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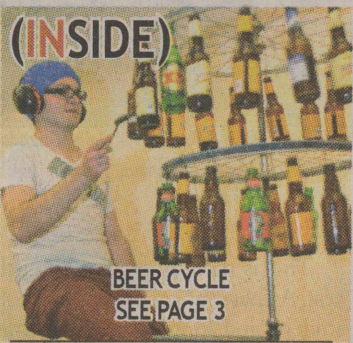
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**7 Dallas schools face reconstitution**

DALLAS (AP) — Two elementary schools and five high schools in the Dallas school system face state-mandated improvements after being classified as academically unacceptable for two years in a row, a school official said Monday.

Also, 25 teachers at those seven schools will be fired because of their students' poor performances on the state's standardized tests, the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, said Dallas ISD spokesman Jon Dahlander.

**NATION**

**Atlantis and crew leave space station**

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Atlantis and its seven-man crew were homeward bound after leaving the international space station and checking the thermal casing of their ship Monday for the fiery ride back to Earth.

The space shuttle is due back Wednesday. Good weather is expected at Cape Canaveral, but if that changes, NASA will guide Atlantis to the backup touchdown site in California to give the military time enough time to shoot down a damaged spy satellite without endangering the shuttle.

**WORLD**

**Musharraf urges Pakistanis to unify**

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — President Pervez Musharraf appealed for national unity Monday as early unofficial returns showed the opposition doing well in parliamentary elections aimed at bolstering democracy and calming political strife.

But after fear and apathy kept millions of voters at home, there were worries no clear winner would emerge, resulting in a government too fragmented to rally the nation against Islamic extremists.

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## Global rift over Kosovo widens

U.S., European allies lining up against Russia, China

By **ROBERT WIELAARD**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The U.S. and the European Union's biggest powers quickly recognized Kosovo as an independent nation Monday, widening a split with Russia, China and some EU members strongly opposed to letting the territory break away from Serbia.

The rift was on view for a second day at the U.N. Security Council, which was holding an

emergency session to discuss the declaration of independence issued Sunday by Kosovo's ethnic Albanian majority.

Ethnic Serbs rallying in northern Kosovo angrily denounced the United States and urged Russia to help Serbia hold on to the territory that Serbs consider the birthplace of their civilization. Protesters also marched in Serbia's capital, and that nation recalled its ambassador to the U.S. to protest American recognition for an independent Kosovo.

Despite clamoring of Serbs to

retake Kosovo, Serbia's government has ruled out a military response.

But the dispute is likely to worsen already strained relations between the West and Russia, which is a traditional ally of Serbia and seeks to restore its influence in former Soviet bloc states. The Kremlin could become less likely to help in international efforts important to the U.S. and its allies, such as pressuring Iran to rein in its nuclear program.

Still, for Washington the declaration of independence by Kosovo vindicated years of dogged effort to

help a land achieve its dream of self-determination after years of ethnic conflict and repression by Serbia.

Speaking in Tanzania, President Bush declared: "The Kosovars are now independent" — and Washington formally recognized Kosovo as an independent country soon afterward. Germany, Britain and France also gave their heavyweight backing, saying they planned to issue formal recognitions.

But Russia, Serbia's key ally, and emerging global power China remained adamantly opposed to

Kosovo's independence, warning of the danger of inspiring separatist movements around the world, including in their own sprawling territories.

As veto-wielding Security Council members, Russia and China both have the power to block any attempt by Kosovo to gain a seat on the international body.

Serbia vowed to fight to the end against any U.N. recognition.

"The so-called Kosovo state will

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### STOLEN STEREOS

Car stereos often targeted by burglars at Texas Tech



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador

By **JON VANDERLAAN**  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech has experienced a 16 percent increase in the number of car burglaries from 2006-07 and is on pace to pass that mark in 2008.

One item that seems to be of particular interest to thieves is the aftermarket faceplate and car stereo installed in vehicles.

Twelve out of the 14 car burglaries reported to the Tech Police Department since the beginning of the calendar year have involved the theft of a car stereo, according to Tech police crime logs.

The number of car burglaries on the Tech campus increased from 87 in 2006 to 104 in 2007, and is on pace to go up to 108 after nine were reported in January.

But Gordon Hoffman, deputy chief of the Tech Police Department, said it is difficult to predict the total number of burglaries for the year based on such a small time frame.

Hoffman said those numbers often rise and fall, and the department does not have much control over that.

Bill Roberts, owner of the local pawn shop Galaxy Pawn Inc., said while many people see pawn shops as a place where thieves take stolen goods, he does not believe it is normally the case.

Every pawn shop in Texas is licensed by the

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## Record 143 million pounds of beef recalled

By **GREG RISLING**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An undercover video showing crippled and sick animals being shoved with forklifts has led to the largest beef recall in the United States and a scramble to find out if any of the meat is still destined for school children's lunches.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture on Sunday ordered the recall of 143 million pounds of beef from a Southern California slaughterhouse that is the subject of an animal-abuse investigation.

The recall will affect beef products dating to Feb. 1, 2006, that came from Chino-based Westland/Hallmark Meat Co., the federal agency said. The company provided meat to various federal programs.

Secretary of Agriculture Ed Schafer said his department has evidence that Westland did not routinely contact its veterinarian when cattle became non-ambulatory after passing inspection, violating health regulations.

"Because the cattle did not receive complete and proper inspection, Food Safety and Inspection Service has determined them to be unfit for human food and the company is conducting a recall," Schafer said in a statement.

A phone message left for Westland president Steve Mendell was not returned Sunday.

Agriculture officials said the massive recall surpasses a 1999 ban of 35 million pounds of ready-to-eat meats. No illnesses have been linked to the newly recalled meat, and officials said the health threat was likely small.

Officials estimate that about 37 million pounds of the recalled beef went to school programs, but they believe most of the meat probably has already been eaten.

"We don't know how much product is out there right now. We don't think there is a health hazard, but we do have to take this action," said Dr. Dick Raymond, USDA Undersecretary for Food Safety.

Federal officials suspended operations at Westland/Hallmark after an undercover video from the Humane Society of the United States surfaced showing crippled and sick animals being shoved with forklifts.

Two former employees were charged Friday. Five felony counts of animal cruelty and three misdemeanors were filed against a pen manager. Three misdemeanor counts — illegal movement of a non-ambulatory animal — were filed against an employee

who worked under that manager. Both were fired.

Authorities said the video showed workers kicking, shocking and otherwise abusing "downer" animals that were apparently too sick or injured to walk into the slaughterhouse. Some animals had water forced down their throats, San Bernardino County prosecutor Michael Ramos said.

No charges have been filed against Westland, but an investigation by federal authorities continues.

About 150 school districts around the nation have stopped using ground beef from Hallmark Meat Packing Co., which is associated with Westland. Two fast-food chains, Jack-In-the-Box and In-N-Out, said they would not use beef from Westland/Hallmark.

Most of the beef was sent to distribution centers in bulk packages. The USDA said it will work with distributors to determine how much meat remains.

Federal regulations call for keeping downed cattle out of the food supply because they may pose a higher risk of contamination from E. coli, salmonella or mad cow disease

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## Blast at refinery rattles buildings

BIG SPRING (AP) — An oil refinery burned for hours Monday after a violent explosion shook buildings and frightened residents miles away, officials said.

Four workers were injured, including an employee hospitalized for burns whose condition was unknown, said Blake Lewis, a spokesman for refinery owner Alon USA. Lewis said three contractors were treated but not hospitalized — one for a concussion and two for possible hearing problems.

Lewis said all workers were accounted for about an hour after the 8:30 a.m. explosion.

Fires that lingered after the blast were under control but still burning Monday afternoon, Lewis said. The Dallas-based company is waiting for access to the site to investigate the accident's cause, he said.

The blast sent black smoke billowing into the sky, closed schools and shut down an interstate.

"It was extremely scary. You shook you were so scared," said Laura McEwen, the wife of Mayor Russ McEwen, who lives about two miles from the refinery. "Our walls shook. It jolted your bed. It was like an earthquake."



# Habitat for Humanity uses Tech student ideas

By LAYLA KHOSHNOUDI  
STAFF WRITER

As the streets of Lubbock become consumed by clone housing, Habitat for Humanity prefers their homes to maintain individuality.

"I really despise cookie-cutter housing," said Verne Denny, construction coordinator for Habitat for Humanity.

That is why Habitat for Humanity, an international non-profit organization, turned to Texas Tech Interior Design students to get unique, economically-efficient designs for its future homes.

In spring 2007, an interior design class competed to get their designs picked by Habitat for Humanity.

Madison Krueger, a sophomore interior design major from Plano and first place winner in the four-bedroom category, said she did not expect to receive the honor.

"I thought everything had been said and done, so I was surprised," Krueger said.

The project and the first-place win will be a crucial boost to her resume,

Krueger said, and she is excited by the idea of a family living in a house she designed.

"I don't know when that would happen, but I would definitely make a trip to see that," Krueger said.

The design of Jessica Grabham, a sophomore interior design major from McKinney, was also selected by Habitat for Humanity. She won second place in the three-bedroom category.

Grabham said her work on the project inspired her to pursue a career in designing for economical homes in the future, and it also helped her get an idea of what work will be like in the real world.

"Having a real project was good because we worked with things you would deal with in a real job, like a budget, which we don't usually work with," Grabham said.

The project was beneficial not only to the students.

Verne Denny, construction coordinator for Habitat for Humanity, said he was glad to be able to obtain unique, well-thought out designs from Tech students because he hates cookie-cutter homes and does not believe they

should be forced onto other people.

"There's a lot of sub divisions built here in Lubbock and in the metroplex where it looks like you just took a rubber stamp and stamped out a house," Denny said.

Through Habitat for Humanity, Denny said, home buyers are given options for customizing their future homes.

"They pick the floor plan, the color of the counter tops, the color of the shingles, carpet, vinyl and the trim paint on the outside," he said. "They can mix it up to make it more suitable."

Habitat for Humanity homes are available to low income families that meet certain criteria, such as having worked in Lubbock County for at least one year, according to information provided by the organization.

Families who lack the means to pay also have the option to work with the organization to earn hours toward paying for the house. The organization also provides a way to incorporate incentives for the children to do well in school.

"Report cards count as three hours

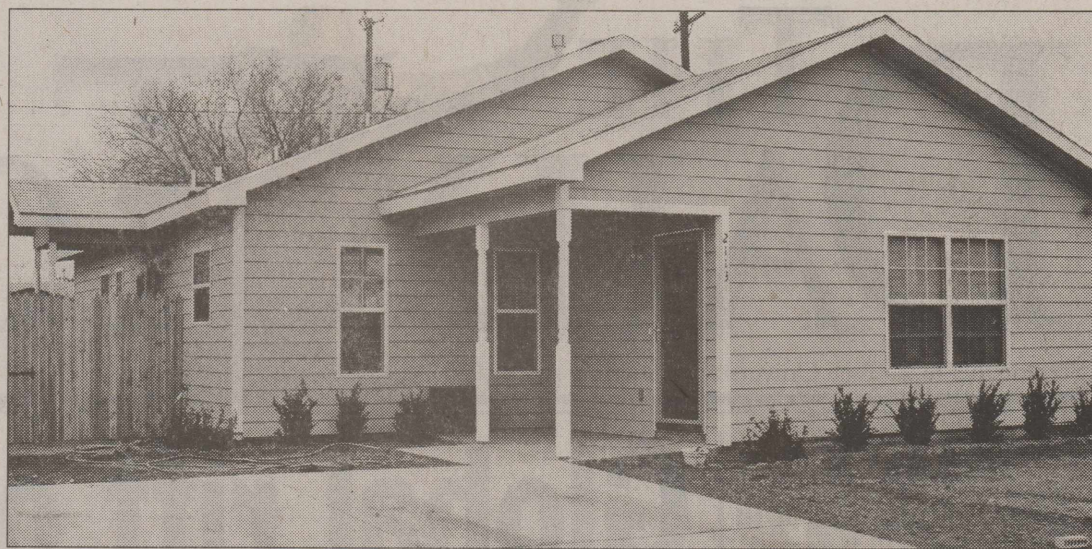


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THIS HOUSE LOCATED in the north side of Lubbock was designed by Katy Moore, a former Texas Tech interior design student.

in sweat equity toward moving in the house," Denny said, "and that helps the kids feel like they contribute something."

Denny said it is a pleasure for him to be able to witness the effect the organization has on the families who move into the homes.

"Several families have gotten promotions at work, and they're making more money now," he said. "It's nice to see them go from a family that was struggling to make ends meet, to a family that has enough income for things like reliable cars to get to and from work, and money to do nice things."

This is the competition's fourth year. A house designed by former Tech student and former winner of this competition, Katy Moore, already has been built by Habitat for Humanity and named in her honor. It is located on Dartmouth Street.

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# Study abroad programs provide unique opportunities

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Fewer than 1 percent of the American population travels abroad, but the Texas Tech Study Abroad Program is trying to raise the statistics.

The Texas Tech Study Abroad Program works to educate and encourage Tech students to consider studying abroad as part of their college educations.

Tech's study abroad program offers 400 different locations to study abroad in more than 75 different countries, according to Tech's Web site, www.studyabroad.ttu.edu.

Elizabeth McDaniel, coordinator for Tech's school in Quedlinburg, Germany, said she believes studying abroad has numerous benefits to students:

"It gives them a perspective on the rest of the world that they wouldn't have if they stayed on campus," McDaniel said. "It helps them see the way the rest of the world perceives America and Americans."

There are various reasons students choose to go abroad during their studies.

Richard Menard, a study abroad counselor and international exchange coordinator at Tech, said he believes students go for many reasons, but high on the list are the experience and to learn a language.

"I'd say it's about 50-50," Menard said. "I think 50 percent of students really go for the cultural experience and the whole experience of being able to do something that they'll never normally be able to do once they graduate from college. I think the other 50 percent of students really go out there to learn a language."

The program also has an option for students who are not sure of the whole experience, according to the Web site. In Seville, Spain, and Quedlinburg, Germany, Tech has its own centers.

McDaniel said she believes the centers are more comforting for students who are unsure about being in a foreign country.

"I think the fact that it's a Texas Tech center makes students who might not be comfortable going out on a more independent program have a little bit more comfort," she said. "It's a Texas Tech facility, and Texas Tech students and Texas Tech catalogue

courses."

When abroad, students will not be limited to doing school work. In some programs, travel is built into the package, and others receive time off.

"In the centers, there are excursions built into the program, but then there's also free time built in," McDaniel said. "It does vary from program to program."

The study abroad program not only allows students to have new experiences in a foreign country, but it also is something to put on a resume.

Menard said he believes because such a small number of students go abroad, doing so is a unique resume builder.

"When you put that on a resume, it doesn't matter if you're going to med. school, law school, applying for a job — it looks good," he said. "It shows a different perspective to the student."

Keith Anthis, a Spanish professor who studied abroad three times, said he traveled numerous times to learn a language.

"After I got here and started a Ph.D., I started studying Portuguese, and I really wanted to strengthen my

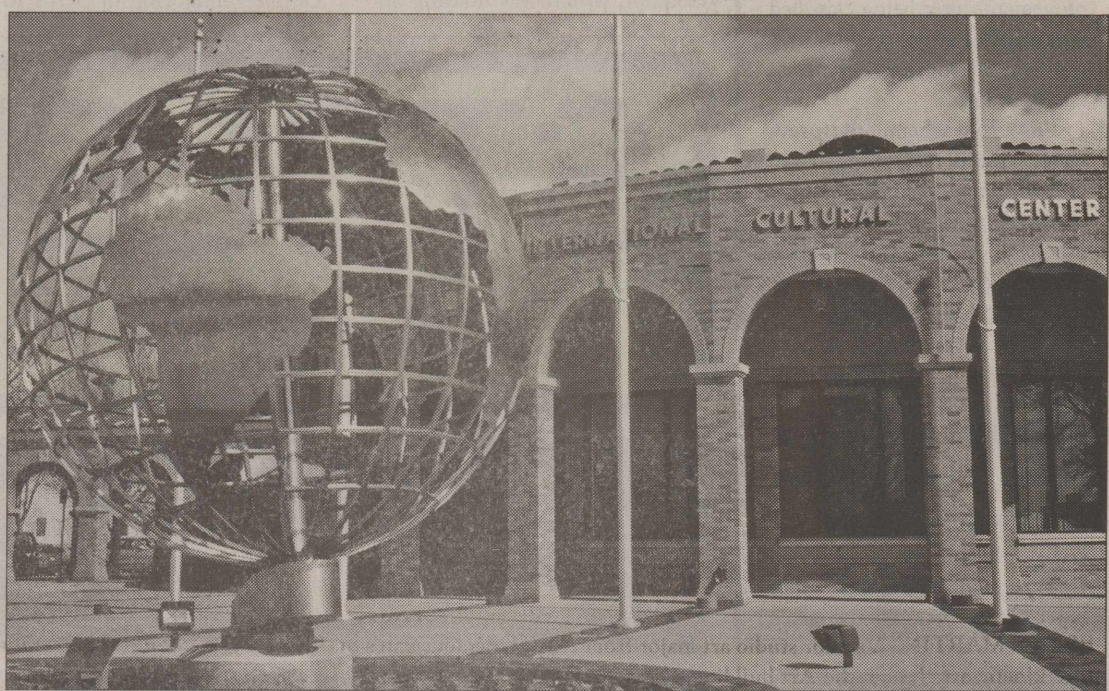


PHOTO BY JESSICA RIVERA/The Daily Toreador  
THE WORLD GLOBE outside the International Culture Center Monday afternoon.

skills in another language because the job market is such that it's better to know two languages than just one," Anthis said.

Whether a student is looking for

a new experience, to learn a language or for a change of scenery, Anthis said study abroad can offer something to most students.

"Just to get up in the morning and

the things that you see around you and the voices and the sounds you hear around you," he said. "That was really cool."

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## Huckabee fans say not so fast; Obama, Clinton grab endorsements

AUSTIN (AP) — Supporters of Republican Mike Huckabee gathered in Austin and other Texas cities Monday to say the GOP race isn't over yet.

Several high-ranking Republicans in Texas have endorsed John McCain, most notably former President George H.W. Bush. But his surge in recent primaries still ranks conservatives.

Rob Hurlburt, with Texans for Conservative Principles, said at a news conference that Huckabee's

backers don't want to be told what to do and that they'll vote for Huckabee in the March 4 primary.

They praised the former Arkansas governor's Christian values and anti-abortion stance.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry and Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn have endorsed McCain, who has a large delegate lead over Huckabee.

"In Texas, we don't cut and run," said former state Rep. Rick Green, who joined the group that included anti-abortion pastors and other social conservative activists. "We're in this fight until the final bell rings."

During the news conference, an Austin Duck Adventures tour bus stopping to view the Governor's Mansion noticed the Huckabee event. Tour members began blowing

their duck noise whistles in unison. "We're getting the whole Austin experience here — I love it," Hurlburt said.

### SUPERDELEGATE'S DECISION

Sen. Barack Obama pulled in a big endorsement in the superdelegate race with Monday's announcement of support by U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards of Waco.

"I believe Senator Obama can bring about real change in Washington — change that will make a positive difference for average working Americans struggling to keep up with the high costs of health care, gasoline and education," Edwards said.

Edwards' district includes President Bush's Crawford ranch. He is chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military

Construction and Veterans Affairs.

Until Monday he had been uncommitted as a superdelegate.

"Representative Edwards is a strong advocate for our men and women in uniform and I'm honored to have his support," Obama said in a prepared statement.

### MEXICAN AMERICAN DEMOCRATS

Sen. Barack Obama has won the coveted endorsement of the Mexican American Democrats, the oldest Hispanic group among Texas Democrats.

In announcing its weekend decision, the Democratic group cited Obama's long-standing relationship with Hispanic community and commitment to improving the lives of Hispanics.

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BEER CYCLE



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BRYAN MARTIN, A senior studio art major from Austin, demonstrates his "Beer Cycle" Monday in a sculpture kinetic art class in the Art building.

Kosovo

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never be a member of the United Nations. Serbia will use all diplomatic means at its disposal to block Kosovo's recognition," said Serbian Foreign Minister Vuk Jeremic.

The Kremlin was already working diplomatic levers to help Serbia achieve that aim.

Alexander Botsan-Kharchenko, Russia's special envoy to the Balkans, was quoted by the Interfax news agency as saying Moscow expected U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to abide by a Security Council resolution that recognized Kosovo as part of Serbia.

Ban opened Monday's Security Council session by citing the many peaceful celebrations that accompanied Kosovo's declaration but also noting scattered violence.

He said the United Nations had achieved "peace consolidation and the establishment of functional self-government" in Kosovo, including five successful elections. "Kosovo has made considerable progress through the years," he said.

Serbian President Boris Tadic, who attended the U.N. meeting, urged the council to oppose Kosovo's move. "This act annuls international law, tramples upon justice and enthrone injustice," he said.

Serbia recalled its ambassador to Washington in protest of U.S. recognition for Kosovo, but said it was not severing diplomatic ties. It also withdrew envoys to France and Turkey and was expected to recall others as more nations formally recognized Kosovo as a new state.

"America and the European Union are stealing Kosovo from us, everyone must realize that," said Tomislav Nikolic, the head of Serbia's ultra-nationalist Radical Party.

After an EU foreign ministers meeting in Brussels, Britain, Germany and France said they would quickly give recognition to Kosovo, a move that would be followed in the days ahead by most of the bloc's other 24 member states, officials said.

The EU does not recognize nations, leaving that up to its individual members, and Spain, Greece, Romania and Cyprus have criticized the effort to make Kosovo independent.

Despite that divide, the EU foreign ministers issued a joint statement citing "the conflict of the 1990s" in Kosovo

as a justification for the independence declaration.

The U.S. and its NATO allies intervened with an air campaign against Serbia in 1999 to end a brutal crackdown on ethnic Albanian separatists that had killed 10,000 people. The territory had been under U.N. and NATO administration since then, although formally remaining part of Serbia.

Seeking to address the concerns of Russia and others about a free

Kosovo, the foreign ministers stressed that Kosovo should be an exception to the international rule that national borders can be changed only if all parties agree.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has argued that independence without U.N. approval sets a dangerous precedent for the former Soviet Union, where separatists in Russia's Chechnya region and two areas of Georgia are agitating for independence.

140 killed in 2 days of bombings

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — A suicide car bomber killed 38 Afghans at a crowded market Monday, pushing the death toll from two days of militant bombings to about 140.

The marketplace blast, which targeted a Canadian army convoy, came a day after the country's deadliest insurgent attack since a U.S. invasion defeated the Taliban regime in late 2001. The toll from that bombing in a crowd watching a dog fight rose to more than 100.

The back-to-back blasts in the southern province of Kandahar could be a sign insurgents are now willing to risk high civilian casualties while attacking security forces. Though their attacks occasionally have killed dozens, militants in Afghanistan have generally sought to avoid targeting civilians, unlike insurgents in Iraq's war.

"The attacks show that the enemies of Afghanistan are changing their tactics. Now they are not thinking about civilians at all," said Nasrullah Stanikzai, a

professor of political science at Kabul University.

"They wanted to cause such big casualties in these attacks to weaken the morale of the government and the international community, to show the world the Afghan government is too weak to prevent them," he said.

The Taliban denied it carried out Sunday's attack, but immediately claimed responsibility for the market bombing, which took place in the town of Spin Boldak about 100 yards from the border with Pakistan.

The bombings come amid warnings that Afghanistan could see even more violence this year than in 2007, when a record 6,500 people were killed. The U.S., with a record high 28,000 soldiers already in the country, is sending 3,200 more Marines in April.

Hours before the marketplace bombing, Kandahar Gov. Asadullah Khalid raised the toll from Sunday's attack from about 80 to more than 100, saying some of the dozens who suffered wounds had died.

Khalid said 38 people died in Mon-

day's bombing and 28 were wounded. Three Canadian soldiers also had wounds, NATO's International Security Assistance Force said.

The governor complained that Canadian troops had failed to heed government warnings to stay away from the border with Pakistan.

"We informed the Canadian forces to avoid patrolling the border areas because our intelligence units had information that suicide attackers were in the areas and wanted to target Canadian or government forces," he said. "Despite informing the Canadians, they went to those areas anyway."

A Canadian military spokesman, Lt. Cmdr. Pierre Babinsky, said threats of attacks would not deter troops from their missions.

"We regularly receive threat warnings and obviously we go where we want to, when we want to, in our area of operation," Babinsky said. "We obviously take notice of these warnings but our aim is to operate freely within our area of operation despite those."

Illinois' new law on guns came too late, and might not have stopped college gunman anyway

CHICAGO (AP) — Illinois lawmakers moved swiftly after last year's massacre at Virginia Tech to make it harder for anyone with a history of mental illness to buy guns, fortifying what were already some of the nation's toughest weapons laws.

But the new measure does not take effect until June. And whether it would have prevented last week's bloodbath at Northern Illinois University is far from clear.

Steven Kazmierczak, the 27-year-old grad student who bought an arsenal of guns in recent months and used them to kill five people and commit suicide, had been on medication and was said to have

spent time in a psychiatric center as a teen in the late 1990s.

But state Sen. Dan Kotowski, a sponsor of the law that will require more detailed reporting to state officials about those who have received mental health treatment, said the sketchy information about Kazmierczak's medical history makes it impossible to know if he would have fallen under the law.

"This law is more comprehensive than most," the Democrat said Monday. "But everything needs to be evaluated and reviewed to address the problem so that something like this never happens again. This is the promise we have to make."

The measure, when it takes effect,

will require health professionals to inform state authorities about patients who display violent, suicidal or threatening behavior. Right now, such information is reported to state officials only on people who have been institutionalized, not on those who receive only outpatient treatment.

Illinois adopted the law last June, and the governor signed it in August.

Virginia lawmakers, meanwhile, still are considering a package of bills to reform that state's mental health system in the wake of the Virginia Tech tragedy, including one that would make it easier to have people involuntarily committed.

Beef

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since they typically wallow in feces and their immune systems are often weak.

Upon learning about the recall, some legislators criticized the USDA, saying the federal agency should conduct more thorough inspections to ensure tainted beef doesn't get to the public.

"Today marks the largest beef recall in U.S. history, and it involves the national school lunch program and other federal food and nutrition programs," said U.S.

Sen. Tom Harkin, chairman of the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry. "This begs the question: How much longer will we continue to test our luck with weak enforcement of federal food safety regulations?"

Advocacy groups also weighed in, noting the problems at Westland wouldn't have been revealed had it

not been for animal right activists.

"On the one hand, I'm glad that the recall is taking place. On the other, it's somewhat disturbing, given that obviously much of this food has already been eaten," said Jean Halloran, director of food policy initiatives at Consumers Union. "It's really closing the barn door after the cows left."

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## Learning to celebrate the joys of mediocrity

Going to medical school interviews was something I was excited about, until I got to my first one.

I then found myself surrounded by tons of smart people who felt the need to validate themselves by reciting their resumes, GPA and MCAT scores to me when all I asked about was their major and what university they went to.

At first I was annoyed at this time-sucking self-congratulatory behavior, but then I looked around at the faces of those that were celebrating themselves, and they seemed quiet content with how things were going. I decided in our society, we should begin to celebrate ourselves for the smallest most everyday accomplishments.

I used to cringe when I would go to CiCi's Pizza and see the little league teams receiving a trophy for their one-win seasons. These children were celebrating the fact that they showed up enough times to create a season.

**Melissa Medley**



It hurt to see that instead of just going for pizza and celebrating the fun and camaraderie these children had, they were being given a reminder of their outstanding attendance.

But in light of my new attitude, I realize we should award these little tikes for getting out of bed and going out and having fun in the sun. The enjoyment of the season or the fitness benefit isn't enough reward.

Not being a little leaguer myself, I guess I never understood the importance of a sports trophy. But having taken piano lessons for 10 years, I have my share of participation trinkets.

I used to look upon those plastic Bach busts my piano teachers would

give me with disdain and loathing, but now I appreciate them for what they are: memorabilia of my musical career. Although I enjoyed playing the piano, my pseudo-talent was nothing to celebrate, or so I thought.

My new attitude has shown me my enjoyment of creating music was not enough. I needed these pieces of plastic to remind me of the excellence I exhibited by doing something I enjoyed, even if it was oftentimes a job half done.

Because of my inspiring weekend, I even called my mother to ask her to rifle through our attic, dig through boxes of childhood souvenirs belonging to my four siblings and me to find these piano trophies. The shipping costs are enormous, but it will be worth it to showcase my miniature Grammys for my remaining three months until graduation.

Hollywood is the prime example of people celebrating their own accomplishments. Every year, all of

Hollywood and millions of American fans around the country gather to watch movie makers pat themselves on the figurative back.

The Academy Awards are a time for Hollywood to indulge into self-recognizing behavior. I used to think it was silly for an industry like Hollywood to create an awards system to gauge success instead of using box office revenues, but now I am grateful for the Oscars. Without them, I would be completely oblivious as to what movies to watch or which ones I liked.

Now I think I will celebrate every near-accomplishment in my life with the fervor the Tech cheerleading squad has in celebrating a victory over Texas A&M. Every

time I find myself lucky and strong enough to get out of bed, I think I will do a song and dance routine.

For the almost-well-executed song and dance routine, I will allow myself to put a star on my star chart. For correctly placing my star on the chart, I will send myself a congratulatory e-mail. For being able to turn my computer on, I will tell myself "job well done" and then go to class.

A day of congratulating oneself seems narcissistic and exhausting, so when I get tired of this I will focus my energies on recognizing others' acts of mediocrity.

My friends might look at me strangely when I began to congratulate them when they chew their food thoroughly. It might also be weird that I applaud

them for coming back from the bathroom, but eventually they will see the benefit in the congratulations they receive for doing anything that expends more than five calories.

Before my newfound joy in celebrating and recognizing the everyday and mundane, I was able to appreciate the truly great accomplishments in life, or at least do something without the hope of recognition.

My joy in doing so was merely for my own sense of a job well done, but now I must have a certificate or trophy to let me know anything I do is worthwhile.

I might not be capable of deciphering between truly awesome accomplishments and the so-so ones now, but at least I know with my star chart it was worthwhile to wake-up today.

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## What the hell is eternal damnation?

By many standards, a lot of us are on our way to an unattractive place called hell. For many people, that is quite a terrifying uncertainty.

Not knowing if you are going to heaven or hell can be scary for people who are religious. I do not know what comes after death, and frankly nobody will know until they are dead.

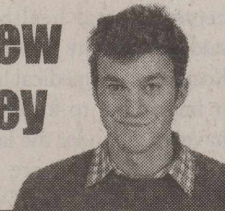
That is a simple fact of life. It is a paradox that has been pondered for thousands of years. However, even after all the pondering I have done, the afterlife still does not make much sense to me.

The word "heaven" makes me picture clouds and all things that are good. I don't know anyone who wouldn't want to live in a place like that. I have morals, and I try to do the right thing most of the time, so maybe I will end up there.

I put my own neck on the line, maybe too often, to help a fellow classmate or an occasional stranger. As a pre-med student, I want to care for people for a living.

Praying every night and asking for forgiveness of your sins are some other

**Andrew Cotney**



steps people abide by to gain access to heaven. Of course, there are many other actions in other religions besides Christianity you must take to be granted permission into this desirable home of the afterlife.

Some people even believe they need to fly airplanes into buildings to obtain their religion's state of utopia. I think a more common view of heaven seems to be a place of endless happiness for being righteous on Earth. The point is the majority of people have a desire to enter some sort of heaven — even terrorists.

Every heaven I have ever heard described sounds like paradise at first glance — and then I try to look at it with its counterpart: hell. This is when I get confused.

I cannot make sense out of the situation earthly, because for me it goes like this: You live, you die, you go to heaven and then you must forget everything you have known in your mortal life.

There cannot be this division of people that go to heaven or hell when you can remember your life on Earth. It doesn't make sense for a heavenly place. You will have friends and family that are not going to make that trip to heaven. If you can remember them in heaven, how can you live at ease for eternity as they burn in hell?

Now, I have arrived at my dilemma. The question really is, "What the hell is heaven?" I cannot fathom a place of no worries or remorse. I cannot look at my friends and family and think that I may have to leave them while they suffer in eternal damnation.

Then a further question arises: "Is there really a hell?" The Bible says there is, so there has to be. Well, it is not always that easy. The Bible does not always make sense literally.

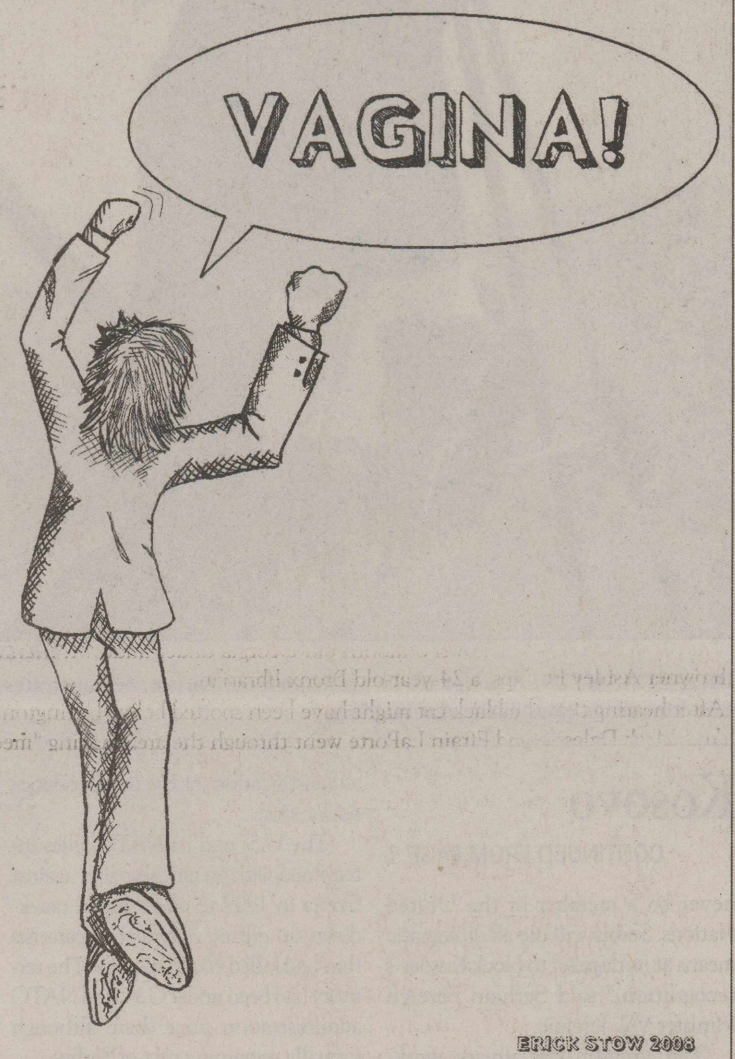
For example, the Bible says God created the Earth in only a matter of days.

According to Genesis 1:14 from the Bible, God defines a day after three days have already passed. It does not make sense literally.

I am not saying the Bible is wrong, I am trying to explain that it is hard to always make literal sense of the Bible. If there is no hell, I cannot picture a final destination where everyone goes. That idea sounds an awful lot like the Earth without an ending, and that does not sound attractive.

So, I'm back at square one with an unsatisfying mortal view of the afterlife. I always can suppose there is something we can not comprehend as humans, like heaven or hell, and I guess the secret lies in the time when and if you pass into an afterlife.

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## Heteronormativity and you: an in-depth users guide

By **CHELSEA FIDDYMENT**  
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(U-WIRE) CHAMPAIGN, ILL. — "Man, that's gay!" Since middle school, this phrase has dominated vocabularies as a representation of negative emotion. The exclamation can represent disappointment, annoyance, and dislike. More often than not, we consider the direction of this sentiment at another person an insult. But why?

Well, the enmity inherent in the utterance is more than enough to hurt someone's feelings. That it attacks the subject's personal identity could also easily explain why we find it offensive. But beyond even that, the complex mortification it invokes stems from some last, tiny vestige of homophobia ingrained deeply

within our cultural consciousness.

To better illustrate the steadfastness of this homophobic reflex, let me briefly relate my personal struggle with it. I transferred to Champaign from the University's Springfield campus that has struggled with issues of inclusivity regarding its lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community. I, along with other students, faculty, and staff, focused a great deal of energy toward the establishment of an open and accepting on-campus environment. My personal efforts included a term on our Queer-Straight Alliance's executive board, a position as a student representative to our Safe Zone program steering committee, and general promotion of my stance as an active ally.

But when we encounter a sub-culture whose members cannot be

outwardly recognized, we assume that anyone associated with said group must demonstrate qualifying criteria in order to find admittance into that culture (let alone feel concern for its goings-on). Because after all, why would a straight person care about the issues and conflicts faced by people who don't identify as straight?

This defensive attitude to others' suppositions serves as one of the last hide-outs of homophobia, and a variety of causes contribute to its existence. Sadly, socialization into American culture still includes, in some form, the categorization of sexual interests other than "straight" as "other": different, abnormal, excluded from the majority. When others accuse us of being the "other," the implication is that we are strange, that we don't fit in as our

socialization process has conveyed we should.

We are afraid to be labeled as gay or lesbian because, at the very least, we believe it isn't socially acceptable (though others still may have been taught to view it not only as socially but morally unacceptable). Even for people who identify themselves as accepting and affirming individuals, the stamp of cultural heteronormativity can be difficult to erase.

Speaking from my own conclusions, people faced with this internal dilemma must ask themselves what difference it makes if someone else maintains a morbid obsession with their sexual interest. If the quality of interaction with someone hinges on whether you have a certain inclination, his or her attentions are a waste of your time.

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## Spot on steer's side looks like state of Michigan

SPAULDING TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — One steer's unique hide may save it from someone's dinner table. The animal is named Michigan, and for a good reason — the brown spot on its side resembles the state's mitten shape.

The pattern on its other side is shaped like a "U." It's one of 30 cattle on Jacob and Georgia Kessler's family-run farm in Spaulding Township, about 80 miles northwest of Detroit.

Cattle from the farm are eventually sold for beef. But the owners are willing to sell the steer for promotional or mascot use instead of shipping it to the slaughterhouse.

## New York City's new jail menu is bland, but healthy

NEW YORK (AP) — Spending time behind bars in New York City might turn out to be good for your health.

The overhauled menu at the city's jails includes no sweets, no butter and only skim milk. The Department of Corrections wants healthy alternatives to traditional jailhouse grub.

A breakfast might include fresh fruit, whole wheat bread and wheat flakes. A sample dinner: pepper steak, rice and steamed carrots.

"These people are in our custody, and they don't get to make their own choices," said Department of Correction Commissioner Martin Horn. "We have a moral obligation to make sound choices for them."

That means unsweetened muffins, which are expected to replace the wickedly sweet ones for the roughly 14,000 inmates in the jail system.

"We have no choice but to eat what they give us. It's bland — so I guess that's healthy," said Christopher Alberici, a 40-year-old inmate.

The healthier menu costs the city as much as the previous one, which had included white bread and sweetened drinks, Horn said, adding that it may cost the city less in the long run.

"The cost of an inmate having a stroke or going into diabetic shock is far greater than keeping people healthy to the extent we can," Horn said.

## Libraries turn up noise with video game events

ROCHESTER HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Libraries in southeastern Michigan are turning the page on peace and quiet.

Video game events at public libraries are drawing crowds of teens, including about 100 competing monthly at "Guitar Hero" at the Rochester Hills Public Library.

"Getting teens to come to the library is right up there with getting them to go to church: It's not exactly the first place they want to go," Christine Lind Hage, library director, told the Detroit Free Press for a story Sunday.

Hage stocked the shelves with 1,823 games. And the games are hot items, with an average of 1,300 checked out daily.

A competition in Rochester Hills was held Feb. 9, and similar events are being held at other Detroit-area libraries.

Nearly 30 teens play "Guitar Hero" or "Dance Dance Revolution" every few weeks at the Clinton-Macomb Public Library, which offers 300 video games in its collection.

"It's a big social event," said Stephanie Jaczkowski, 17. "I've met a lot of friends there, and they're really good friends."

The Canton Public Library six months ago began offering games and holding monthly tournaments for Nintendo Wii bowling and "Super Smash Bros."

"Many of the games are complex. They're worthy in their own right. They can help build cognitive skills," said Brad Bachelor, teen librarian.

## Kitten found after 25 days in subway tunnels

NEW YORK (AP) — A skittish kitten that scampered out of its carrier on a subway platform has been found after 25 days in the underground tunnels.

Transit workers tracked down 6-month old Georgia under midtown Manhattan Saturday. Police reunited her with owner Ashley Phillips, a 24-year-old Bronx librarian.

After hearing that the black cat might have been spotted below Lexington Avenue and East 55th Street, track workers Mark Dalessio and Efrain LaPorte went through the area making "meow" sounds.

Georgia responded, and they found her cowering in a drain between two tracks.

Georgia had lost some weight and scratched her nose but was otherwise unhurt. She had disappeared while Phillips was bringing her home from a veterinarian visit last month.

## DOES IT MEASURE UP?

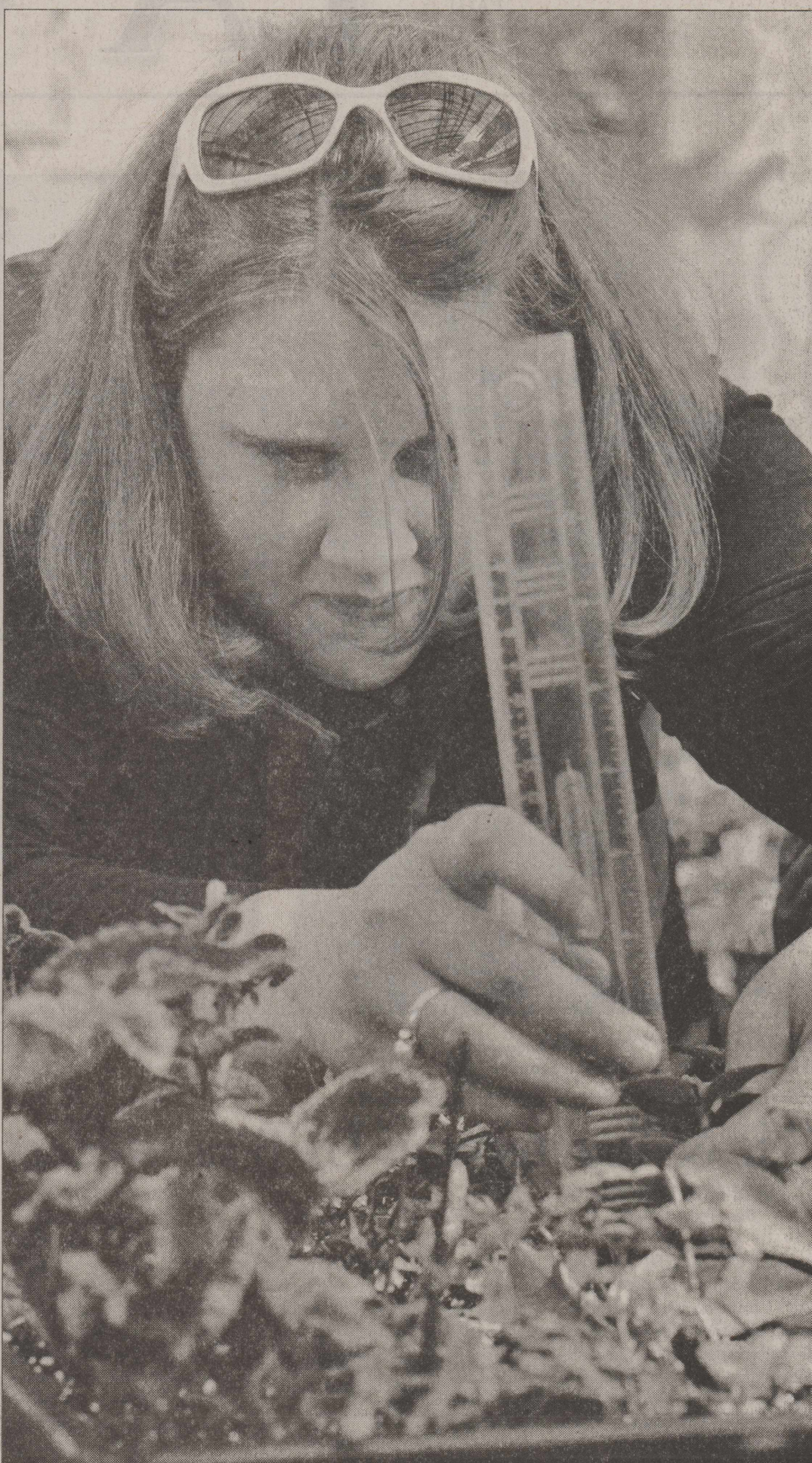


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MEREDITH COUTZ, A freshman agriculture communications major from Pampa, measures a Wondering Traveler in her Principles of Horticulture lab Monday.

## Car Stereos

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state, Roberts said, and must abide by certain rules, one of those being that they must work with local police and turn in records of all pawns and purchases.

These records, which go into the police database, he said, include serial numbers and detailed descriptions of the item in question as well as information from the customer's driver's license or identification card.

Roberts cited one specific instance in which a non-student from Clovis, N.M., stole car stereos from Clovis and brought them into Lubbock pawn shops. Because the man had a New Mexico driver's license, the Lubbock Police Department shared this information with Clovis authorities, which eventually led to the thief's arrest.

"If we can get a thief off the streets, that would tickle me to death," Roberts said.

While Roberts said he accepts car stereos if they are in working condition and have all the parts when brought to him, two of the three EZ Pawn stores in Lubbock will not accept any car stereos because many of them do not work, and the third store only accepts them if they are installed in the car when the customer arrives at the store.

Sgt. Clay Winters with the Lubbock Police Department said he does not see any noticeable trends in the number of car burglaries in Lubbock because they are crimes of opportunity.

Winters said the location of the vehicle, whether the vehicle is secured and the quality of the opportunity for the thief are all factors that can influence whether a car burglary occurs.

He also said car stereo thefts are not as popular as they used to be because not as much money can be gained from re-selling car stereos.

As far as catching the thieves, Winters said they usually catch a

couple per week, but catching one person can solve many burglaries.

Both Hoffman and Winters advise people to keep their cars in well-lit areas, lock them and remove all valuables from the car when in a parking lot. Removing the faceplate from the car stereo also will deter thieves from stealing the stereo.

Hoffman said Tech Police patrol the parking lots as frequently as possible, and even more often during the holidays.

Car burglary is a Class A misdemeanor, dropped down from a felony in 1995. Someone who is found guilty of car burglary can be fined up to \$4,000, spend up to one year in jail or be punished with both.

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## US intensifies pressure on Kenya's rival political blocs

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice ratcheted up pressure on Kenya's rival politicians to share power and put a disputed presidential election behind them Monday, holding out U.S. reconstruction aid as an incentive.

On a one-day stop, Rice was the highest-ranking U.S. official to visit since the flawed Dec. 27 ballot unleashed weeks of bloodshed. The violence has killed more than 1,000 people and tarnished the image of Kenya, a U.S. ally in the war on terrorist groups in East Africa.

"I frankly believe that the time for a political settlement was yesterday," Rice said after meet-

ings with President Mwai Kibaki. She also talked with former U.N. and opposition leader Raila Odinga, chief Kofi Annan, who is mediating peace talks.

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## WHO? MATT JONES



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MUSICIAN MATT JONES, of Albuquerque, N.M., performs during the release party for his third album 'Passerby' at La Diosa Cellars on Saturday night.

## 'Me & You' features U. Texas student

By ANDRES MARTINEZ  
DAILY TEXAN (U. TEXAS)

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN — Writers think in what-ifs. Twenty years ago, Dave Christiano asked himself what would happen if he were to get a divorce and then get back in contact with his first love. As producer, writer and director of the film "Me & You, Us, Forever," Christiano explored that what-if situation. The movie, which opens Friday in 83 cities across the U.S., includes University of Texas Spanish sophomore Kathryn

Worsham. "Me & You, Us, Forever" tells the true story of Christiano's first love whom he met on Jan. 5, 1974. The relationship lasted two years, four months and 28 days before ending on June 2, 1976.

"For somebody to remember this means that it must have been true love," said Christiano.

After deciding to go through with the film, Christiano sought the approval of his formal lover, Mary, which she granted to him. Christiano then needed someone to play her as a 17-

year-old in the movie. Around that time, Worsham's mother contacted Christiano and sent him a picture of her daughter.

"I never intended to cast someone that looked like Mary, but when I saw Kathryn's picture I couldn't believe the resemblance," Christiano said.

Worsham then auditioned with a monologue Christiano had sent her, and a year later, she flew to North Carolina to begin shooting. "It was my first professional job,

## OK Go lets Katrina victims know 'You're Not Alone'

By MEGHAN DRISCOLL  
THE CHRONICLE (QUINNIPIAC U.)

(U-WIRE) HAMDEN, Conn. — OK Go's popularity has risen greatly following their choreographed treadmill routine to their song "Here It Goes Again." With 29,433,633 views on YouTube, the band may have some bragging rights, but it's their involvement in community service after Hurricane Katrina that's worth bragging about.

The Chronicle spoke with Damian Kulash, the 32-year-old singer and guitarist for the band, about Hurricane Katrina, politics, and what makes the band so unique.

OK Go recently teamed up with the trombone group Bonerama and collaborated on the album, "You're Not Alone," available exclusively on iTunes. Profits from the sale of the album will go toward Sweet Home New Orleans, a non-profit organization that helps musical and cultural communities within New Orleans access resources and obtain affordable housing after Hurricane Katrina. Proceeds from the record will also go toward building a house for Al "Carnival Time" Johnson, a New Orleans legend who lost everything after the hurricane.

OK Go first connected with Bonerama at a benefit show in New Orleans. The band thought they were playing alone but soon realized that there were other artists on the bill as well. They were offered to play with Bonerama that day.

"That sounded like an awesome opportunity to me," Kulash said. "We didn't really have a chance to practice or anything, we just got up on stage and did it."

Performing with Bonerama was also a nice change of pace for Kulash, who had been used to playing their normal songs. "I had been on tour for two years, playing the same songs," he said.

Kulash has since become smitten

with the musical scene found in New Orleans, stating that New Orleans is "one of the greatest music towns in the world." "In New Orleans, people do still parade in the streets, dancing and playing songs," Kulash said. "Every Sunday people are out in the streets playing music together, it's an incredible thing. It's shocking to behold actually and it's actually sort of in danger because the people that keep that tradition alive are stuck in temporary housing."

With a need for change and the 2008 election approaching, OK Go has made their choice clear by playing a show in NYC the night before Super Tuesday in support of democratic candidate Barack Obama.

Even if fans aren't in agreement over the bands choice in candidates, the band still urges everyone to get out and vote.

"Follow your gut, politics and government are sort of like anything else. They are best done by people who can," Kulash said. "If you look at the last eight years it is fairly evident to me that when you have someone who people view as a bullheaded moron, you get results from a bullheaded moron."

So what makes an ideal candidate for Kulash? "People who can bring people together and bridge gaps and find strategic compromises will get good results as oppose to people who will try to bash through the idealistic agenda," he said.

OK Go doesn't exactly fit into one specific mold when it comes to classifying the type of music they make. Kulash wasn't able to classify the band himself but said, "Music has just gotten a lot more exciting. There's a new breed of bands that succeed mostly because they make music that they like and that other people like." He then added, "I'd like to think we're among that group. People call it indie rock but it's not really indie."

With a musical style that's hard to pinpoint, there are two things that OK Go is well known for: their unique fashion sense and outrageous dance moves. The band has put two videos on YouTube featuring choreographed dances for their songs "Here It Goes Again" and "A Million Ways," both of which have garnered well over one million views each.

"Dancing is just great. I think it started years ago as a tongue-in-cheek prank. We were asked to be on a TV show where they couldn't record live and we were snotty enough to feel like if they couldn't record our music we were going to give them a boy band spectacular," Kulash said. The famous treadmill choreography for "Here It Goes Again" only took the band eight days to learn. "Luckily nobody was hospitalized," Kulash said.

When it comes to their unique outfits, Kulash said the band eventually just got sick of wearing jeans and t-shirts. "We just started wearing these outlandish clashing pattern extravaganzas," he said.

Kulash and the rest of the band are busy with working on a new album and several side projects. Kulash is unsure of when their next album will be released but said, "The material is starting to come together and we're far from having a full length album recorded. We're aiming for a fall release if possible."

Aside from the album, Kulash is also one of the men featured in the book "Things I've Learned From Women Who've Dumped Me," edited by the former executive producer of The Daily Show and The Colbert Report, Ben Karlin.

Along the way, OK Go has been able to experience some pretty amazing moments as a band, with achievements such as winning a Grammy, playing Times Square on New Years Eve and playing with Cheap Trick. Despite all that, it's more about the time spent along the way.

## Young artists with disabilities show off their work

The Museum of Texas Tech presents "Destination Anywhere," a juried exhibit of 15 award-winning young artists with disabilities, which opened Sunday and will continue through April 27 in Gallery One at 3301 Fourth St.

For the fifth year, VSA Arts and Volkswagen of America Inc.

have partnered to recognize and showcase 16- to 25-year-old artists with disabilities living in the United States.

Selected from 206 submissions, these 15 finalists were awarded a total of \$60,000 provided by Volkswagen of America Inc.

Viewers of the showcase are

given an opportunity to travel through the minds of the artists.

Within this exhibition, a destination may be a specific scene frozen in time, an abstract filled with emotion or an intimate reflection of self-discovery. The past, present and future are explored for their meanings and relevance.

For more information or to request special assistance, call the Museum of Texas Tech Education Office at 806-742-2432, or send an e-mail to museum.education@ttu.edu.

Visit the exhibition at [www.vsaarts.org/destinationanywhere](http://www.vsaarts.org/destinationanywhere)  
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## Lindsay Lohan recreates Marilyn Monroe's last nude photo shoot

NEW YORK (AP) — Lindsay Lohan is following in the footsteps of the most famous blond bombshell of them all — Marilyn Monroe.

In the issue of New York magazine on sale Monday, the 21-year-old star of "Mean Girls" and "Freaky Friday" poses nude for photographer Bert Stern in a recreation of one of Monroe's most famous photo shoots, done shortly before she died.

Stern photographed Monroe in 1962 at the Hotel Bel-Air in California, six weeks before she was found dead from an overdose of barbiturates. Those images for Vogue magazine feature Monroe in next to nothing,

posing nude with some scarves and jewelry as her accessories and sipping champagne.

Stern recreated those images with Lohan this month, at the same hotel, with Lohan wearing a blond wig and not much else.

*"I didn't have to put much thought into it... It's really an honor."*

— LINDSAY LOHAN  
ACTRESS/DRAMA QUEEN

In the essay accompanying the photos, Lohan, who admitted to a serious interest in Monroe, said deciding to do the photo shoot was easy.

"I didn't have to put much thought into it. I mean, Bert Stern? Doing a Marilyn shoot? When is that ever going to come up? It's really an honor," she told the magazine.

Lohan described Monroe's suicide as "tragic" and said it, along with the Jan. 22 death of actor Heath

Ledger from an accidental overdose of prescription drugs, "are both prime examples of what this industry can do to someone."

The actress, who has been in and out of rehab after two arrests last year on drunken driving and cocaine charges, said she didn't know why the industry wreaked such havoc on some stars, adding, "I sure as hell wouldn't let it happen to me."

Stern told The Associated Press that he found women like Lohan and her tabloid companions Paris Hilton and Britney Spears "interesting."

"They're girls that draw attention to their notoriety and their celebrity through their behavior," he said Monday.

He noted that Monroe and Lohan had similar problems with alcohol but added that — in contrast to the sessions with Monroe — there was no alcohol on the set when he photographed Lohan.

He said he thought the photo shoot would be good for the young actress, giving her the chance to portray herself as a grown-up. He also lauded her for her willingness to do it in the nude.

"I thought she was a natural, not at all squeamish," he said.

A phone message left for Lohan's publicist Leslie Sloane-Zelnik seeking comment Monday was not immediately returned.

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# Veteran feels like he still has to earn spot in Astros rotation

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Woody Williams says he's got at least one more good season left in him.

But the Houston Astros need more than his word after the 41-year-old right-hander went 8-15 in 2007 with a career-high 5.06 ERA in 31 starts. Williams gave up 35 homers and 110 earned runs, also career worsts, after signing a two-year, \$12.5 million contract to play in the city where he grew up.

"Combination of everything — not feeling well, not locating my pitches, just untimely mistakes," Williams explained. "It seemed to snowball and I never recovered."

Williams still arrived at spring training virtually guaranteed a spot in the Astros rotation. But Williams

sat down with manager Cecil Cooper on Monday morning and tried to convince him that last year was an aberration, not a warning sign that he's washed up.

"Like I told Cecil," he said, "I wouldn't be here if I didn't think I could still do it. I wouldn't try to kid myself. I still think I can go out there and be very, very productive."

It helps Williams' case that he had one of his best seasons in 2006 with San Diego, going 12-5 with a 3.65 ERA in 24 starts. Before last season, he'd also won nine of 12 decisions at Minute Maid Park.

"I know there's a lot left in that tank and he just needs to be the Woody we know he is," Cooper said.

Williams had tried for years to

land a contract with his hometown team and finally got his wish when the Astros signed him in November 2006. A former Houston Cougar, he was an instant fan favorite, but the applause quickly faded as he dropped his first seven decisions.

Williams was more frustrated than demoralized by bad start. He was before

Turns out they were thinking the same thing.

"Basically, he told me, 'This year is what it was and it's done. I don't want you to think about it anymore. Let's move on and look toward

next year,'" Williams recalled. "Not that I needed that, but it's always nice to know that that's what he thought, too."

Williams didn't change his off-season routine and arrived in Kissimmee refreshed and ready. He's trying to correct a mechanical flaw in his motion that he noticed after poring over videotape from last season.

"I knew something wasn't quite right," he said. "It's not fixed yet, but I'm gradually getting it."

Cooper has Williams on a lighter

schedule than the other pitchers because Cooper, Houston's bench coach last year, thought Williams threw too much at spring training last year.

Williams dismissed that as an excuse for why he pitched so poorly. If anything, Williams said, he started pressing too hard as his season continued to unravel.

"When things aren't going right, you don't feel normal, you've got to keep pushing until you find it," he said. "It seemed like that for the whole season. Well, I never found it. I tried to re-train myself this spring and hopefully when the games start, I'll be ready to roll."

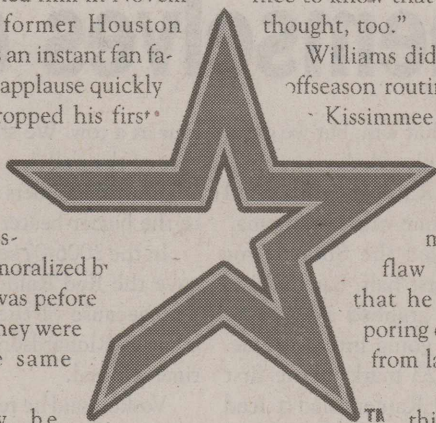
Now, the only time Williams thinks about last season is when reporters ask about it. When he

hears skeptics say he's finished, that just motivates him more.

"After last year, I think a lot of people may doubt me or say, 'You know what? He's over the hill,'" he said. "But for whatever reason, I wouldn't be here if I felt like that was the case. I feel like I still bring a lot to the ballclub."

If he can't pitch to his standards, Williams said he won't hesitate to walk away and leave what's left of his salary behind. The Astros hold the option to retain him for the 2009 season.

"That's one thing I've always promised myself, that I wouldn't embarrass myself," he said. "I won't hold on longer than I should. If things go the way they should, there is no reason to do that."



## Young was blindsided by slow start for him, Rangers in 2007

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Shortstop Michael Young never saw the disastrous start of 2007 coming — for himself or the Texas Rangers.

The four-time All-Star's average was below .200 a month into the season, and the Rangers were out of contention before the end of May on their way to a 75-87 record and another last-place finish in the AL West.

"It'd be one thing if we didn't prepare, but everyone worked hard last year and we had a good spring," Young said Monday. "It just didn't happen for us."

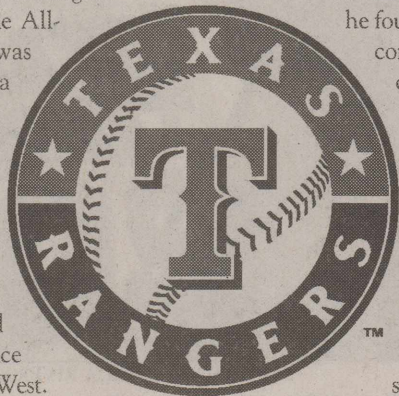
Young signed an \$80 million con-

tract extension through 2013 before the start of last season, then had by far the worst start of his career.

Once he settled down,

he found his trademark consistency and became just the third player since 1940 to record five straight 200-hit seasons. He finished with 201 hits after getting three on the final day of the regular season.

"I've never been a part of anything like that before," Young said. "The key is a lot of guys seemed to pull themselves out of it, and we're going to be stronger for it somewhere down the line."



## Mavs, Nets find a way to get Kidd to Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — Jason Kidd is headed to the Dallas Mavericks after all, although in a trade that's slightly different than originally arranged.

The new deal — as reported by various media outlets Sunday night, all citing anonymous sources — has Kidd and forward Malik Allen going to Dallas for point guard Devin Harris, center DeSagana Diop and swingman Maurice Ager, plus a few new pieces: retired forward Keith Van Horn and Trenton Hassell.

New Jersey also will get two first-round draft picks and \$3 million.

Van Horn and Hassell replace Jerry Stackhouse and Devean George. Stackhouse's presence in the deal was muddled by plans to get him back to Dallas — within the rules, although in a way the

league frowned upon — and George used his veto power to block his involvement.

The reconfigured proposal is expected to be offered for league approval Monday. If all goes as planned, Kidd could make his return to the team that drafted him when the Mavericks play in New Orleans on Wednesday night.

"There's a lot of talk that the deal is done," Kidd said after Sunday's All-Star game in New Orleans, where word of the trade broke. "I've heard that before. Until I get a call from Rod (Thorn) or Mark (Cuban), then

it will be official."

A spokesman for the New Jersey Nets declined comment at the game.

If all goes as planned, Kidd will be back in the Western Conference by the time the All-Star break ends.

Kidd spent the first 2-plus seasons of his career in Dallas. The Mavs drafted him third overall in

1994 and he was the NBA's co-rookie of the year in '94-95. He was traded to Phoenix in December 1996, then went from the Suns to New Jersey prior to the 2001-02 season. He

helped the Nets reach the NBA finals his first two seasons, but they haven't made a long playoff run since.

The Mavericks have been among the NBA's top teams the last few years, but have fallen short of a title. They're trading Harris' promising future in hopes that Kidd, who turns 35 next month, has enough tenacity and leadership to push them over the top.

Dallas has been eyeing Kidd for a while. Team owner Mark Cuban may have sped up the process after seeing other top Western Conference teams make pivotal additions.

This deal seemed done earlier last week until George whacked it. Stackhouse's talk of being bought out and re-signing with the Mavs also didn't sit well with league officials.

The big winner in this is Van Horn, who has been out of the league the last 1½ seasons.

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# SPORTS

## Red Raiders blame themselves despite buzzer beater

By ADAM COLEMAN  
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The Texas Tech Red Raiders had a helpless feeling when Oklahoma's David Godbold's 3-point shot went in to give Oklahoma the 66-64 win Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

Although they wish the outcome had been different, the Red Raiders highlighted their mistakes besides the buzzer beater and already have put the loss behind them.

"I think we moved on already," Tech forward Mike Singletary said. "After the game was over, we were all a little disappointed. Wish we

could've got that win, but we gotta move on to Colorado."

The Red Raiders controlled most of the game with Oklahoma.

Tech battled the Sooners for most of the first half, but the Red Raiders soon grabbed a lead and held on to it going into halftime. From the 15:23 mark in the first half, the Red Raiders had a lead over the Sooners and relinquished that lead once.

With 4:53 left in the game, Tech had a lead over the Sooners, but it took Godbold's shot to break the lead and help Oklahoma to the win.

Tech guard Alan Voskuil said having the lead over Oklahoma for most of the game is what made the loss tough to deal with.

"I felt we had control of it most of the way, but towards the end, that was a toss up," Voskuil said. "I guess we lost the coin toss."

The Red Raiders had five turnovers in the final 7:12 of the game. These turnovers eventually allowed Oklahoma to tie the game twice during this time and keep the Sooners in the game.

Although Tech built the lead back up to as much as five points, OU's Austin Johnson tied the game one last time at 61. Johnson finished with 20 points.

Voskuil said turnovers played a part in the end, and as Godbold's shot went in, there was not much one could say.

"It just hurt," he said. "That's all you can really say. We weren't supposed to be in that position anyway. We should've taken care of it instead of having all these turnovers in a row. I think we had like three or

four in a row. We should've taking care of the ball."

The Red Raiders are no strangers to the buzzer-beater shot.

In the 2006-07 season, Nebraska gave the Red Raiders a 61-59 defeat because of the Cornhuskers' Charles Richardson's 3-pointer as time expired.

Voskuil said he remembers Richardson's shot and knows how to move on from a loss that is tough to take.

"Us-as seniors and upperclassmen should know about it," he said. "It happened last year against Nebraska. You just gotta come back and play your next game and get prepared. Come out strong. Just put it in the past."

Tech guard Martin Zeno's last second-shot was the Red Raiders' last chance to steal the win.

After the game, there was question if Zeno was fouled on his attempt, but Tech coach Pat Knight said whether it was a foul or not was not a concern.

Singletary said the lack of the call was one he had no problem with because of how his team played.

"I probably wouldn't call if I was a ref," he said. "At a time like that, there's really no point. We really shouldn't have been in that position."

Knight said one consistent factor he sees in his team is the effort, but crucial mistakes can make effort irrelevant.

"We had the effort, but we just don't have the smarts," he said. "We just made too many dumb plays at crucial times. Whether it be losing the ball, missed block

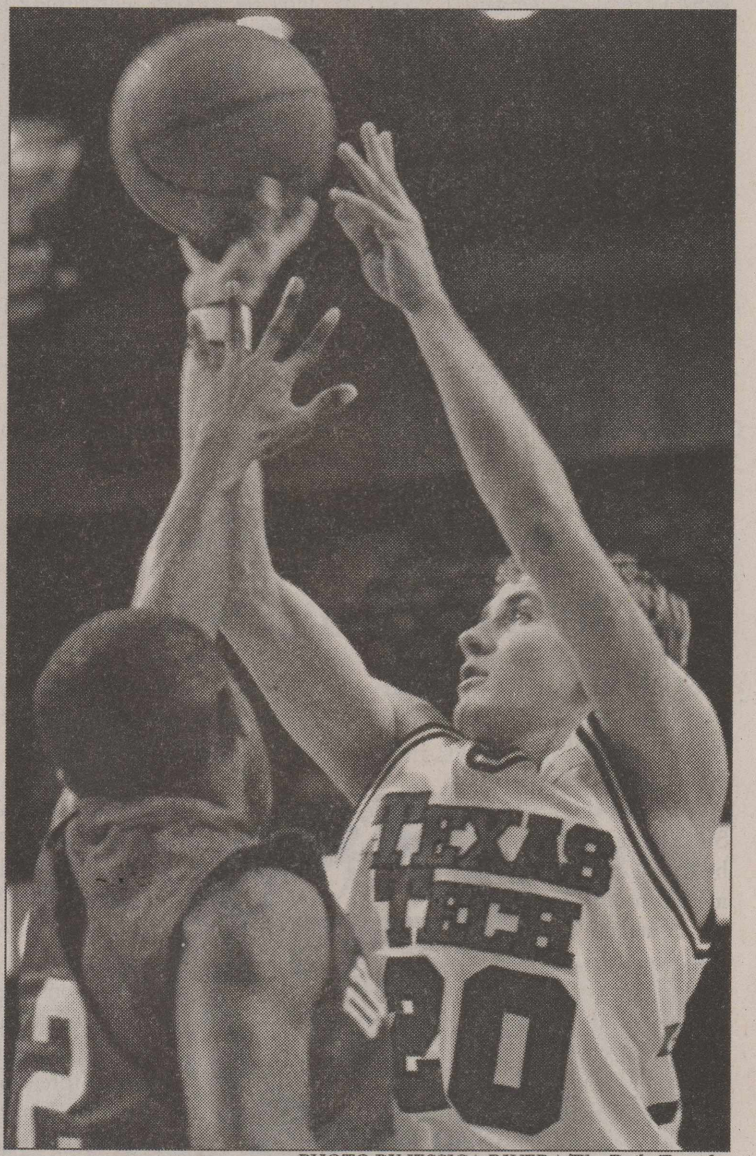


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TEXAS TECH'S GUARD Alan Voskuil shoots over Oklahoma guard Tony Neysmith Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

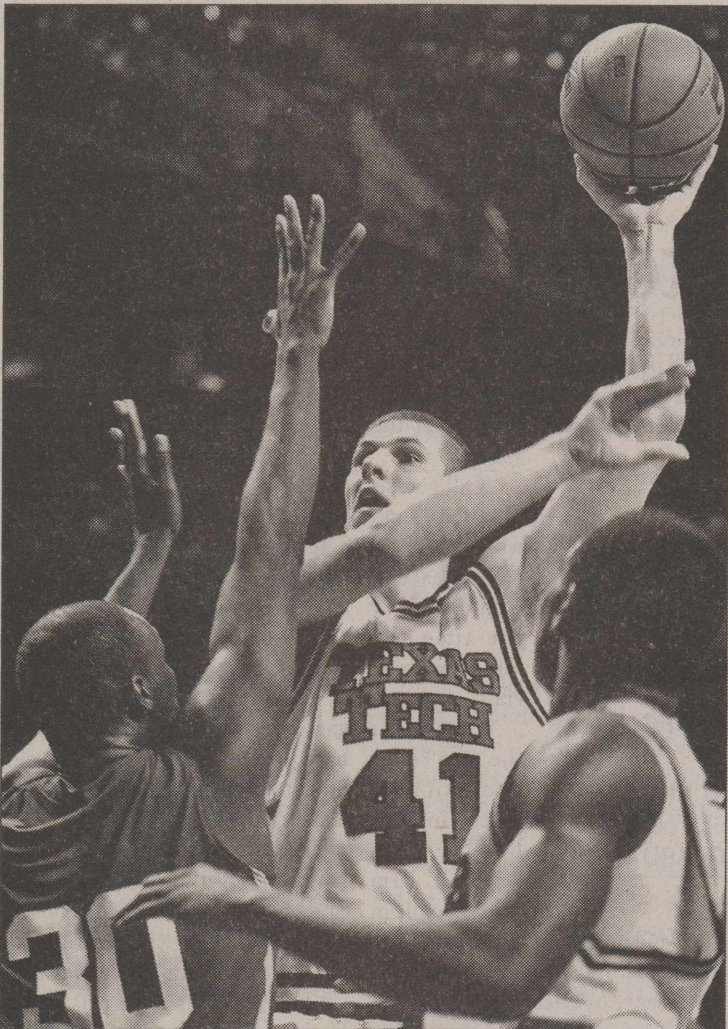


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TEXAS TECH SENIOR Damir Suljagic attempts a hook shot against an Oklahoma defender Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

outs, leaving guys who we told not to leave guys. It always happens at a crucial time when you're trying to make a run."

The Red Raiders head back on the road to face Colorado at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Boulder, Colo.

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## Campus shooting recalls grim memories for NIU basketball coach

CHICAGO (AP) — Northern Illinois coach Ricardo Patton was returning from a recruiting trip when he heard about the campus shooting. Immediately, his mind started racing.

He knew one son was OK. He couldn't reach the other one, though.

"Fortunately, our players were all together in practice," Patton said Monday during a conference call.

His son Michael is on the Northern Illinois basketball team and was at practice. Tracking down older son Ricardo Jr., a Huskies football player, wasn't as easy.

Last week, Steven Kazmierczak entered a science lecture with a shotgun and pistols. He killed five people while wounding 16 before taking his own life.

With the campus locked down, there was no cell phone access. It took a few hours for the coach to get hold of Ricardo Jr.

"That was a tense moment," the coach said. "But I was very prayerful that he was OK."

Patton said he understands what frantic parents were going through.

Having his sons there "certainly gives me a perspective about how parents might be feeling about their students being here on campus," he said. "We've had a wonderful experience here. There are some wonderful people. It's a great academic institution. Those things are still in place."

For Patton, the shootings jarred memories of the Columbine High School massacre in 1999. He was the head coach at Colorado at the time.

One of his players, Josh Townsend, lost a sister.

"I remember Josh Townsend's mother stating it was very important that Josh was part of the team, and it's no different now," Patton said.

He never envisioned encountering a similar scenario. Yet that's what he's doing 11 months after taking the job at a school in a bucolic community 65 miles west of Chicago.

He was heading back from a recruiting trip to California when an assistant coach called with the news. He remembered his Colorado team rallying around Townsend. Now, Patton expects the players to support each other when they return to campus Tuesday.

There will be no athletic competitions — home or away — until Feb. 25, when classes resume. For the men's basketball team, that means games against Western Michigan, Toledo and Tennessee State were called off. Patton thought only one might be rescheduled.

No NIU athletes were among the dead or wounded, although one men's soccer player was in the class when the gunman started firing. The school is offering grief counseling, and coaches already met with counselors.

"The biggest thing that we heard was to listen to our students about how they're feeling," Patton said. "You

certainly don't want to try to tell them how they're feeling. That's the biggest thing I got from it is that we need to listen to them. That's what we plan on doing — making sure that we clearly understand how they're feeling, and knowing that we all have our different ways of dealing with tragedy. We all have our different ways of grieving."

"Even though none of our players were actually in the classroom that day, we do have student-athletes that have class in that same lecture hall," he added. "Those students will certainly feel a little bit different than students that may not even have a class in that building."

How this affects the team remains to be seen. The Huskies are 6-17 overall and are fifth in the Mid-American Conference's six-team West division.

But there are bigger issues, bigger concerns.

"For me, it just confirms what I've always believed, and that is that our charge as coaches is greater than playing games," Patton said. "Our charge as coaches is to help mold and shape young people's lives and give them direction. The game is certainly secondary. It's more about going through the healing process that our student-athletes need."

## Pettitte hasn't spoken to Clemens for about a month

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Andy Pettitte has not spoken to Roger Clemens since giving a sworn statement which implicated his good friend in the use of human growth hormone.

"I think it's put a strain on our friendship," Pettitte said in an eagerly awaited news conference Monday at the New York Yankees' spring training complex.

Pettitte apologized to the Yankees, Houston Astros and his fans for the "embarrassment" he caused them by taking HGH.

Pettitte arrived at spring training earlier in the day and threw a bullpen session at the minor league complex. Later, he met reporters for about an hour.

"I never want a young person to do what I did," Pettitte said. "I'm sorry for the mistakes I have made."

Pettitte sat alone at a podium, taking dozens of questions. He often paused to collect his thoughts and several times patiently asked reporters "did I answer your question?"

It had been about a month since he had spoken to Clemens, Pettitte said.

"I can't even describe how uncomfortable a situation" this has been.

With Yankees teammates Derek Jeter, Mariano Rivera and Jorge Posada in attendance, along with two of his lawyers, Pettitte acknowledged he had considered not playing because of the ongoing situation.

"That wouldn't be the thing to do as a man. I felt like I needed to come out and face you guys and whatever circumstances that come I'll take it, I'll take it like a man and I'll try to do my job," he said.

Pettitte was excused from testifying publicly at a congressional hearing last week after he gave a deposition and an affidavit. In addition to his December admission that he used HGH for two days in 2002 while with the Yankees, he said he injected himself with HGH for one day in 2004 while with the Astros after obtaining two syringes from his father.

"I was never going to bring my dad up," he said.

Pettitte said there were no other times he used performance-enhancing drugs. "There are no other surprises out there," he said.

The 35-year-old lefty with 201 regular-season wins and four World Series championship rings said he did not feel as if his accomplishments were tainted.

"All I can tell you, from the bottom of my heart I know why I did this. I did it because I was told it might be able to help me," he said. "If people think I'm lying, then they should call me a cheater."

"Do I think I'm a cheater? No, I don't," he said. "Was it stupid? Yes, I was stupid. Was I desperate? Yes, I probably was."

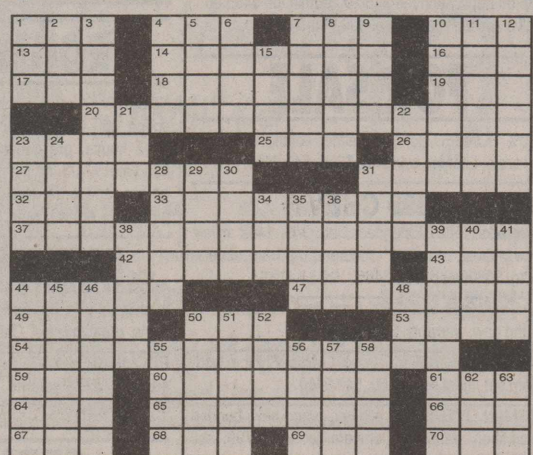
Pettitte said in his previous statement that Clemens had discussed nearly a decade ago using HGH. In addition, Pettitte testified Brian McNamee, the former personal trainer for Clemens and Pettitte, had spoken in 2003 or 2004 about steroids use by Clemens.

Clemens claims Pettitte "misremembered."

"I think Roger knows how I feel about him. He knows I've admired him and continue to admire him. He's a great friend to me," he said.

### THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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  - 7 Paulo
  - 10 Fitting
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