riot police at the two remaining openings Monday.

"Egypt intends to gradually regain control of its border with Gaza and bring the situation back to an acceptable form," said Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit in a message to European countries and the United States.

In Washington, the State Department said it was critical to get the border under control while addressing both the humanitarian needs of the Palestinians in Gaza and Israel's legitimate right to defend itself.

"They should just simply get out of the way and allow this to happen."

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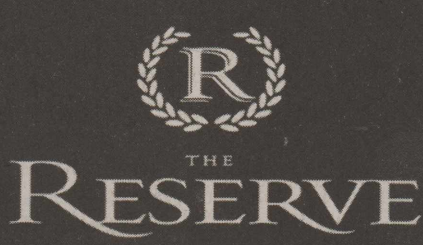
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Texas Tech police blotter:

Vehicles shot with paintball gun, multiple trespass warnings issued

Jan. 22

Two officers documented information concerning the death of a staff member. The staff member's personal belongings were collected and stored at the Texas Tech Police Department.

Two officers investigated the theft of a curtain in Stangel Residence Hall.

An officer responded to an injury sustained by a student in the Student Recreation Center. The student injured his left leg but refused Emergency Medical Services and was transported to the Covenant Hospital Emergency Room.

An officer investigated a hit-and-run accident after an unattended vehicle was hit in the R-7 parking lot.

Jan. 23

An officer investigated the burglary of a building at the Texas Tech Medical Pavilion's south side construction site. A pair of stilts was taken, and the box they were locked in was damaged.

An officer investigated a theft that occurred at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center. A jacket was taken from a staff member's secured office.

An officer investigated the theft of a 10-speed bicycle that occurred at the Math building bike racks. The bicycle was not secured to the bike rack.

Two officers documented a welfare check on a student in Coleman Residence Hall. The student was reported to have made a suicidal comment and was referred to the Student Counseling Center after it was determined that he was not a threat to himself or others.

Jan. 24

Two officers investigated a burglary of a vehicle that occurred in the S-1 parking lot. An Apple iPod and Pioneer CD player were taken from the vehicle.

Two officers documented information about man who possessed a Texas Tech Parking Services parking permit that had been reported lost.

An officer investigated an incident in which a vehicle was shot several times with a paintball gun in the 6-A parking lot.

An officer responded to a hit-and-run traffic accident that occurred at the intersection of Fourth Street and

Texas Tech Parkway. The second vehicle stopped the vehicle that fled the scene in the 4700 block of Fourth Street. There were no injuries.

Two officers investigated the theft of a pay-station cover from the R-11 parking lot.

An officer issued a criminal trespass warning to a non-student who was observed looking around the bicycle racks at Knapp Residence Hall.

Jan. 25

An officer investigated an incident in which a vehicle was shot several times with a paintball gun in the 6-A parking lot.

An officer documented a welfare check on a female student after displaying possible suicidal tendencies. The officer determined that the female student was not an immediate danger to herself or others.

An officer documented information concerning identity theft that had been reported to another police agency by a Texas Tech student.

An officer arrested a student for possession of marijuana and one Lubbock County citation for possession of drug paraphernalia. The arrest was made following a suspicious odor coming from a room in Murdough Residence Hall. A second student was arrested for evading arrest or detention. A third student was detained and issued a Lubbock County citation for consumption of alcohol by a minor and released. A fourth student was detained and issued a Lubbock County citation for possession of alcohol by a minor and released. A fifth student was arrested for evading arrest or detention and assault on a peace officer.

Jan. 26

An officer investigated criminal mischief in the Z3-L parking lot. An unknown object punctured the front-right and back-right tires of a vehicle.

An officer documented the sealing of a room in the Plant and Soil Sciences building due to a faculty member's death. An employee with

the lock shop changed the locks on the room, and the key was placed in the lock box located at the Texas Tech Police Department.

An officer documented a 911 medical call from Chitwood Residence Hall. A female in the hall had a seizure and struck her head on the floor. She was treated by Emergency Medical Services and transported to the University Medical Center Emergency Room.

An officer investigated criminal mischief to a vehicle in which the vehicle's front bumper was damaged. The incident occurred on the fourth floor of the Flint Avenue Parking Garage.

An officer documented information on a female non-student who had fallen on the floor at the United Spirit Arena. She was transported to Covenant Medical Center Emergency Room for treatment.

An officer documented information concerning a 911 medical call from Chitwood Residence Hall in which two female students possibly were suffering from alcohol poisoning. Both females were transported to University Medical Center for treatment.

An officer investigated criminal mischief that occurred on the second floor of Sneed Residence Hall. A glass display case was shattered.

Jan. 27

Two officers arrested two non-students for possession of drug paraphernalia. Another student also was arrested for possession of

drug paraphernalia, unlawfully carrying a weapon and driving the wrong way on the 900 block of University Avenue following an observed traffic violation in the 2400 block of Glenna Goodacre. The three individuals were transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

Two officers investigated the burglary of a vehicle in the R-8 parking lot. A purse containing a cell phone, personal digital assistant and wallet containing numerous cards was taken from the unsecured vehicle.

An officer conducted a welfare check on a male non-student. The non-student was homeless and was issued a written criminal trespass warning.

Two officers investigated the burglary of a vehicle in the Z-4R parking lot. The passenger-side window was shattered and a Pioneer CD player, a Cobra radar detector and a security lock key were taken.

An officer documented damaged property that occurred in Stangel Residence Hall. A person knocking on a window broke the window and cut his arm. He went to the University Medical Center Emergency Room.

An officer investigated criminal mischief at Murdough Residence Hall. Ceiling tiles were damaged on the second and third floors.

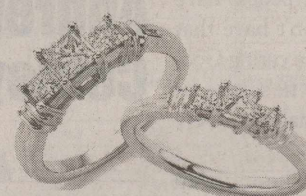
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BRITTANY HAMMOND, A senior communication studies major from San Antonio, paints a still life of an orange in her Introduction to Painting class Monday afternoon in the Art building.

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Polarized media would be better in the gray

The mainstream media has been struck by the bottom line — an ideal that most commercial industries live and die by — resulting from a competitive market that vies for consumer interest.

Most people turn to their favorite media outlet as a source of information on current events and breaking news, which is usually specific to where a viewer falls on the spectrum of beliefs. To the left is the more liberal news media, like CNN, and to the right is the more conservative news media, like Fox News.

This of course is nothing new to those aware of where they stand and who they listen to, but what is not always apparent is the objectivity and accuracy of what our most trusted news sources report to their viewers.

Do news consumers care about the slanted reports dictated by the left or right, or does this slanting exist to comply with consumer demands?

In the New York Times article "Bad News," Richard A. Posner, a

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judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, makes an interesting point that people do not feel comfortable being in a state of uncertainty, which causes them to seek out news sources that maintain what they already believe.

Posner also asserts the extreme polarization found in today's media appears to feed popular interest from consumers who want to hear their beliefs echoed on the pages of newspapers and evening broadcasts — like, for instance, President Bush isn't fit to run a lemonade stand, Bill O'Reilly seems to have all the answers or Britney Spears is an unfit mother.

It's reassuring to hear information that validates preexisting opinions,

but in a world where things are not always easily divided into two separate sides, it doesn't make sense to have a news media that only deals in black or white.

Consumers enjoy scandal just as much as they enjoy hearing their beliefs regurgitated back to them by the media because the scandals of others can reassure our beliefs or show that some people are worse off in spite of their places in the high ranks of society.

Today's news consumers crave scandalous behavior and news worthy of gossip, which drives the media to speculate on the lives of infamous celebrities to maintain their bottom line.

When it comes down to it, the media's bottom line is to satisfy consumer interest to maintain a competitive edge in a technological society that spews out information at an astounding rapid rate.

In turn, some journalistic ideals take a back seat to the hustle required in the race to supply demanding consumers with up-to-date information.

The result is the information people crave and are granted by the media is not always completely accurate or newsworthy.

A recent and tragic example of

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a consumer-driven media cutting corners for the sake of a story can be seen in the news coverage following the death of actor Heath Ledger.

When the story broke, on almost every major media outlet journalists did what their job required, at least

initially, by reporting the news of the actor's death. The coverage then seemed progressively to cross the line into a realm of disrespect that mirrored the Anna Nicole Smith media circus.

The reports of the young actor's death incited a media storm of insinuation and speculation that was somehow deemed worthy of headline news. It seems ridiculous to report on an incident with nothing to convey but what may or may not have occurred.

News stories speculated on the possibility of a suicide or an accidental death, and a rolled up \$20 bill that suggested possible drug abuse. Why do people like Nancy Grace and O'Reilly, just to name two, spend a large chunk of their air time reporting on nothing but speculation?

The answer is because of you, myself included, who have for so long demanded we receive answers to satisfy our desire to know everything, even if “everything” amounts to nothing but mindless inferences.

After all, in the case of Ledger,

the only thing tangible that has come out of the coverage is the young actor died at the age of 28 in New York City, leaving behind a daughter and family in Australia.

Today's media often is forced to succumb to our bottom line for them; they become more liberal or conservative to appease the extreme nature of our desires and to survive in a competitive market.

The price paid is objectivity and accuracy that often can feel more reminiscent of past journalistic principles. As consumers, we have become gluttons for scandal and the sweet pie of validation that warms the heart, satisfying our insular comfort zones and dismissing the need for actual thinking.

To promote progression and become well-informed, socially reputable consumers of information, maybe it's time to cut the fat and rethink our bottom line.

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Don't trust the atheist

David Matthews once said, “I'm glad some people have that faith. I don't have that faith. If there is a God, a caring God, then we have to figure he's done an extraordinary job of making a very cruel world.”

Though it seems like a cheap shot at God, I believe there is more substance to his quote. He seems very open to people with or without faith. A lot of people have faith but do not necessarily have a religion.

Many Americans come to the conclusion people who do not have a religion or who do not believe in God are inherently malicious. They believe agnostics and atheists have poor ethics.

Ethics are nothing more than socially accepted norms. Basically, they grow out of every culture through a democratic process. An ethical decision is what the majority of people agree is right. However, there is no way you can define right or wrong without a given set of guidelines.

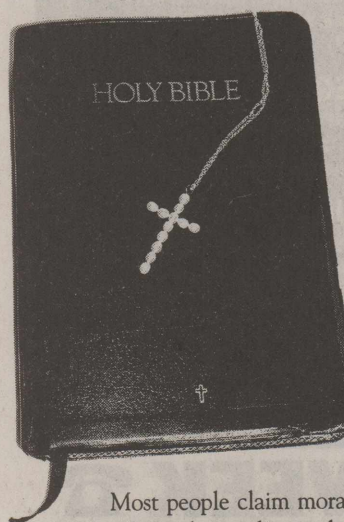
Every person will have a slightly different point of view than that of the person sitting next to them. There needs to be something you can measure your perspective against. You cannot just state that some things are always wrong.

There may be a time to kill. There probably isn't a time to rape, but God seems to think so. Therefore, people usually agree religion comes into play to set some boundaries for our social dilemmas.

Now, we have some guidelines, but here comes the rain for our parade. There seem to be these numerous gray areas in our complex society making it harder to define right and wrong.

The Bible does not state that cloning humans is wrong. It doesn't say we shouldn't erase bad memories. It doesn't address other popular topics in bioethics today. The Bible is out of date with our society's problems.

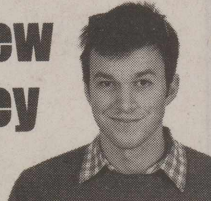
Good and bad outcomes may be intertwined with these predicaments, so it is hard to tell which outweighs the other. The majority's response to the problem usually avails to be hailed as the correct ethical verdict. These choices usually have a backbone of morals to support them.



Most people claim morals come from their religion, but I am not so sure that is true. I know people who do not attend church, and some of my best friends are agnostics or atheists. These are some of the nicest and most genuine people I have ever met.

I am sure they are not flawless, but

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not every Christian I have met seems to always uphold his duties to Jesus Christ. Nothing and nobody in this world is perfect. There are horrible acts of crime committed by people with or without religious beliefs. Religious fanatics kill doctors because they do not believe abortion is right.

I believe there would still be two tall towers standing in New York if it was not for religion.

There are atheists with radical beliefs also. Joseph Stalin, a communist and atheist, cost the lives of millions of people in Soviet Union during the 20th century.

The point is, there always will be a few bad apples in every group. I do not think we should jump to conclusions about the whole group, though.

Our society tags someone who

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doesn't claim a religion as someone who has no morals, and he or she is labeled as evil. It disgusts me. I don't believe you should label someone so quickly based on their religious beliefs.

The people without faith will be cast into eternal damnation anyway. This may be true. However, my atheistic and agnostic friends seem to have more morals than God when I turn on my television and see our world.

You can turn on the cynical news of America to see the atrocities with our high-definition televisions. I see violence, fraud and destruction in every color on the screen. I am quick to put God under the bright lights, but I do believe there must be reason to this madness.

Religion always has been a sensitive subject for people, but maybe it's time for us to open our minds. Maybe we shouldn't stereotype someone for not having faith or religion in his or her life.

I would like to see religion more like someone's attire. You may not like it and it may not fit you, but that does not mean you should hate the person wearing it, and it doesn't mean you should force a person to wear yours.

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A review of Bush's addresses

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(U-WIRE) IOWA CITY, Iowa — As a listless viewing nation ticks off another day on the calendar without writers for their favorite shows, tonight's State of the Union speech becomes the most intriguing thing in the channel lineup. While our commander-in-chief doesn't enthral people like Eva Longoria, his past addresses have proven quite entertaining, if not substantive.

The president's first grand speechification (we're emulating him here) in 2001 was before 9/11 and focused mainly on domestic issues. He told America that education was his “first priority.” As such, he pushed for No Child Left Behind, a screaming failure of a bill that passed with bipartisan support. Most presidential candidates want to completely overhaul it, some want to end it entirely. It's created a fine mess for whoever inherits the job.

The 2002 speech introduced the term “Axis of Evil.” Though Bush correctly identified North Korea, Iran, and Iraq as future concerns, he also spoke about Afghanistan. “Our military has put the terror training camps of Afghanistan out of business.” Six years later, we're increasing U.S. troop numbers in that country in response to increased Taliban presence, which is waging guerrilla war against the Afghan government. The American public was also warned about the potential of these “axis” nations to acquire and use weapons of mass destruction.

In 2003, he got the ball rolling in Iraq, and it's still rolling today. “The British government has learned that Saddam Hussein recently sought significant quantities of uranium from Africa,” Bush told the country. The CIA a year earlier had sent former Ambassador Joseph Wilson to the African country in question, Niger, to investigate the British claims, but Wilson came home empty-handed. Shortly after Wilson wrote a July 2003

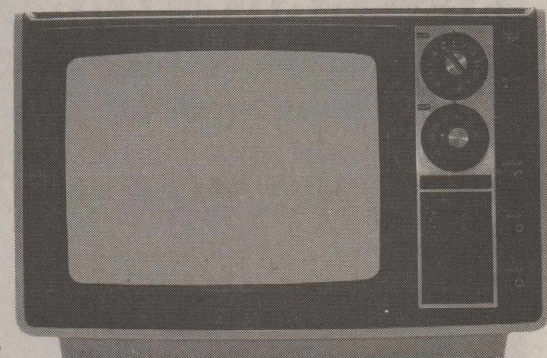
op-ed piece in the New York Times detailing his trip and accusing the administration of falsely pumping up the Iraqi WMD claims, his wife — a covert CIA operative — was somehow outed, a mystery yet to be solved. (Kind of.) Nevertheless, the seeds of war were sown.

Bush was busy between his '03 and '04 addresses. A coalition was formed, invaded Iraq, found no WMDs but toppled Saddam Hussein, ushering Iraqis into a tumultuous period of fighting and violence that continues today. “Our coalition is working with the Iraqi Governing Council to draft a basic law, with a bill of rights. We are working with Iraqis and the United Nations to prepare for a transition to full Iraqi sovereignty by the end of June.” Semantically accurate as ever, the president didn't specify June of 2004, 2008, or some other year.

Fresh off re-election, Bush focused on Social Security in 2005 rather than address his failed goals from the previous year's speech. “We must pass reforms that solve the financial problems of Social Security once

and for all.” Nothing of substance was reformed, and no WMDs were found. The 2006 oration tried to sway focus from Iraq by approaching energy. “America is addicted to oil, which is often imported from unstable parts of the world,” Bush said. Through failed foreign policy, we seemed to be doing our best to piss off our dealer. Another year, still no WMDs.

The 2007 sermon pleaded for patience, saying, “It would not be like us to leave our promises unkept,” even though that's exactly what has happened. Which will be more full of holes, the plot for the new “Lost” season or Bush's last State of the Union?



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Stonewall documentary discussion sheds light on gay community

By LONDON CLARK
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"Before Stonewall: The Making of a Gay and Lesbian Community," a documentary film and discussion at 6 p.m. Monday educated students and local residents about the evolution of the gay culture.

The documentary is a part of The Texas Tech Women's Studies Program and The School of Art in the College of Visual and Performing Arts four-film documentary series, "Threading the Needle: Queer Reels and Real Topics." The documentary film series discusses the historical, cultural, sexuality and gender issues

of the past and present, according to a "Before Stonewall" pamphlet.

Laura Calkins, director of women's studies, said the film was an adjunct to course work for students as well as informative about some aspects of the gay lifestyle in the U.S. and overseas.

"The film is a documentary study

of gay and lesbian life between 1920 and 1969," she said.

Some students attended the film as an extension of classroom work and extra credit. Ashley Peter, a sophomore international business major from Bloominggrove, said she came for cultural anthropology class to learn more about the gay community.

"I didn't realize how alienated they were in the 1920s and 1930s," Peter said. "Homosexuality was treated as a disease rather than a lifestyle."

A discussion following the film allowed audience members to address with specialist knowledge any misunderstandings, questions and issues the film raised.

Miranda Williams, a freshman art major from Friona, is a supporter of the gay community. She attended the documentary to contribute to the post-film discussion.

"I think the experience was good for the community because it opens up our mind," Williams said.

The less than 90-minute film interviewed gay activists, poets, authors, historians and private citizens about their experiences as homosexuals and the struggle for equal rights pre-1969. Richard Verrone, undergraduate research coordinator for the Honors College, said the movie represented the gay movement of a minority segment that fought for protection under the law.

"(The film) speaks to this problem in America," he said. "(It was) for people who were gay and the turmoil they had to go through."

Verrone said "Before Stonewall" documented the opening of the closet door for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals for acceptance into society.

"For the first time in American history, the community thought it was the right (or) acceptable time to let the voice (of homosexuals) be heard," he said.

The documentary highlighted the gay movement in America before the Stonewall Riot in 1969, according to the pamphlet. "Before Stonewall" examined the historical background of this hidden society. It also documented the oppression, discrimination and gay-baiting and gay-bashing of homosexual America.

Calkins said the Stonewall riot

was a lash-out of patrons in New York's Greenwich Village.

"(It was a) moment of passage for the American gay community against police harassment," she said.

The three nights of rioting against the police raid led to the beginning of the Gay Liberation Movement, according to the pamphlet. Upcoming documentaries will be shown throughout the semester in the Human Science building, room 169. All showings are free and open to Tech faculty, staff, students and the local community.

The upcoming shows will be "Paragraph 175" Feb. 18, "The Celuloid Closet" March 10 and "Small Town Gay Bars" April 7.

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RICHARD VERRONE, UNDERGRADUATE research coordinator for the Honors College, takes questions during the discussion following "Before Stonewall" the first film in the documentary series "Threading the Needle: Queer Reels and Real Topics". The series is co-sponsored by the women's studies program and the School of Art.

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Day-Lewis is brilliant in 'There Will Be Blood'

Last year was a great one for films about the American West. "3:10 to Yuma" was a great, exciting throwback to old Westerns, a romp about honor and duty. "The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford" was a psychological portrait of hero worship. "No Country for Old Men" was a cold-blooded, captivating film which explored violence in the world.

The last Western of 2007 was "There Will Be Blood," which was released in Lubbock Friday. Like the other three, it is unique in its portrayal of the West. Its big theme is not honor or violence, but greed. It's not quite as good as the other Westerns last year, but that's not saying it's bad. In fact, it just may knock your socks off.

Daniel Plainview (Daniel Day-Lewis) is a silver prospector in California who one day discovers oil in his mine. He soon is able to start a drilling company and becomes a successful businessman. He travels from town to town with his son H.W. (Dillon Freasier) to give the same stump speech to skeptical investors. Plainview learns

Chris Kellerman



of a potentially great piece of land in Little Boston, Calif., and buys it from the Sunday family. The Sundays are a poor family with an aspiring preacher, Eli (Paul Dano). Plainview pays \$5,000 for the land and promises another \$5,000 donation to Eli's church, the Church of the Third Revelation.

H.W. is sleeping on the oil well when a geyser of oil shoots into the air. The accident leaves the boy deaf, about which Plainview barely seems to care. Suddenly, oil, money and greed is all that matters to Plainview. He begins to take desperate measures to stay rich—abandoning his son, pretending to be religious and killing anyone who gets in his way. We see Plainview slowly descend into madness and self-destruction as the film comes to a shocking close.

If you pay attention to the Oscar race, you probably know Day-Lewis is going to win the Oscar for Best Actor this year. I can't disagree. Day-Lewis is a monster on screen.

He shows us what a master he is. He completely owns the character of Plainview. He's tough yet compassionate at the beginning, with love for his son gleaming in his eyes. After that first geyser of oil, though, we see a change in the way Day-Lewis moves and speaks. He becomes a different person. Day-Lewis's performance is so careful and so nuanced; it's a marvel to behold.

Dano (Dwayne in "Little Miss Sunshine") does a wonderful job in the scenes where he fanatically preaches to his congregation, but his overacting does not serve him well in the more toned-down portions of the film. Strangely enough, in the 16 or 17 years we know his character, he doesn't age one bit. Freasier is a good child actor, though he does that weird thing kid actors do where they smile at the most inappropriate times.

The cinematography is good, and the music is interesting. Most of the score is composed by Johnny Greenwood, the guitarist of Radiohead. His score is dark, atonal and reminiscent of the subconscious-focused operas of Alban Berg and Arnold Schoenberg. Strangely, the most powerful music of the film comes from Johannes Brahms's violin concerto and "Fratres" by Estonian composer Arvo

Pärt. For this reason, the music from "There Will Be Blood" will not be ineligible for an Oscar, which is too bad.

Compared to the other movies of director Paul T. Anderson ("Boogie Nights," "Magnolia"), this movie is a departure—and a good one. However, there are some problems. The movie is way too long (160 minutes), and some scenes are a tad overdramatic, almost silly. It lacks a strong emotional punch at the end. Instead of leaving speechless or in tears, we're left thinking, "Man, that was impressive." Perhaps this would have worked better as a two-hour play rather than an almost three-hour film.

"There Will Be Blood" has been nominated for the same number of Oscars as "No Country for Old Men." While I suspect "No Country" should and will beat "There Will Be Blood" in any categories in which they both are nominated, "There Will Be Blood" is a hypnotic, vicious study of American greed that is worthy of your time.

In the words of Plainview, "I'm finished."

Four out of five guns up.



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'Spartans' sucks

By **DEVIN VAUGHN**
DAILY EGYPTIAN (SOUTHERN ILLINOIS U.)

(U-WIRE) CARBONDALE, Ill. — While watching "Meet the Spartans," an image recurred in my mind: A mother bird feeding her young.

For those of you who haven't had the benefit of the Discovery Channel while growing up, mother birds feed their young by eating food and regurgitating it into the chirping little mouths of their hatchlings. This process is quite similar to the comedic style employed by writer-directors Jason Friedberg and Aaron Seltzer in their most recent attempt at satire.

Sure, it does not involve partially digested worms, but it involves regurgitation nonetheless. In the place of worms are overused jokes and the lowest elements of popular culture. Friedberg and Seltzer merely ingest something that has already been done (e.g., "300," "You Got Served," "Transformers" and every joke made in the past year) and regurgitate it into the all too open mouths of the audience.

"Spartans" uses the plot and setting of "300" as a framework for spoofing movies, TV shows, celebrities and pop culture. The

mainstay of the film's humor revolves around farts, vomit, boobs, penises, obesity, homosexuality and people getting hit with stuff.

Every single joke and premise in "Spartans" is tired and absurd. Most of the jokes simply reference something without ever reaching a point or a punch line. In one scene that involves the bludgeoning of testicles (à la "Casino Royale"), a character simply screams, "Little Miss Sunshine!"

Apparently, extreme pain induces nonsensical movie references.

"Spartans" also takes a bit too much pleasure in poking fun at celebrities. After all, at this point, are jokes about Britney Spears and Paris Hilton even necessary? Are there any jokes about them that haven't been made already on late night TV? Friedberg and Seltzer apparently don't think so — or perhaps they simply care about the environment so much they have taken to recycling humor in addition to aluminum and plastic.

Sadly, "Spartans" opened atop this weekend's box office. This fact is to good taste what rabies is to canine mental health — and coincidentally, both "Spartans" and rabies are likely to cause madness and convulsions. If for any reason you find yourself stuck choosing between the two, I recommend rabies. After all, getting bit by a dog is free.

VH1 back with B-list celebrities

By **LESLEY CONROY**
DAILY ORANGE (SYRACUSE)

(U-WIRE) SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Everyone's favorite guilty pleasure channel is back this season with new shows, but a lack of fresh faces. VH1 premiered "My Fair Brady; Maybe Baby?" and its newest show "Celebrity Rehab with Dr. Drew" earlier this month and will premiere the third season of "Flavor of Love" on Feb. 11. Although "Celebrity Rehab" is a new series, it is stocked with VH1's middle-aged, washed-up, (and sometimes) drug-addled B-list celebrity pool from previous shows.

The reason half of the cast members on these three shows remain relevant is the producers at VH1 find a way to recycle the celebrities' images every season.

For instance, Adrienne Curry (riding off "America's Next Top Model") and her husband Christopher Knight (formerly Peter Brady of "The Brady Bunch") grapple with the decision to have Adrienne's breasts augmented or to have a baby in "My Fair Brady." The duo met on the mother of all reality shows, "The Surreal Life," and is in the third season of its current show. Hot super model and aging child star? Pure TV gold.

Even though Flavor Flav's career appeared to have officially flat-lined, he is searching for love one more time. Season three looks like it will be the same as the other two seasons, but this time he is lacking the show's resident psycho, New York. A piece of advice for Flavor Flav: if you are involved with women like New York and Deelishis, maybe you need to taste some new flavors.

"Celebrity Rehab" is the most disturbing of the "Celebreality" shows. Think A&E's "Intervention" meets "The Surreal Life." In one episode, Jeff Conaway ("Celebrity Fit Club") needs immediate medical attention due to his relapse symptoms. He is also joined by another "Fit Club" alum, Daniel Baldwin, but sneak previews make it look like the two will clash later on.

The all-star cast includes Brigitte Nielsen, who appeared in the third season of "The Surreal Life," "Strange Love" with Flava Flav and "The Surreal Life: Fame Games." Joanie Laurer, a.k.a. Chyna, joins Nielsen on "Celebrity Rehab," but not for the first time. The pair became quite close during "Fame Games."

In order to understand the complex spin-off relationship between each show, we have compiled a chart that documents how far from grace these stars have fallen.

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- More sore
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- Jacob's twin
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- Magic incantation
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8. Michigan St.	18-2	1,320	10
9. Washington St.	17-2	1,261	6
10. Texas	16-3	1,129	12
11. Indiana	17-2	1,065	7
12. Butler	19-2	948	15

13. Wisconsin	16-3	848	11
14. Stanford	16-3	786	20
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16. Drake	18-1	616	22
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20. Florida	18-3	374	—
21. Saint Mary's, Calif.	17-2	310	—
22. Kansas St.	14-4	281	—
23. Texas A&M	16-4	277	18
24. Mississippi	15-3	217	17
25. Baylor	16-3	166	25

Ryan noncommittal about interest in becoming Rangers president

HOUSTON (AP) — Nolan Ryan could be a candidate to become president of the Texas Rangers. The Hall of Fame pitcher hasn't talked specifically with Rangers owner Tom Hicks about the possibility of taking the job, but their meeting last week did include discussion about whether such an opportunity would be attractive to Ryan, currently under contract with the Houston Astros. He is a special assistant to the general manager and is in the last year of a five-year agreement with the team.

Ryan said the meeting with Hicks and other Rangers officials was "more of an opportunity to visit" than anything else and it was too early to determine where it might lead.

The Rangers job was vacated in November when Jeff Cogen was moved to the same position with the NHL's Dallas Stars, also owned by Hicks.

"They did ask permission to visit with me and there was some discussion during lunch about what they're looking for in the presidency — I think just to see what my interest level might be," Ryan said Monday, the first day of Houston's hitting and pitching camp for prospects.

Ryan was coy about how interested he is.

"I don't know yet," he said. "I think that's developing, just to see what it is they're looking for and to see if it's compatible with me. I think it's too premature to really know."

While he isn't sure whether he'd like to be the Rangers' president, he did say the idea of having such a job was intriguing.

"From a baseball perspective, I think everybody would like to be involved in putting a ballclub together and try to put a winning effort together," he said. "So I think obviously from my perspective there would be some attraction to that."

Ryan pitched for the Astros from 1980-88 before finishing his career with the Rangers, pitching for them from 1989-1993. After his retirement, he filled a 10-year personal services contract with the Rangers before returning to the Astros in that capacity in 2004.

He said he spoke with Astros owner Drayton McLane after the Rangers were given permission to speak with him and told McLane he would talk to him before making any decisions regarding a move.

"I'm probably in the same boat that everybody else is, in the organization and in the city, that while we wish all the best for Nolan, we want it all to happen in a Houston Astros environment," Astros general manager Ed Wade said. "I hope he goes through the process. I hope he's invigorated and honored to be spoken to, and then says, 'I want to be with the Astros.'"



Moore

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huge, I could not take that," Moore said. "It was usually short yardage and in the middle. I learned that in the middle you don't want to catch it, you would get lit up in there. I'm not trying to have that happen."

Moore, who regularly sports an afro, said at first her friends showed no problem with her getting playing time, but once her determination and work ethic earned her a starting role, they took notice.

"They didn't see it as me coming in and taking their spot because I was a girl," Moore said, "but when I got in there, I was one of the starting receivers. So they started taking it to me in practice."

As for her parents, they needed persuasion to alleviate thoughts of their youngest daughter taking her skills from the basketball court to the gridiron.

In light of this, Moore assured them she could take the wear and tear.

"They thought it was a guy sport," she said, "but I told them that I wouldn't get hurt. As long as they believed that I wouldn't get hurt, they were fine with it."

Howren said he admired that his receiver never quit, proving to herself and others that she could play the game of football, even if it was just for one year.

Fast forward to 2008, and Moore has started every game for the Lady Raiders (13-6, 2-4 in Big 12 play) this season, trying to prove that she can adjust from a scoring guard who recorded 1,131 career points in two years at junior college to a point guard who looks to get her teammates more involved.

"She's a little bit more under control (than earlier this season)," coach Kelly Curry said of Moore, who is averaging 8.7 points and 4.5 assists per game. "What we want now is for her to find a happy medium. We want her to be able to go full speed, and be able to throttle it back a little bit when she needs to."

Saturday's 62-44 victory against Colorado marked the first time in five straight games the team committed fewer than 20 turnovers with 15.

The Lady Raiders lacked two things in 2006-07 that Moore has brought to the team: an aggressive style on the perimeter and a football player, Curry said.

"I think it speaks to someone that's not going to back down, it's obviously something that is different," he said. "Anytime somebody does something that's different you kind of do a double take. If she's tough enough to get hit on the football field by guys, then she's certainly going to be tough enough that people aren't going to physically intimidate her."

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Tech men work to correct flaws in off week

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

The 73-43 defeat at the hands of No. 10 Texas came as no surprise to Texas Tech.

The Red Raiders knew simply what they needed to work on and will continue to work on during their week off.

"We didn't make shots," Tech guard John Roberson said. "If we would've made shots, we could've stayed in the game."

The Red Raiders are coming off a 26-point loss to the Longhorns, their largest of the season. A lack of offense was an ongoing problem for Tech Saturday, as the Red Raiders shot 36.2 percent from the field.

After a Missouri game when all the Red Raider starters scored in double figures, Tech forward Mike Singletary led the team with 11 points against Texas. Other of-

fensive woes included Tech hitting six shots in the first half. Tech led the Longhorns twice in this game, both of those times came early in the first half.

Tech guard Charlie Burgess said his team knew what to expect against Texas, but the Red Raiders did not rise to the occasion.

"Not really (any surprises)," he said, "we didn't just play to our best potential. That's basically it."

Tech's defense allowed D.J. Augustin to rack up 19 points in the Texas win. UT's A.J. Abrams added 17 points, helping the Longhorns take control for most of the game.

Augustin's performance helped him continue at No. 2 in the Big 12 Conference in scoring with 20.7 points per game. The performance also gave Augustin the nod as a midseason candidate for the John R. Wooden Award, recogniz-

ing the nation's most outstanding player.

"We did a good job (against Augustin) for the most part," Burgess said. "Just when we don't follow the rules, that's when everything got messed up. That game is over with. We just (have to) look forward to the games that's coming up."

Tech coach Bob Knight and his coaching staff know this is a season of ups and downs. He said every season will have its challenges to overcome, and this season's Red Raiders are no different than any of his past teams.

Knight said sometimes the Red Raiders cannot get production from both the offense and the defense, as an example of that was against the Longhorns.

"I think you have challenges and frustrations with every team you coach," he said. "I don't think this team is any different from that

at all. I think that you are always trying to get the most out of what you do offensively as well as the most out of what you do at the defensive end, and rarely do you accomplish what you wanted at both ends of the game."

With Oklahoma State having an early Monday game this week against Oklahoma, it gives the Red Raiders extra time to prepare for a second matchup with Oklahoma State.

Oklahoma State has not had much success in conference play since starting it with a win over the Red Raiders. The Cowboys have lost of four-straight against Baylor, Iowa State, Texas and Texas A&M.

The Red Raiders have nothing special planned with the extra time to prepare. Instead, Tech will use the day for another practice while looking at film from Oklahoma State's early game with Oklahoma.

Included with this, the Red Raiders will scrutinize their game with Oklahoma State this season, hoping it will result in evening the season series.

"We're just going to practice and prepare for the next upcoming game," Burgess said. "That's basically it. Probably look at the last game they played, then look at the mistakes we made when we played them last time."

The Red Raiders take on Oklahoma State at 1 p.m. Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

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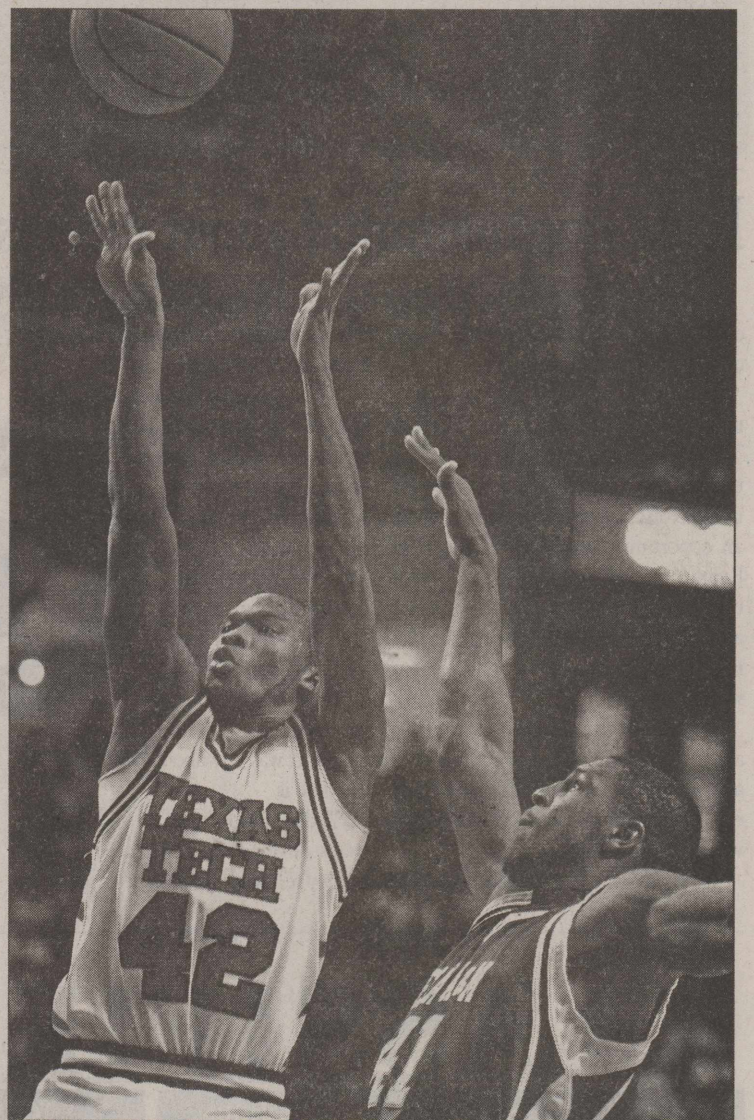


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TEXAS TECH GUARD Charlie Burgess and the Red Raiders will continue to work to improve their skills during their week off. Tech is scheduled to play Oklahoma State 1 p.m. Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

Clemens' agent takes aim at notion that steroids boosted career

NEW YORK (AP) — Roger Clemens' agent released an 18,000-word statistical report Monday to rebut allegations the pitcher's career rebounded about the time he was accused of using performance-enhancing drugs.

"Clemens' longevity was due to his ability to adjust his style of pitching

as he got older, incorporating his very effective split-finger fastball to offset the decrease in the speed of his regular fastball caused by aging," said the report, created by Randy Hendricks and two associates at his firm.

Clemens' former trainer, Brian McNamee, claimed in last month's Mitchell Report on drugs in baseball

that he injected the pitcher with steroids and human growth hormone at least 16 times in 1998, 2000 and 2001. Clemens vehemently denies the allegations, and Clemens and McNamee are among five witnesses scheduled to testify before a House committee on Feb. 13. Clemens also has sued McNamee for defamation.

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