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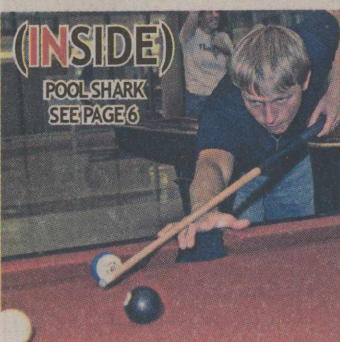
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(IN BRIEF)

### STATE

#### Record turnout projected in early voting

AUSTIN (AP) — Election authorities are preparing for massive turnout when early voting begins Monday at hundreds of polling sites across Texas.

From Houston to Lubbock, officials are projecting record participation, prompting authorities to add polling stations, haul in extra equipment and add workers. The early voting period begins Monday and ends Oct. 31. Those eligible to vote by mail must request ballots by Oct. 28.

Texans who miss early voting, of course, can vote the old-fashioned way on Election Day, Nov. 4, when polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. Early voting schedules and locations vary by county.

### NATION

#### Bush looks forward to hosting summit

CAMP DAVID, Md. (AP) — President Bush, looking for answers to a global economic emergency with just three months left in office, will host an international summit to discuss ways to fix the world financial system but warned on Saturday against reforms that threaten capitalism.

"We will work to strengthen and modernize our nations' financial systems so we can help ensure that this crisis doesn't happen again," Bush said at the Camp David presidential retreat.

### WORLD

#### Taliban kill around 30 people after stopping bus

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — Taliban militants stopped a bus traveling on Afghanistan's main highway through a dangerous part of the country's south, seized about 50 people on board and killed around 30 of them, officials said Sunday.

A Taliban spokesman took responsibility for the attack but claimed to have killed 27 Afghan army soldiers. Afghan officials said no soldiers were aboard and all the victims were civilians.

Militants stopped the bus traveling in a two-bus convoy in a Taliban-controlled area about 40 miles west of Kandahar, said provincial police chief Matiullah Khan.

### DEATH TOLL

4185

U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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## Shiites delay approval of US-Iraq pact

By ROBERT H. REID & QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD (AP) — Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's ruling Shiite coalition withheld support Sunday for the proposed security pact that would keep U.S. troops here for three more years, dealing a setback to American hopes of a speedy approval of the agreement.

The statement by the United Iraqi Alliance called for unspecified changes to the draft agreement, which parliament must ratify by the end of the year when the U.N. mandate expires.

The group's move comes a day after tens of thousands of demonstrators, mostly Shiites, took to the streets of Baghdad to show their opposition to the agreement.

The Shiite alliance holds 85 of parliament's 275 seats and al-Maliki needs solid support from the alliance to win approval of the agreement by a strong majority.

The 30 lawmakers loyal to anti-

American Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr have already said they will vote against the agreement, and some Sunni lawmakers have spoken out against it too.

In its statement, the alliance said the agreement, hammered out in months of difficult negotiations, contained some "positive points" but more time was needed "for discussion, dialogue and to amend some of its articles."

The alliance established a committee to solicit views and study the agreement in detail, the statement

added. Al-Maliki aide Yassin Majid said Sunday that the prime minister had postponed a planned visit this week to Australia to deal with the security agreement.

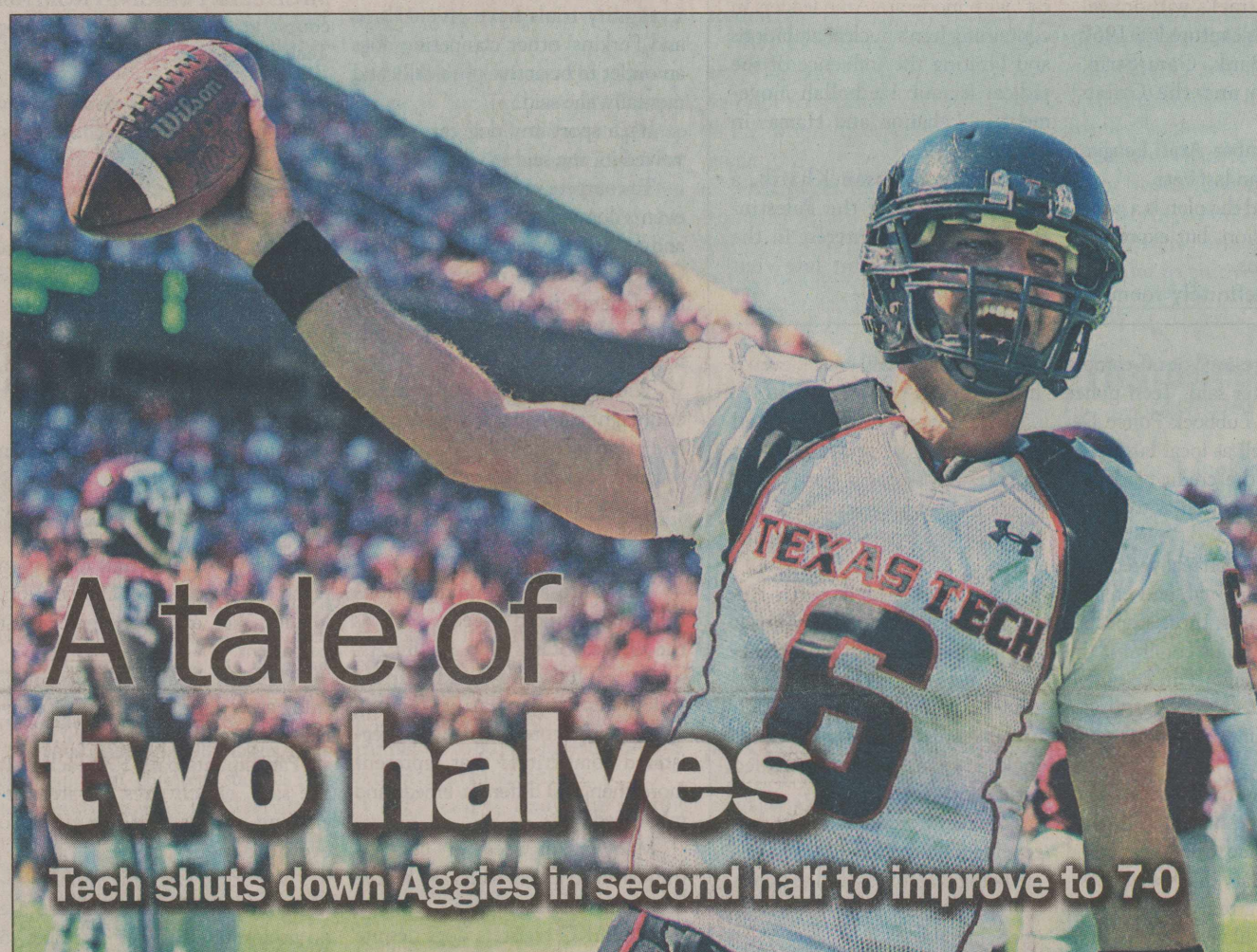
The alliance did not specify what it considered positive or negative, and Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari warned it would be difficult to reopen negotiations.

The agreement provides for American troops to leave Baghdad and other Iraqi cities by the end of June and withdraw from the country entirely by the end of 2011 unless

the government asks them to stay.

It would also give Iraq limited authority to prosecute U.S. soldiers and contractors for crimes committed off post and off duty, limit U.S. authority to search homes and detain people and give Iraqis more say in the conduct of American military operations.

Al-Maliki aide Sami al-Askari told The Associated Press that several members of the alliance wanted to remove language allowing the government to ask any Americans to stay beyond the end of 2011.



## A tale of two halves

Tech shuts down Aggies in second half to improve to 7-0

PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH QUARTERBACK Graham Harrell scores the final touchdown of the game Saturday at Kyle Field in College Station.

By ALEX YBARRA  
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COLLEGE STATION — Texas Tech football coach Mike Leach used a more laid-back approach to the usual halftime speech with his team trailing Texas A&M by three points on Saturday.

"It was more of a relaxation session than anything," he said. "No fire and brimstone this time."

The method worked.

In what proved to be two completely different games, the Red Raiders overpowered the Aggies in the second half, winning 43-25 in front of 86,012 fans at Kyle Field on Saturday. Tech has won 11 of the last 14 games against Texas A&M, including the last four, which gives the Red Raiders a 7-0 start for the first time since 1976.

Tech quarterback Graham Harrell threw for 450 yards and three touchdowns on 44-of-56 passing while adding two rushing touchdowns. Receiver Michael Crabtree reached the end zone twice in another balanced passing attack that resulted in four receivers gaining more than 70 receiving yards. Running back Baron Batch added 88 yards and two

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## Tech police investigating thefts, burglaries

By JON VANDERLAAN  
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The Texas Tech Police Department is looking for several suspects believed to be involved in a "rash" of thefts and burglaries during the last several weeks.

Lt. David Parker with the Tech police investigations division said several reported thefts of wallets, checkbooks, electronics and other valuables have prompted the department to search for several suspects, whom apparently have no relationship.

Several reports were made to Tech police in the last few weeks of a person stealing wallets and purses from desks in offices, even when the victim is several feet away or other people are in the office. Parker said the reports are true, but the department is looking at several suspects for these crimes instead of only one.

In relation to the thefts and other recent crimes including vehicle burglaries, the department is looking for two black males, one in his 50s or 60s and the other in his 30s, two Hispanic males, both in their early 20s, and several white males. He said the department has arrested several groups of suspected criminals found with stolen credit cards and other pieces of evidence.

Parker said several locations have been singled out as places where the thefts and burglaries occurred, including the Administration building, Foreign Language building, Student Union Building, Music building, Architecture building, Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center and several parking lots on campus.

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## Hundreds gather to pray for Lubbock's homeless, unite for new facility

By MATT MCGOWAN  
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Kerry Mullins said he has been homeless since an eye injury caused him to lose his job working in electronics eight months ago.

The 57-year-old spent Saturday night sleeping at Lubbock's Mahon Library.

And he was not alone.

Hundreds of other Lubbockites gathered Saturday evening at the downtown library to pray for the city's homeless and to call attention to a need for a homeless shelter in the area.

"Most other cities have programs that give you a place to stay," Mullins said. "Any good shelter to help people has these types of programs. Lubbock really has nothing to help the homeless."

Several local Christian organizations hosted the prayer vigil, beginning with a video about homelessness before more than an hour of group prayer led by more than a dozen concerned citizens — some of whom had homes, some of whom did not.

Jaime Wheeler, one of the event's organizers, said the vigil's organizers wanted to express their concern about what appears to be a deplorable

insensitivity in Lubbock for its homeless population.

"We just felt like the city would do something if they really knew how bad the situation was," she said. "There are a good 300-plus homeless people in Lubbock. We really do feel like our city cares. Our city is full of good people, but their eyes haven't been opened as much as they could be."

Among those in attendance was County Judge Rusty Ladd, who said a thought occurred to him recently as he sentenced a man to incarceration.

"I realized that when we send somebody to jail," he said, "we take better care of them than we take care of the law-biding people out here."

The Rev. Barry Ferguson of Lubbock's Saint Benedict's Reformed Catholic Church, a man who said he spent years on the street before joining the Army, asked the group to look around and take note of how many city officials they saw in the crowd.

Acknowledging Ladd's presence, he said

few city officials know or care about the growing homelessness problem in Lubbock.

The causes of homelessness often are misunderstood, Mullins said, and many citizens are too quick to judge those who do not have a place to hang their hat. Like Mullins, some have lost their jobs because of an injury or disability, but their homelessness has many other causes.

"Most of the people around here, they have family problems," he said. "They've lost their jobs or they're addicted to drugs. I've also seen a lot of mental problems. A lot of them have mental problems."

Mullins said local teenagers sometimes get a kick out of shooting paint balls at the homeless who go to the library to sleep.

Ferguson encouraged Lubbock's more fortunate to be more caring and open-hearted when they see homeless people, asking them not to judge.

"The bottom line is this: You're here because you care," Ferguson said. "We have a little motto at our little chapel:

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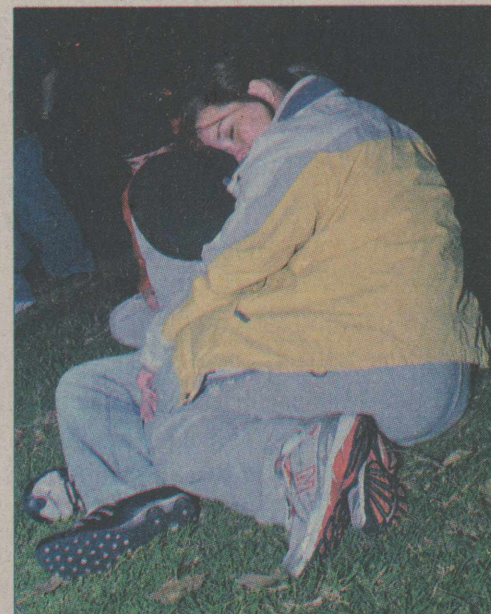
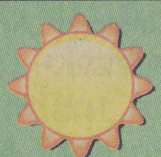


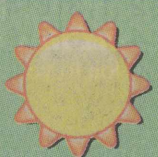
PHOTO BY RUBEN CASTILLO/The Daily Toreador  
EMILY EBAUCH, A senior English major from Richardson, and John Lidell, a senior mechanical engineer major from Fort Davis, bundle up at the Mahon Library Saturday night during "Lie Down to Stand Up," a Christian event protesting the lack of homeless shelters in Lubbock.



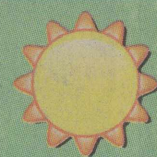
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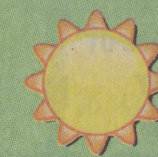
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## Tech Mesonet wins national recognition

Texas Tech's West Texas Mesonet team was presented with the 2008 Larry R. Johnson Special Award from the National Weather Association during a luncheon at the NWA Conference in Louisville last week.

The award is presented to an individual or a group to recognize unique events or extraordinary accomplishments that significantly contribute to operational meteorology, according to a Tech news release.

The West Texas Mesonet research team members are Brian Hirth and Ross Williamson, faculty director John Schroeder and operations manager Wes Burgett. Burgett attended the conference to accept the award. "We've been working on the project since 1999," Burgett said. "The nomination from the National Weather Association was a surprise."

The network demonstrated its importance to the people of the South Plains region during the recent flood event when the Mesonet Web site received more than 250,000 hits from more than 5,000 unique visitors, according to the release.

The two-day total number of hits for September 11-12, the entire heavy rain event, was 251,762 hits and 5,362 unique visitors.

On Sept. 12 the site received 156,946 hits — a single day record, from 3,347 unique visitors.

The full title of the award to the research team is "For the design and implementation of a real-time, free-access weather observation and dissemination system to improve forecasts, watches, warnings, agricultural and climatological services for the residents of West Texas," Burgett said.

The West Texas Mesonet has 54 stations in 36 counties covering West Texas and Eastern New Mexico, Burgett said.

Station number 54 was recently added in San Angelo in partnership with Angelo State University.

Real-time weather and agricultural information is provided free to a wide range of users, according to the release, including the general public, agricultural interests and the wind power industry.

More information about the West Texas Mesonet can be located at the Mesonet Web site, [www.mesonet.ttu.edu](http://www.mesonet.ttu.edu).

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## Barak: Israel considering Saudi peace plan

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli leaders are seriously considering a dormant Saudi plan offering a comprehensive peace between Israel and the Arab world in exchange for lands captured during the 1967 war, Defense Minister Ehud Barak said Sunday.

Barak said it may be time to pursue an overall peace deal for the region since individual negotiations with Syria and the Palestinians have made little progress.

Barak said he has discussed the Saudi plan with Prime Minister-designate Tzipi Livni, who is in

the process of forming a new Israeli government, and that Israel is considering a response.

Saudi Arabia first proposed the peace initiative in 2002, offering pan-Arab recognition of Israel in exchange for Israel's withdrawal from Arab lands captured in 1967 — the West Bank, Gaza Strip, east Jerusalem and the Golan Heights.

The 22-member Arab League endorsed the plan last year.

Israel has said the plan is a good basis for discussion, but expressed some reservations.

"There is definitely room to

introduce a comprehensive Israeli plan to counter the Saudi plan that would be the basis for a discussion on overall regional peace," Barak told Israel's Army Radio.

He noted the "deep, joint interest" with moderate Arab leaders in containing Iran's nuclear ambitions and limiting the influence of the radical Islamic Hezbollah movement in Lebanon and Hamas in Gaza.

Analyst Ghassan Khatib, a former minister in the Palestinian Cabinet, said interest in the plan was "a little bit late" but welcome.

## Thefts

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None of the arrested suspects were students, he said, and while there are isolated student crimes, most crime on campus is committed by non-students.

An unusual fact about the recent thefts and burglaries is the time they are occurring, Parker said, with the majority of the crimes occurring between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on work days. He said he believes this is probably because offices are unlocked and valuables are left in the open.

While the department already has taken several suspected criminals "off the streets," Parker said, the crimes continue to occur.

"Well, we've identified several subjects over the past few weeks," he said. "For every one that we take off the street, there seems to be five or six more to take their place."

Because stolen credit cards and

checks often are used at off-campus locations, Parker said, Tech police work with the Lubbock Police Department as well as local businesses to find where the credit cards and checks are used as well as to obtain video surveillance.

Property has been recovered from some suspects, he said, and charges are pending against those suspects.

While he cannot confirm if the suspects are armed, Parker said it is possible a suspect is carrying a weapon any time a crime is committed.

When a criminal is successful in committing a crime, he said, they generally continue to use the method of theft or burglary that was successful in previous attempts. Because of this, it is most likely that the individuals stealing from offices are the same individuals each time, and the suspects stealing from vehicles are a separate set of individuals.

However, Parker said, any opportunity a thief is given to steal

something, they will take it, even if it breaks their proven method.

The department has several surveillance tapes and still photos of potential suspects, but he said Tech police must connect the person in the tapes with the actual crime.

Cpl. Jack Floyd, with the crime prevention division of the department, said most thefts are crimes of opportunity, and students and employees of Tech always must keep belongings locked, even when unattended for a short time.

A recent trend of thefts has revealed iPods and cell phones are being targeted as well as purses and handbags, even when in the open, he said.

If a person works in an open lobby or reception area, Floyd said, they should lock their belongings in a desk drawer, even if leaving the area for a short time.

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## Man's best friends in Lubbock strut their stuff, compete in agility trials

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Lubbock has gone to the dogs. Ramps, jumps and powerful pooches filled the Texas Tech Equestrian Center this weekend as the South Plains Obedience and Training Club of Lubbock hosted American Kennel Club agility trials.

About 150 purebred dogs from Texas and surrounding states demonstrated their athleticism in obstacle courses based on three levels of competition: novice, open (advanced) and excellent (superior).

The competing canines are working toward their AKC agility titles.

Running through the course is a workout for the dog handlers too, said Michelle Perkins, an Abilene resident and owner of Hope, a miniature schnauzer and AKC breed champion.

Participants get a "huge adrenaline rush," she said, by running with their dog and working as a team.

"It's fun to train your dog," Perkins said, "and have something to show for."

Agility trials have given Hope and Perkins' other competing dogs an outlet to be active physically and mentally, she said.

It's a sport any dog can get involved in, she said.

To compete in AKC performance events dogs must be AKC registered and at least 1 year old, said Ronda Clark, a Lubbock veterinarian and board member at the SPOTC. They also need to be "structurally sound" to do the activities.

The course is designed for different height categories in order to test and judge each dog fairly, Clark said. Smaller dogs are in a different class than larger dogs.

Not an owner of a purebred dog? No problem.

There are agility competitions that allow mixed breeds, such as the United States Dog Agility Association, Inc., the world's largest independent association for dog agility with more than 30,000 registered competitors that represent more than 200 different breeds and mix-breeds.

Many of this weekend's competing canines, Clark said, are rescue dogs from animal shelters.

The AKC registers dogs despite their past, Perkins said. Dogs do not necessarily have to come from responsible owners, they can be rescue dogs too.

"Rescuing is just as important to us," Perkins said, "as what we do here."



PHOTO BY KAT HILSABECK/The Daily Toreador

MICHELLE PERKINS FROM Abilene and her dog Hope run the obstacle course at the AKC All Breed Dog Agility Trials Saturday at the Texas Tech Equestrian Center.

But athleticism is not the only thing some dogs have to show off — they're lookers too.

Cheryl Nichols, a Lubbock competitor and teacher at the SPOTC, said her Shetland sheepdogs, J. Crew and Eddie, are confirmation — or beauty competition winners.

Eddie received the title of "cutest sheltie in the world," Nichols said, but J. Crew is the younger and more athletic one.

Some breeds are easier to train than others, said Nichols, who swore by the athleticism and companionship of Shetland sheepdogs.

However, it takes time for dogs to reach a higher level of competition, Nichols said, and the handler must be patient.

The agility trials give dogs something athletic to do with their owners, Clark said, at a small cost.

Participants paid \$30 each day, she said, which goes toward purchasing awards that are given to every dog.

"We don't earn any money doing this," Clark said. "There are no professionals. We're just here to have fun."

A canine lover herself with four dogs, Clark said she and other participants understand and respect that dogs are not humans but remain an integral part of the family.

"We want people to see that there are more things you can do with your dog, like agility training, that can strengthen the bond between a dog and their owner," she said.

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### AKC dog registration supports:

- Kennel inspections that monitor the care and conditions at kennels across the United States.
- AKC Canine Health Foundation that funds research projects to study the genetics of canines and their diseases.
- Organizations for professional and volunteer search-and-rescue canines.
- Canine Good Citizen program, which is designed to reward dogs who have good manners at home and in public.
- Spreading awareness and education to the public about responsible dog ownership, dog care and training.
- Government relations department, which monitors and provides input for local, state and federal legislation about responsible dog ownership.
- AKC Museum of the Dog in St. Louis, Mo., which contains one of the world's largest collections of dog-inspired fine arts.
- DNA profiling for the purpose of parentage verification and genetic identity to ensure reliable registration records.

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Puzzles by PageFiller

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## Annual Grape Day draws student bicyclists

BY HANNAH BOEN  
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Ten bicyclists left Texas Tech's Outdoor Pursuits Center on Saturday morning for a 12-mile ride to the Llano Estacado Winery.

Two flat tires and an hour and 15 minutes later, the cyclists were tasting wine and listening to live music at the 15th annual Grape Day.

"It was a great ride," said Kenny Williams, who led the group of riders, "all different kinds of people met up today for this."

Williams, a senior marketing and management major from Dallas, said the rides he leads from the OPC have definitely been successful, and he hopes to see them grow.

The group of bikers consisted primarily of Tech students, but that did not stop Tech professors Francesca di Poppa and Peter Muhlberger from jumping on the chance to jump on their bicycles.

Peter Muhlberger, a visiting professor and director of the Center for Communications Research, said he and di Poppa's bicycles rarely hit the streets of Lubbock because of the lack of sidewalks and bike routes; so they were excited to get the bikes out for Grape Day.

Philosophy professor Francesca



PHOTO BY RUBEN CASTILLO/The Daily Toreador

PETER MUHLBERGER, A visiting professor in the College of Mass Communications, and Francesca di Poppa, a philosophy professor, arrive at the Llano Estacado Winery for Grape Day on Saturday. Both participated in a group bike ride that rode from Tech campus to the winery.

ANGIE RAMPY OF Lubbock pours wine at Grape Day, a wine festival held Saturday at the Llano Estacado Winery.



PHOTO BY RUBEN CASTILLO/The Daily Toreador

di Poppa said the event was a great excuse to air up their bike tires again.

"Sometimes you need to just do things once," she said. "Other professors should not feel self-conscious about coming out here with students."

People of all ages participated in Grape Day activities, including ice, cheese and watermelon carving demonstrations by ice chef Robert Tuthill.

Tuthill said he lives in Lubbock and has been doing the demonstrations for the winery for 12 of the 15 years Grape Day has been celebrated.

He said he enjoys the demonstrations because he can interact with the crowd. Some of those watching his demonstrations were sprayed with ice shavings or tried a sample of the cheese from his carving.

Dusty Duke, the winery's tast-

ing room director, said he expected 2,500 to 3,000 people at the event and hoped some of them would be students.

"We like having students come out," he said, "and there's no reason not to today because we have a TV where they can watch the game."

Duke said he was glad to see students arrive on their bicycles, which did not surprise him, considering the high cost of gasoline. He

hopes Grape Day offered people a way to enjoy an interesting event close to home.

Students and Lubbock residents supported the team from the winery, wearing red and black and crowding around the television to watch the game.

Senior electrical engineering major Scott Blayr attended Grape Day for the second time Saturday. This year, he brought two friends with him to enjoy wine and food.

"There's great wine and great food," said the Austin native. "You just can't beat it."

Freshman Andrew Salazar said he has not ridden with the group from the OPC before, but may take advantage of the group rides now that he knows they're available.

"It's hard to find people to ride with who aren't competitive," said the art major from Lubbock. "I just do this for fun."

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## Harvard professor sues Google for "typesquatting"

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For a company with the motto of "don't be evil," Google has come under increasing fire from critics in recent years for actions that some consider less than well-intentioned.

One of these is now drawing scrutiny from Harvard Business School professor Benjamin G. Edelman, who has filed a class action lawsuit against Google for its decision to contract with "typesquatting" Web sites to place advertisements on these sites.

A typesquatting Web site has an address almost identical to that of another Web site, and is designed to capitalize on internet users' typos by exposing them to advertisements, according to

Edelman, whose research focuses on electronic marketplaces and online advertising fraud.

Typesquatting Web sites usually display ads related to the topic of the intended Web site. If the user clicks on one of the ad links—which often include the Web site the user was originally trying to reach—then the typesquatter will receive revenue.

Typesquatters usually target Web sites aimed at children, such as cartoonnetwork.com, or the Web sites of companies with names that are easily misspelled. But highly-trafficked sites, such as that of Bank of America, are also often targeted.

Every time someone clicks on a Google-supplied ad on a typesquatting site, the advertiser pays Google, which

keeps a portion of the money and passes along the rest of it to the company or individual hosting the typesquatting site.

In effect, Edelman is accusing Google and typesquatting companies of profiting from the misuse of other companies' trademarks.

According to Edelman, industry sources suggest that Google pays its partners 50 to 80 percent of the revenue it receives from advertisers.

"It's hard to know the specific amount of revenue Google earns from typesquatting sites," Edelman said. "But it's not hard to identify a large number of typesquatting sites—as many as a million or more."

Just as a thought experiment, Edelman estimated that if each typesquat-

ting site earns \$25 from Google each year, Google would charge advertisers between \$32 and \$50 per year to place ads on just one of these sites.

"With a million domains, that would be 32 to 50 million dollars of gross revenue for Google," Edelman said.

But Edelman said that he thinks that these estimates are too conservative, and suggested that there are likely more than one million typesquatting domains and that the \$25-per-year estimate for typesquatters' revenue is too low.

The class action lawsuit represents any American trademark holder whose Web sites have been targeted by typesquatters. The lawsuit names Google and several large typesquatting companies as defendants.

## Homeless

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"Don't look down on anyone unless you're helping them up."

Mark Stone, a 54-year-old who until two years ago had been homeless in Lubbock, said he spent two and a half years on and off the streets of the Hub City, during which time he learned that many people are not tolerant of the homeless because they fail to understand the severity of their situation.

While Lubbock's Salvation Army provides shelter for many of the local homeless, he said, the lone entity does not have the resources to properly care for the entire population

of those without a place to call home.

The few possessions homeless people do have, such as bed rolls and clothes, often get lost or stolen when their owners don't have a secure place to store them, Stone said. When a homeless person loses his or her possessions, it can be devastating because it takes a long time to "scrounge up" enough money to replace those belongings.

"Yeah, you have the bad elements," he said. "You just kind of have to duck and dodge and weave with what you have until you can get out of it. Think about that. It's hard. Think about it from that perspective."

He smiled and paused. "But it can be done."

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## Growing interest in environment creates boom in job market

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Growing national concern for the environment has caused a boom in the U.S. job market that some say hasn't been seen since the Industrial Revolution almost a century ago.

By 2030, the number of environment-related jobs is expected to reach 40 million because of the creation of energy-efficient industries, reported the American Solar Energy Society. In Florida alone, the growing need for alternative energy could produce more than 120,000 jobs in the next two years, according to a report released last month by the Political Economy

Research Institute at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

This means that students studying sustainability at the University of South Florida shouldn't have a hard time finding a job when they graduate, said Connie Mizak, instructor and undergraduate advisor in the environmental science and policy program. Renewable energy and energy-efficient industries were responsible for the creation of nearly 8.5

million jobs in 2006, according to the American Solar Energy Society.

"Environmental science and policy graduates won't have to worry about outsourcing," Mizak said. "They are

going to be out there taking samples and analyzing them. You need people here in the U.S. to study the environment and come up with ways to protect [it]."

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## Mavericks should unite, bring forth real change

By DANIEL DUNN  
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My friends, we need to fundamentally change the way our government operates. It would be useless to sit by and have experts come up with solutions to the crises Americans are facing. We must act quickly, irresponsibly and without foresight. The only people capable of fixing our problems are politicians.

It's common sense, of course. They created these problems, so naturally they must have the solutions for them. You may not agree, but let me assure you that their methods are flawless. The United States needs leaders with the ability to razzle-dazzle the public with thoughtless proposals and empty promises. The investigative process for public officials should be vigorous, but limited to their use of rhetoric. One must evoke the essence of puppy dogs and sunshine to hold center stage.

If a particular candidate is unable to do this, the more negative option must be employed. A candidate who smears his or her opponent with vacuous and venomous claims is nobler than the political pacifist who thinks it's somehow honorable to stick to the issues.

Much like the rest of American politics, change can only come by saying it over and over again. This is

why I propose enacting a federal law mandating that every citizen chant "change" every hour, on the hour. For those who are unconvinced and consider the dissenting opinion and philosophy of change treasonous, a compromise could be made to add "country first" to the vociferous vocalizations. This type of forward thinking could only come from a maverick, and it is going to take a maverick to get the job done.

When it comes to fiscal responsibility, a maverick realizes it's the economy, stupid. Our money doesn't need to be insured or backed by any sort of tangible standard. If we elect mavericks, our currency will be immediately backed by guns, flag pins, bald eagles and the scent of fear from our communist enemies. "In Maverick We Trust."

Mavericks are never out of touch with mainstream America. Lost your job? Not the maverick's fault. Maybe you should've been acting more like a maverick and that wouldn't have happened. A maverick in the hand — or in this case, new administration — is worth two in the Bush.

Mavericks are spot-on when it comes to foreign policy. The country can no longer stay the course, but it also cannot cut and run. Mavericks never cut and run.

I'm pretty sure Theodore Roosevelt once said, "Speak softly, and carry a big maverick." I once saw a maverick

save seven unborn American children from a bear by simply mentioning Ronald Reagan's name and — get this — the bear was Russian.

Perhaps the best quality of mavericks is their integrity. There's no need to worry about any unethical activity with a maverick because mavericks only play by their own rules, and they're so mavericky that they don't play by those either. A maverick once said, "I am not a crook." Mavericks are never crooks. Mavericks try it, but never inhale.

Ask not what your country can do for you, but what a maverick can do for your country. "Ich bin ein Berliner," misspoke JFK in West Berlin. This can be translated to mean "I am a jelly doughnut." What he really meant to say was: "Ich bin ein Maverick."

Make no mistake: You can be a maverick too. Don't be confused by all the vague "this one" and "that one" speak. What those political candidates really mean is: We are the mavericks we've been waiting for. All it takes is a little bit of practice. Say it to yourself: "Yes, we can (be mavericks)!"

Just remember, a maverick always puts the country first. If you're looking to subvert the perfect political philosophy I have envisioned with thoughts of policy reform and "facts," you'd be better off sending those ideas to the liberal media at Fox News.

## Joe the Plumber steals Joe Six-Pack's thunder

By BENTLEY FERRAINA  
DAILY NORTHWESTERN  
(NORTHWESTERN U.)

Dear Joe the Plumber, I heard a lot about you during this week's debate. Maybe you've heard of me. My name's Joe Six-Pack, and I'm the man. I was the most important guy in America until you came along with your blank gray T-shirt, blank shaved head and easily exploitable story.

I was that blank dude once. I remember when all the politicians talked about ol' Joe Six-Pack. Hell, it was just last week. Back then I was America worth fighting for. I'm that middle-class, moderate white male with a chip and a gun on his shoulder. I have a pick-up truck, 2.5 kids and apparently a drinking problem. But I also have a hard time making ends meet.

I want to send those 2.5 kids to college so they don't become Junior Six-Packs. And according to Sarah

Palin, I pal around with hockey moms, whatever the hell those are. Joe Six-Pack doesn't even like hockey.

But they say you're the new me now. That's great. I was really just a voiceless symbol for politicians and columnists to exploit. You're the real deal. Right now you represent every Jane Doe, John Q. Public and Joe Schmo ever mentioned, and you have something most Americans feel they lack: a voice.

I saw that video of you talking to Barack Obama and I liked what I saw — not what Obama said but what you did. You entered that conversation knowing you'd vote for McCain no matter what. Obama probably couldn't tell you anything to win your vote. But you weren't Palin-esque about it. You listened to Obama. You gave him a fair shake. Here's a man who told you something you didn't want to hear. He was honest and forthright with you, and he wanted to make sure you knew where he stood. Maybe you disagreed with him, but was he the monster the McCain-Palin campaign described?

Now you're in a unique position to ask the voters and the candidates to follow your lead and to hear each other out. You'll probably do more interviews in these next two days than Palin will do during the entire campaign. Tell them that Joe Six-Pack is tired of hearing all the bitching and moaning and name-calling. Before you become just another footnote in Wikipedia, remind the candidates who they're fighting for right now. We're, in fact, not just Joe Six-Packs.

We're not unengaged. We're not uninformed. We're not uneducated, unsuccessful or unaware. We're unimpressed. A lot of us don't know who we're for right now because we don't know who's for us.

Well, you know who you're for: You support John McCain. You don't like taxes, and he sounds like he doesn't either. You're voting with your wallet and selling your vote to the highest bidder. That's the American dream.

Sincerely,  
Joe Six-Pack

## Creating safe spaces for knowledge

By SARAH LEONARD  
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Contrary to popular belief, humanities courses are not meant to facilitate the passing of knowledge from wise, old professors to eager, young students but rather to indoctrinate students with an inscrutable pseudo-scientific jargon, vomited from the depths of Derrida's tortured soul.

In the natural sciences, technical terms have necessarily been developed to describe brand-new phenomena. But the liberal arts have adopted a vague vocabulary with two functions. It is a gauntlet thrown down to the students daring to think they can understand academia, and it is an infinitely moldable putty for filling careless cracks in theories and information.

An academic willingness to skim along on a smooth surface of jargon may simply be lazy, but to the stu-

dent, it is one more way to sequester academic knowledge in an elite and unknowable realm.

But please, theory wonks, don't think we are "othering" you. While we are interested in problematizing current jargon and perhaps reifying our discontent, we would merely like to explore the tension inherent in creating a safe academic space that constantly exploits the exclusivity of language.

Jesus Christ. Let's try that again.

We are not really condemning the more esoteric areas of study but rather trying to gain some perspective on the language used to describe their abundant theories. In fact, the use of more colloquial, clear and specific language would allow more democratic access to the theories. Specific terminology can of course be an irreplaceable tool in understanding complex ideas. The problem is that this academic language is not always specific or conducive to learning.

This is unfortunate given the unbelievable opportunities for knowledge available at Columbia. It may hit you when you are descending the marble staircases in Butler at 3 a.m., or when your seminar runs a half hour overtime, or when you end up in a conversation about comparative welfare states in 1020. We vibrate at such a high frequency that the number of opportunities can be overwhelming.

Many of us spend four years striving valiantly to pack all the classes we find exciting into eight short semesters. How many times have you heard that "Major Debates with Mamdani changed my life!" or "Hey, my professor wrote my high school textbook!"

But the ivory tower is not an immediately warm host. In seeking an education, students must ingratiate themselves by mastering lofty vocabulary. Even if professors are not deliberately contributing to this atmosphere, there is still pressure among students to spout off in rather unnecessary terminology. The effect is hard to deny. Students think they sound smarter than other students when they use certain words, creating shibboleths for the academic elite. The keys to academia become

lexicon instead of logic, rhetoric instead of reflection.

Part of the problem may stem from efforts by the humanities departments to differentiate between their approaches. An anthropologist confronts an issue from a different perspective than that of a historian or a sociologist, and therefore seeks a slightly different vocabulary to reinforce the difference. At some level, however, this has descended into frivolousness. In our age of interdisciplinary studies, efforts at differentiation often seem unnecessary, even petty.

As students, we must accept our culpability as well. Try as we might to deny it, there is something sexy about speaking the cool kid language. No one wants to get caught looking up "epistemology" on Wikipedia. Somehow we all contribute to the culture, an unhappy byproduct of our communal love of learning. That, and our Hobbesian competition for grad school recommendations.

So, besides our collective sanity, what's at stake? We would argue the honesty of our own conversations, academic or otherwise. When someone talks about the "other," they are making nonspecific reference to elements of oppression, unfamiliarity, and fear. All "others" are not the same, and yet we can spend at least one session of every post-colonial class dedicated to arguing over who is and is not the "other" without actually learning anything new. These traps make it easy to sound intellectual without having genuinely engaged with the issues.

Perhaps by eliminating jargon like "other," we would be forced to more accurately describe what we are discussing. Rather than being "othering," is an action racist? Provincial? There are a million ways in which oppression can occur, and we reject the idea that there is anything productive about coming up with blanket terms, shiny and new from the pomposity wing of the Academy.

We would like to clarify that this is not an attack on elevated speech or eloquent expression. We are not out to attack "elitist liberal universities." In fact, we're huge word dorks. But accuracy is critical to the effective use of language in academia. If we are to take advantage of Columbia's embarrassment of academic riches, we may have to rethink the way we talk about them.

## Our sonic youth: playlists transform dating process

By JILLIAN J. GOODMAN  
HARVARD CRIMSON (HARVARD)

It's a classic love story: Girl walks up to boy wearing headphones and says "Hey, what's on your playlist?"

As he recites the amazing number of artists stored on his tiny digital media player (this classic love story is also a commercial), time revs forward through their courtship, wedding, children's birthdays and finally settles on the two of them with silver hair and bifocals.

On the most superficial level, the spot simply advertises the tremendous storage capacity of Verizon's latest phone. But what it's really appealing to is one of our deepest, darkest, most neurotic obsessions: the playlist. "What's on your playlist?" is the "What's your sign?" of the new millennium. We're too indie for astrology anymore.

The playlist-check is the ultimate Information Age interaction. There, in glowing black and white, is a complete set of personal information. Conversation? Unnecessary. Just scan the iPod. Within it lies infinite personality indicators. What are his 25 most played? Is she a rater? How long did it take him to get the new TV on the Radio album? It's like a fingerprint with nuance.

There is no denying the link between music preference and personality. In a series of studies conducted in 2003, researchers at the University of Texas-Austin scientifically demonstrated the correlation not only between musical taste and personality, but also between artistic preferences and cognitive ability.

According to the study, Joni Mitchell listeners are actually more likely to be wimpy liberals (music that was reflective and complex correlated positively with political liberalism and negatively with athleticism), while Shania Twain listeners are usually redneck conservatives (upbeat and conventional music correlated negatively with both liberalism and verbal ability).

We might still have to talk to each other to find out all of this information if not for the iPod. It's like a dream: All the music you own (or, if you have the iPod Touch with wireless Internet, all the music you could ever want and then some)

is in the palm of your hand. Constantly.

Since its launch in Oct. 2001, Apple has sold over 140 million iPods, with sales quadrupling from 2003 to 2004, and again from 2004 to 2005. The iPod isn't the only digital media player walking the streets, nor was it the first, but no one has been able to match its ubiquity.

But as Apple's control of the music player industry got more and more totalitarian, our musical taste got more and more democratic. Nirvana took indie mainstream in the 1990s, and once the Internet made it cheap for smaller labels and amateur acts to get their music to consumers, it was a sonic free-for-all.

MP3 players, MySpace and Facebook all made it easier to display your taste, as well, and suddenly the hipster was a public figure. Question: How many hipsters does it take to change a lightbulb? Answer: You don't know?

This obsession is insidious. Science has proven that musical taste is a perfectly valid personality indicator, but the hipster persona has boiled it down to a dark, bitter, cynical syrup. Speaking as someone who is more confident in her personality than in her playlist, this cannot be healthy.

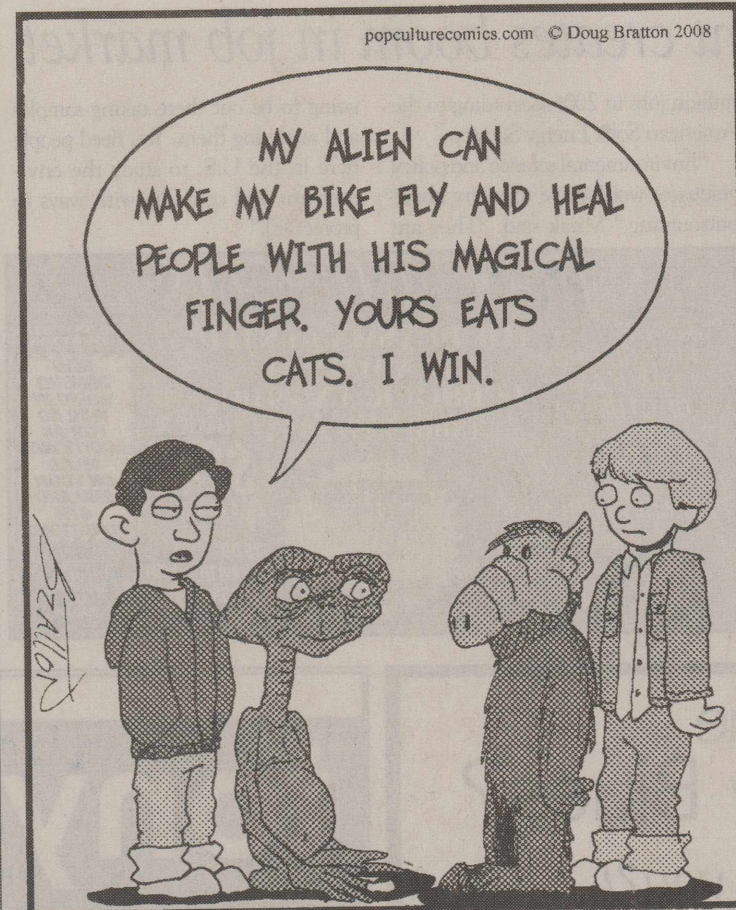
Perhaps you think I'm overstating the level of the obsession. If commercials and studies haven't convinced you that the playlist has grown too large in the cultural mind, I'll draw your attention to the recent film "Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist."

Two misunderstood teens fall in love over a series of break-up mixes and a passion for the indie-est of fictional indie bands, Where's Fluffy? At one point, while scrolling through Nick's iPod, Norah proclaims, "We are musical soulmates."

In a streak of wild coincidence, they are also regular soulmates. They are shy, defensive, insecure soulmates who never would have met had a screenwriter not thrown them together. Why? It was easier for her to listen to his mix CDs than to get his number and give him a call. She could know him without actually getting to know him.

In the information age — or

the iPod age — or the indie age, or whatever, music is self-defense. In his New York Times review, film critic A. O. Scott observed, "The tunes that play alongside their nocturnal adventure express longing, sadness, anxiety and joy with more intensity than they can muster themselves." Sounds pretty good to me. Maybe I'll put those tunes on my playlist.



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# 'W.' not Oscar-worthy, but definitely worth a gander

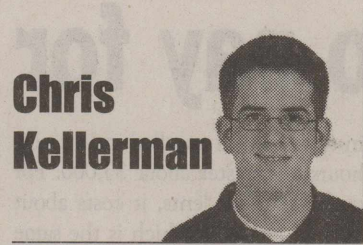
Let me go ahead and answer the questions you have about this movie: Yes, it's good. No, it's not liberal propaganda.

This is not a film that will stand alongside "Fahrenheit 9/11" or other anti-Bush material. Director Oliver Stone is uncharacteristically fair to President George W. Bush throughout.

And for movie buffs, yes, Stone finally has his groove back.

Don't get me wrong. "W." isn't great by any means, but it's interesting. It's slow in some parts, and there's one embarrassingly bad element. But overall, "W." is an enjoyable film that will appeal to Texas Tech students of all political ideologies.

"W." is a light-hearted drama that takes a look at Bush's (played by Josh Brolin) unlikely rise to the presidency. Beginning with an Oval



**Chris Kellerman**

Office meeting in which the term "axis of evil" is coined, the film realizes and fantasizes some of the more important closed-door conversations that must have occurred during Bush's first term. We see flashbacks throughout the film of Bush's college years, struggle with alcoholism, romance with Laura (Elizabeth Banks) and conversion.

Bush is for the most part portrayed as a good man who should not have been president. "W." definitely portrays George H.W. (James Crom-

well) and Barbara (Ellen Burstyn) as believing Bush's brother, Jeb, is the real political prodigy of the family. Stone doesn't make Bush look like an idiot — just someone who can't speak well, which we all know is true.

There's nothing about 9/11, the controversial 2000 election or even criticism of his policies. This film explores who Bush is and how he got to be where he is today.

The biggest surprise about this film is that it isn't bad.

It had two huge things going against it. One is that Stone directed it. He's been way off his game lately, and his past two films ("Alexander" and "World Trade Center") were duds. The other potential landmine is that it's difficult to make a biopic about someone who's in his 60s and hasn't even finished his life-defining

job yet.

Somehow, though, Stone succeeds. You'll know you're watching a Stone film closer to the tradition of "JFK" and "Nixon" than his recent films when 70s news footage is rolling while the music is pounding. Loud women with big hair dominate the flashbacks. The main character is a good man with shady associates influencing him.

Ah, yes, the world of Oliver Stone is back.

Tech students particularly will be interested in how the film portrays Bush's 1978 congressional race against current Tech Chancellor Kent Hance.

I'll say this much: Stone's view of Bush is slightly more favorable.

Since nearly all the people portrayed in the film are living public figures, the cast is uneven. Brolin

is believable as Bush, and Banks is especially strong as Laura. She, like James Cromwell (as George H.W. Bush), creates an interpretation of her character, not an impersonation. The actors playing Secretary of State Colin Powell, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, Rove and other members of the Bush squad can't seem to make their portrayals believable.

The star of the show is Dreyfuss, whose portrayal of Cheney is golden. Dreyfuss also avoids an impersonation, though the slow, leaned-in talking is there along with Cheney's classic smirk. He absorbs all the attention when he's on screen, and he deftly walks the line between portraying Cheney as a smart businessman and a cold-hearted jerk.

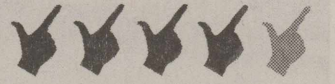
On the complete opposite end

of the acting spectrum is the terrible Thandie Newton, who plays National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice. She's so awkward, so fake and so ridiculous it seems as though Newton was told she'd be appearing in an SNL skit, not a serious piece of cinema. It's embarrassing to watch.

The cinematography, art direction and soundtrack are outstanding.

Though I don't see "W." clenching any Oscar nominations this year, it's still a worthy addition to the fall film season.

4 out of 5 guns up



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## Crossroads Music Archives showcases West Texas' prolific musical heritage

The 1999 closing of Brazos Studios, owned and operated by producer Alan Crossland, spawned one of the most interesting projects in Lubbock to date: The Crossroads of Music Archive at the Southwest Collections Library.

The original master tapes produced by Crossland were moved from Don Caldwell Studios, where he was renting. Archivist Curtis Peoples, after finding out a year later that the tapes had no proper storage, created the idea of the music archive as a means of promoting the preservation of West Texas music.

"In 1999, the 76th Legislature of the State of Texas passed House Concurrent Resolution No. 65, designating Lubbock and West Texas as the Music Crossroads of Texas," Peoples said. "The West Texas region has produced a copious number of musicians, artists and entertainers that have had an undeniable influence on music, art and culture throughout the world. In the spirit of House Concurrent Resolution 65, the Southwest Collection at Texas Tech decided to create the Crossroads of Music Archive."

Peoples said the first order of business was to create an advisory board to help facilitate the project. One of the original board members was Andy Wilkinson, who now serves as the Artist in Residence at the Southwest Collection and co-director of the Crossroads Music Archive.

Some of Wilkinson's more prolific findings added to the music archive include works from Texas Shorty, Buck Ramsey, Nolan Porterfield, and David (probably the one West Texas



**Chelsea Roe**

musician who should have been more famous than Buddy Holly) and Rita (Peeks) Box.

Peoples and Wilkinson are working on several projects for the archives, including procuring and preserving collections from Bob Livingston and Tommy X Hancock — the grandfather of Lubbock music. They both recently have taken an interest in Weeds, N.M., a small town outside of Ruidoso.

"Really interesting things are happening with their music there," Wilkinson said. "When these people die, there won't be anything left to remember them by, so we see this as our job to capture these things. It's become a small Lubbock."

*"The West Texas region has produced a copious number of musicians, artists and entertainers."*

**CURTIS PEOPLES**  
ARCHIVIST

Everyone who has been added to the Crossroads of Music Archives are or were people with their own careers, but it was just how many other careers they touched that made their work so important.

"We shouldn't waste so many resources on people that are famous," Wilkinson said. "Rarely in this archive are things given to us. Most of it we seek out. I make a decision ahead of time who's important and who's not."

To date, the largest and most important contribution to the archives remains to be the Don Caldwell Collection, which consists of mostly analog tapes. The collection is made up of several

different genres of music: country, rock, jazz, Tejano and gospel.

The advertising pamphlet for the archive details the mission of the organization and its means of accomplishing those goals:

"Our Mission is to collect and preserve music-related materials drawn from the southern Great Plains and the greater Southwest," according to the pamphlet, "to facilitate the scholarly, interdisciplinary study of the creation and development of art occurring at the crossroads of human cultures; to make materials available to the wider public through exhibition, performance, publication and access to the collection of information and artifacts.

"We accomplish that mission by: The collection and preservation of music materials of enduring value; the collection and preservation of music-related interviews, symposia, lectures, performances, exhibits, readings, presentations, and while drawing on a board of advisors that includes scholars, musicians, artists and writers."

Many years in the music scene have shown me that there really is no place like West Texas. No place is better prepared to take on projects like the one Wilkinson and Peoples continue to tackle today.

And it seems I'm not alone in this belief. The Crossroads of Music Archives has become the premiere choice for depositing valuable music-related materials for West Texas artists.

I challenge you to visit the archives sometime. I'll bet you'll come away from it intrigued.

It's like walking down a hall of champions that touched the formation of West Texas music in so many ways.

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## Some think Northwestern's campus directory makes too much information publicly accessible

**By LAUREN MOGANNAM**  
DAILY NORTHWESTERN  
(NORTHWESTERN U.)

Veronica Roth is pissed. The Weinberg junior is sitting on her bed in a South Campus dorm in an unspecified room. She doesn't want you to know where she lives.

In fact, she doesn't want anyone to know where she lives, except friends. She spent 10 minutes Monday night removing her home phone and room number from Northwestern's online directory.

The 20-year-old was unaware how much personal information was on Northwestern's online directory until her roommate told her to look herself up.

"It would be child's play for people with bad intentions to do their dirty deeds," Roth said.

The NU online directory provides the university community with contact information, including school and year, e-mail address, full name and residence hall and room number.

"For on-campus purposes we have to figure out a way for students to get hold of students, and faculty to get hold of students," said Patrick Martin, Northwestern's registrar. "It follows the typical phone book approach to listing not only the individual's name, but (his or her) phone number and address as well."

NU follows guidelines set forth by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, Martin said. FERPA defined what is considered confidential and what is considered public, or directory, information.

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Martin said the university is allowed to put any public information in the directory, including local and home addresses, telephone, e-mail address, expected graduation date, weight, height and a photograph of students taken for university purposes.

However, Martin said NU does not list everything allowed by law because it's not necessary.

"Would you want your weight on there for everyone to see?" he said.

Unlike confidential information, public information can be given out to third parties without a student's permission.

"Just because it is defined as public, doesn't mean we make it a habit to give it out to just anyone," Martin said. "We will release information, without a student's consent, depending on who's asking."

Even though information may be defined as public, Martin said students have the ability and right to withhold it as set forth and defined by FERPA legislation.

Wendy Woodward, director of technology support services for NU Information Technology, said NUIT pulls information from the Registrar's Office and displays the

information according to FERPA and NU standards.

"The information displayed is based on a university decision about what would be classified as directory information within the institution," she said.

Students also have the option to edit the amount or content of information displayed, Woodward said.

Even so, some students said they feel uncomfortable with the fact that the information is available from the beginning. "Since we were shown in Essential NU how to protect ourselves, especially on Facebook, it is disappointing

to know that NU has a vehicle for people to find out information you don't want out there," said Communication freshman Lauren Sher.

Some students believe the information on NU's online directory is beneficial. Kevin Bonney said the directory could be useful when one needs to locate a student.

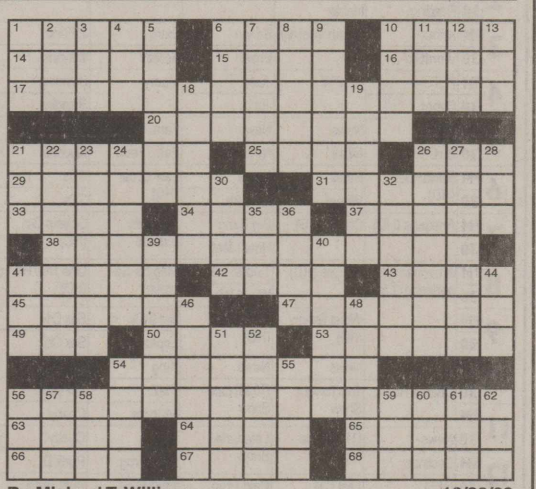
"If you need to work on something with someone and forget where they live, it is easy to look them up," said the Weinberg sophomore. "Plus, I am confident enough in dorm security."

*"Just because it is defined as public, doesn't mean we make it a habit to give it out..."*

**PATRICK MARTIN**  
REGISTRAR FOR  
NORTHWESTERN U.

### THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS**
- 1 Thoroughly wet
  - 6 Sprinkle after a shower
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  - 17 Heading for England
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  - 25 North of Paris
  - 26 Grp. for mom- & pop stores
  - 29 Mom's mom
  - 31 Florida fish
  - 33 Sly cry
  - 34 Org. of court players
  - 37 Ducks' relatives
  - 38 Get outta here!
  - 41 Rams and bucks
  - 42 Cravings
  - 43 Curtain holder
  - 45 Thracks, old-style
  - 47 "Star Trek" star
  - 49 Cotton cleaner
  - 50 Vague amount
  - 53 Beginnings
  - 54 Of the kitchen
  - 56 Very small amount
  - 63 Debatable
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  - 65 "Rae"
  - 67 Tasty tubers
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  - 68 Choose by vote
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  - 6 Ken. neighbor
  - 7 Inert gas
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  - 9 Accomplice
  - 10 Magnetic recording
  - 11 No-seats-available letters
  - 12 Kelsey or Follett
  - 13 Unhappy
  - 18 Isotope of thorium
  - 19 Ultimate conclusion
  - 21 Star quality
  - 22 Paper folding
  - 23 Lotion additive
  - 24 Type of printer
  - 26 Washington city
  - 27 Thoroughwort
  - 28 Ques. response
  - 30 Catch sight of
  - 32 Cooks with dry heat
  - 35 Dead heat
  - 36 Landers and Jillian
  - 39 Consumes completely
  - 40 No longer aboard ship
  - 41 NYC arena
  - 44 60-min. units
  - 46 Cubes and spheres, e.g.
  - 48 Whichever person
  - 51 "Rebel Without a Cause" co-star
  - 52 Input, as data
  - 54 Bivouac beds
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By Michael T. Williams  
Clearwater, FL  
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JAMES HANSEN, A freshman mechanical engineering major from Sugarland, plays pool Wednesday in the basement of the Student Union Building.

# Missouri student sells kick in groin to pay for college

By ALLIE BLOOD  
THE MANEATER (U. MISSOURI)

University of Missouri sophomore Michael Linneman is willing to sell a kick to his family jewels on eBay to pay for college.

Linneman posted an offer on eBay about three weeks ago titled "Kick me in the nuts to help me pay for college." The offer entitles the purchaser to kick Linneman as hard as he or she can in his testicles while the incident is videotaped. The starting bid is \$80,000 and carries a "Buy it now" price of \$150,000. So far, there have been no bids. Linneman recently removed the listing for personal reasons.

Linneman said the cost of his education is frustrating. Although he works for the Division of Information Technology and receives some scholarships, he still struggles to pay for school.

"There are some people who spend ridiculous amounts of money, like come to school here and just party," he said. "I work hard at school. It's frustrating."

Student Financial Aid employee Corina Blanc said the price per credit hour for an in-state student is \$245.65 per credit hour, making the cost for an

in-state student enrolled in 12 credit hours a semester about \$3,000. For out-of-state students, it costs about \$4,400. Housing, which is the same for in- and out-of-state students is, on average, more than \$8,000 for a school year. Most students also pay more than \$600 each semester in fees.

Linneman said he doesn't expect anyone to seriously bid on the offer, but he said he has been noticed by Web sites that pick up unorthodox stories.

"I was hoping someone would want to use it in a commercial," he said.

The idea came from reading a book titled "Think and Grow Rich," which has a chapter about imagination in gaining wealth, he said.

"It was talking about the power of your imagination and what you can attain," he said.

Fellow students and eBay shoppers have commented about 15 times on his offer.

"It's been a good experience," he said. "I've gotten a lot of people saying things like 'I really want to kick you in the balls but I only have \$5.'"

If someone were to follow through with the offer, Linneman said he would relinquish the right to sue the kicker for damages, though he's sure

no one will bid on the offer.

"If I really wanted to do it, I would do it without paying him," said sophomore Nick Hennis, a friend of Linneman. "That's what friends are."

Linneman said in the case of a bid from a trained athlete, like senior Missouri football kicker Jeff Wolfert, he might cancel the offer.

"If it were him, I don't know what I'd do," he said. "I'd probably have to reconsider."

Linneman found support with friends like Hennis who said college is outrageously expensive.

"I say he's a little bit crazy, but if he gets the money it's a genius idea," Hennis said.

Genius might be the word Hennis uses to describe the idea, but physicians disagree. University Health Care spokesman Jeff Hoelscher said the prospect of the sale was ludicrous.

"It's more than kind of unorthodox," he said. "I don't know what this person is thinking. I can't express enough that this is the wrong way to try to get through college."

In an e-mail, Student Health Center physician Jae Lee said he does not support any students, males in particular, receiving blunt trauma to the groin.

# Study says narcissism reflected in Facebook profiles

By VICTORIA TOUPS  
THE DAILY REVELLE (LSU)

A lot can be learned about someone by looking at his or her Facebook profile. But people may not realize they're saying a lot more about themselves than their favorite music and movies.

A recent study conducted at the University of Georgia found that narcissism is reflected in the profiles people post on Facebook and other comparable social networking Web sites.

Through looking at someone's profile, all there is to learn about

them is what they type in the respective boxes. There is no chance for the person to add more details about themselves or explain the things they've written. They only get one shot, so it better be good.

Because of this one-dimensional aspect of Facebook and other personal profile Web sites, people try to put their best self out there for the world to see. People purposefully put what they think are the most interesting aspects of their lives in their profiles to make them look "cool" to their profile viewers.

In the study, 129 students voluntarily took a personality test that

detected narcissistic tendencies. The students then opened their Facebook profiles, and the researchers removed personal identifying information from their pages.

Objective measures of the profile, such as number of friends, groups, wall posts and the length of the person's "About Me" section, were made. Research assistants each rated the contents of the "About Me" and quote sections of the profile, as well as photos associated with the accounts.

Researchers found that the quantity of social connections a user had correlated strongly with his or her narcissism. People with more friends, more groups and more wall posts tended to be more narcissistic.

Pictures associated with the accounts also showed strong connections with narcissism. Narcissists' photos had strong elements of self-promotion and most pictures made

the owner look as attractive as possible.

Researchers then studied how other Facebook users viewed the same profiles. About 130 students rated each profile in terms of the narcissism of its owner and then rated specific features that the earlier analysis recognized.

The narcissists were fairly easy to spot because the students' ratings largely agreed with what the researchers found.

Study leader Laura Buffardi, doctoral candidate in psychology, said this is similar to how narcissists behave in real life, forming numerous but shallow relationships with others. Just as on Facebook, narcissists are concerned with the quantity of social connections they have, not the quality.

Jeff Lawley, assistant professor of psychology at Louisiana State

University-Shreveport, said he is skeptical about the narcissism of users of Facebook and its complement Web sites.

Lawley said he agrees with the facts of the study, but he feels that narcissism may not be as widespread as suggested.

He said instead of meeting someone in person and learning more and more about them through time, meeting someone through Facebook brings you right to the center of the person.

"This could certainly feel like narcissism to a world that is adjusting to a completely new type of social interaction where traditional social rules don't necessarily apply in a lot of ways," Lawley said.

Dr. Chris Garner, psychologist at the University's Health Center, said the Internet is one of the easiest ways for narcissists to promote them-

selves.

"There is an extra attraction on Facebook or MySpace because they can have their own page, and they can promote themselves pretty freely without a mutual give and take or any kind of censorship," he said.

Garner said these factors make Facebook and other personal profiles a magnet for people with narcissistic tendencies, but true narcissists will use any medium possible to get their message across.

The research team said it didn't think it would be appropriate to claim they have developed "a valid narcissism diagnostic tool that would work for individual assessments."

But by looking at the results of the study, people can compare the statistics of their Facebook profiles with the averages found in the study to estimate their narcissistic tendencies.

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# Study: College liberal bias learned from peers

By KYLE MAISTRI  
INDEPENDENT FLORIDA ALLIGATOR (U. FLORIDA)

A recent study reports that students' political beliefs become more liberal while in college and are swayed by friends rather than professors.

The study conducted by Higher Education Research Institute of the University of California monitored a change in thinking from freshman to junior year for about 15,000 stu-

dents at 136 colleges.

The study found six years after graduation the number of people who called themselves conservative finally increased from 28.1 percent to 31.6 percent.

A recent study shows a long-held notion of college culture may be true: Students' political beliefs become more liberal while attending college.

The liberal bias long-associated with college students has often been

attributed to the influence of leftist professors, but the study from the Higher Education Research Institute of the University of California, Los Angeles, reports students' liberal political leanings are most swayed by their friends.

The study monitored a change in thinking from freshman to junior year for nearly 15,000 students who enrolled at 136 colleges in 2004.

According to the study, the number of students who supported

legalized abortion increased from 52 percent to 60 percent, while the support for "legal marital status" for gay couples jumped from 54 percent to 66 percent. Those in favor of increased defense spending fell from 34 percent to 25 percent.

"It's simply a matter of the people that we're exposed to on a daily basis," said John Chambers, a UF assistant psychology professor. "We want to fit in with them, and we want to be in their good graces, so we change our behavior to do so."

The researchers explain the political shift with the lack of conservative peer groups on campuses across the nation.

Bryan Griffin, UF College Republicans chairman, said he feels the gap between liberal and conservative representation on campus is not a significant one.

Griffin's explanation of the trend instead focused on the mind-set of students.

"I think a lot of college kids are reactionary," he said. "A lot of people want to protest just to protest."

Chambers' statements were largely consistent with Griffin's claims.

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## Tech men's basketball begins practice for 2008-09 season

The Texas Tech men's basketball team opened its doors for the first practice of the season Friday in the United Spirit Arena.

Tech point guard John Roberson said the first practice is good to see where the team is at and helps the players get a feel for the makeup of the team.

"We're gonna go as hard as we can," he said. "Pat (Knight) is looking for everybody to just play hard, work into the offense, get everybody familiar with what we are gonna be doing this season."

The Red Raiders come into the season having lost a key player on last year's team in Martin Zeno.

The loss of his 16 points per game and status as the go-to-guy is something Roberson said adds pressure to many players on the team.

"I think everybody feels pressure," he said. "It's gonna be a team effort. Any given night, anybody can step up. You saw that last year. Everybody had their nights where they stepped up and other people had their nights."

Tech also had its first look at six newcomers Friday.

The newcomers include two junior college transfers, Darko Cohadarevic

and Nick Okorie; three freshman, Tyree Graham, Robert Lewandowski and Corbin Ray; and Wally Dunn, a sophomore walk-on.

Tech guard Alan Voskuil said the new players are a "talented group" and will have a big impact not only on this season but the future of the program.

The Red Raiders earlier this month were selected to finish 10th in the Big 12 Conference preseason poll.

Tech forward Mike Singletary said the team does not focus on rankings and what predictions may be.

"We don't even focus on that stuff," he said. "We focus on getting out there and playing the game. We don't worry about all the media, that kind of stuff. We know if we go out there and we can play, we can win."

If anything, Singletary said, the ranking will prove to be an advantage for the Red Raiders.

"If the media has us picked that low, I think we are going to sneak up on a lot of people," he said. "I just feel that we've worked so hard. I feel like our opportunity is coming and we're gonna make a few plays."

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## Ex-Beijing official gets death sentence, reprieve

BEIJING (AP) — A former Beijing vice mayor in charge of overseeing Olympic construction projects has been given a suspended death sentence for corruption, a court said Sunday, in a stern warning to wayward Communist officials.

The Intermediate People's Court in Hengshui, a city outside Beijing, delivered the sentence Saturday after finding Liu Zhihua guilty of taking bribes, said a court clerk who would only give his surname, Ma.

The sentence will be commuted to life in prison in two years if Liu shows good behavior.

Before his sudden dismissal in 2006 for unspecified corruption, Liu was in charge of urban development in the Chinese capital and headed the office overseeing the \$40 billion being spent by the city on Olympics-related infrastructure projects.

The government squelched all reporting on Liu's high-profile prosecution in the months leading up to the August Olympic Games to avoid tarnishing its image on the

global stage.

Officials said Liu's misdeeds had nothing to do with Olympic projects, but his dismissal put a cloud over preparations for the games and prompted authorities to ratchet up anti-corruption efforts.

Liu faced 10 charges for allegedly accepting bribes totaling about \$1 million and gifts in return for favors to property development companies while he was vice mayor, his lawyer Mo Shaoping told The Associated Press in a phone interview.

Liu was also convicted of helping his mistress, Wang Jianrui, profit from construction projects, Mo said.

Mo said, however, that some of the allegations were dubious, a common claim in a system in which courts are heavily influenced by the Communist Party and corruption charges are sometimes used to punish political opponents.

Corruption is rife among high officials, who enrich themselves through access to government resources and by using their authority to help approve business projects.

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# SPORTS

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## Aggies' week of practice had A&M prepared for Tech in first half

By ADAM COLEMAN  
SPORTS EDITOR

COLLEGE STATION — With a 23-20 lead at halftime, Texas A&M believed it had a win in the palm of its hands.

Sometimes wins can slip out of those hands.

Even though the end result against No. 7 Texas Tech wasn't what they wanted, coach Mike Sherman and his staff believed the Aggies' week of practice was evident in Saturday's game and both could help turn around what is now an 0-3 start to Big 12 Conference play.

"We had probably the best practices of the year this week," Sherman said. "There's more guys in the boat believing what we're doing. I thought they answered what I had asked them to do very well. Came up short and we're disappointed that that happened."

Coming up short could be a good way to describe the Aggies' season and performance in

the 43-25 loss to No. 7 Tech on Saturday.

The Aggies' lead at halftime was the first time Tech was down at the end of the first half this season.

The first few weeks have been tough to take for the Aggies with losses to Arkansas State, Miami, Oklahoma State and Kansas State. The Aggies had four conference losses all of last year.

With the 44-30 loss to Kansas State last week, the Aggies had to prepare for a Top 10 team in Tech while still trying to recover from the previous loss at home.

Texas A&M defensive coordinator Joe Kines said Sherman made sure his team was prepared for Tech on Saturday in a week of practice that brought the team together like never before this season.

"From Sunday to Saturday might have been the best coaching job I've ever seen a head coach do," he said. "Pulled this team together and got us going in the right direction and this time

last week, we were at the bottom emotionally. And to pull them back and do the things he did this week was a credit."

At the start of the game, it seemed the Aggies' week of practice paid off.

Texas A&M had 15 first downs at halftime, while Tech had 13. The defense forced a turnover and quarterback Jerrod Johnson had 224 yards passing, helping the Aggies accomplish a season high for first-half yards through the air. Texas A&M's offensive outputs in the first half of 23 points and 274 total yards of offense also were season highs. The previous best for A&M in the first half was 21 points against New Mexico and 226 yards against Miami.

However, with no offensive score in the second half, the Aggies lost all momentum gained on their way to a 2-5 start in 2008.

"I think everybody was like 'you know we can really win if we try hard,'" said A&M defensive lineman Michael Bennett, who

had one of the team's two interceptions. "Everybody just practicing to their fullest. Offensive linemen making blocks, receivers finishing the plays, running to the ball. Just gotta keep practicing and get our respect."

Besides the first-half performances, Texas A&M found positives from the game including receiver Ryan Tannehill becoming the first freshman in school history to record back-to-back 100-yard receiving performances. He finished this game with five catches for 104 yards and a touchdown. Against Kansas State last week, he had 12 passes for 210 yards and a touchdown.

As far as if last week's practice and the game against Tech will help turn around Texas A&M's season, Kines said everything is a work in progress as always.

"You know, hoeing that cotton field, you don't know where you are," he said. "You just got to keep hoeing and pretty soon you'll be at the end of the row."

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PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS TECH LINEBACKER Marlon Williams loses his helmet while tackling Texas A&M running back Cyrus Gary Saturday at Kyle Field in College Station.

### Football

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rushing touchdowns with one on the ground and one through the air.

Tech (7-0, 3-0 in Big 12 Conference play) extended its defensive struggles from last week's narrow overtime win against Nebraska to the opening quarters of its game against the Aggies.

"The problems in the first half were self-inflicted," Harrell said. "We only stopped ourselves."

By scoring on four of its first five possessions and forcing two turnovers, Texas A&M (2-5, 0-3) went into halftime with a surprising 23-20 lead.

"At first I thought it was (like the Nebraska game)," Tech defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill said, "because (defensive players) are trying too hard. They're not loafing, they were trying to make a play instead of letting plays come to them."

McNeill credited A&M coach Mike Sherman for having success with several plays that were not on film. The Aggies were successful with the shuffle pass, running it at least seven times on the day.

In the second half, Tech quickly regained momentum. Harrell connected with Crabtree for his second touchdown of the game to take a 27-23 lead. Then the Aggies' Cyrus Gray fumbled the ball on the following kickoff, but Tech wasted the opportunity to pad its lead when Texas A&M's Michael Bennett intercepted a pass intended for Tech receiver Detron Lewis.

However, Tech's defense did not let up, forcing the Aggies to punt on all four of their next possessions.

Tech kicker Cory Fowler hit a 25-yard field goal and Harrell called his own number twice to put the Aggies away late in the fourth quarter.

"I just think we relaxed; we didn't allow frustration to cloud our minds," Leach said of the difference between halves. "I thought everything went wrong that could in the first half. I thought we allowed ourselves to get frustrated."

Texas A&M quarterback Jerrod Johnson continued to improve, throwing for 283 yards on 26-of-39

passing, and receiver Ryan Tannehill tacked on 104 yards receiving with a touchdown.

Tannehill had catches of 44 and 40 yards in the first half, including a diving grab that set up a Mike Goodson touchdown run 23 seconds before halftime.

Tannehill's grab came after Tech's Tramain Swindall, who finished with 104 yards receiving, fumbled while completing a 35-yard pass across midfield.

It was the second turnover of the first half. The previous turnover was an overthrow interception from Harrell that was picked off.

Tech's kicking problems continued as well.

After naming Fowler the starting placekicker because of freshman kicker Donnie Carona's struggles, Fowler had two extra point attempts blocked. Tech is now 37-for-43 on extra point attempts this season.

"I think we got to kick it better, there ain't no question about that," Leach said. "We'll have to see whether it was push or operation time or just struck well. I knew he struck some of them low."

After Nebraska nearly beat Tech a week ago and with A&M putting up a fight, McNeill said Tech's ranking could be the reason why both teams had their best games of the season against the Red Raiders.

"I guess where we are now, we catch people's best shot," McNeill said. "Last week we caught Nebraska's best shot, we caught A&M's best shot. So our kids have to be ready to catch every team's best shot."

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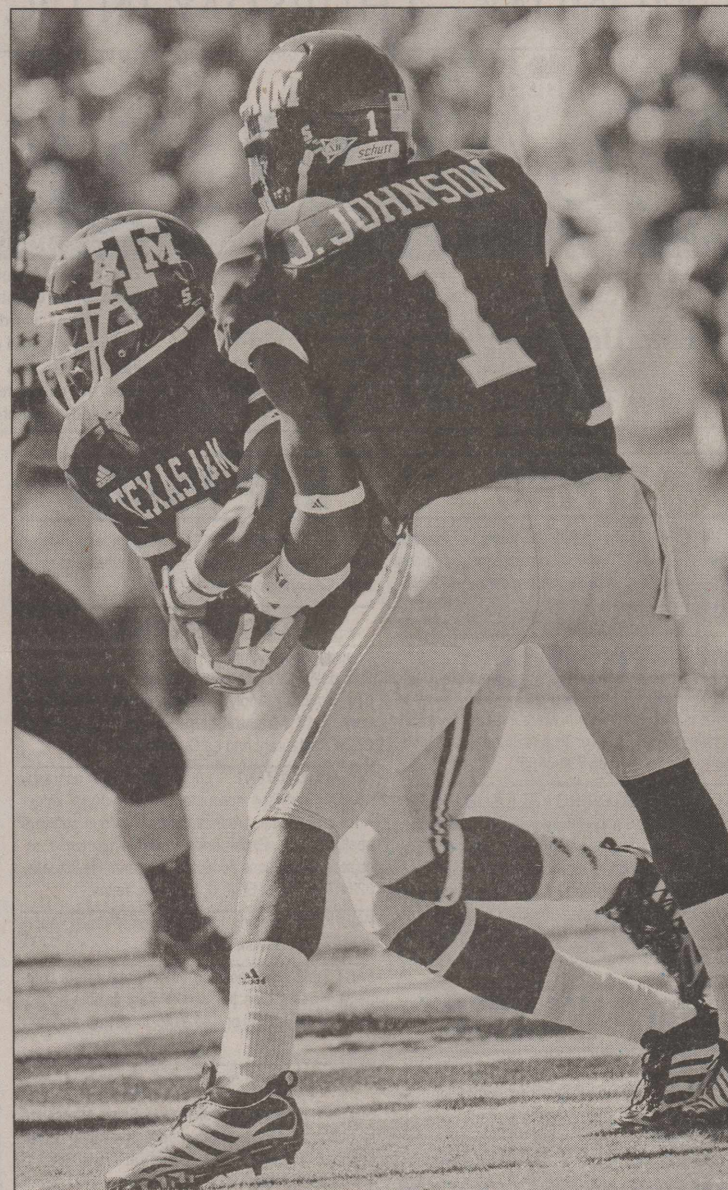


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TEXAS A&M QUARTERBACK Jerrod Johnson hands the ball to running back Mike Goodson during the football game against Texas A&M Saturday at Kyle Field.

## Bufs unleash latest member of QB-happy Big 12

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Did the Colorado Buffaloes just join the League of Quarterbacks?

Time will tell, but they sure put themselves into position to do so by stripping the red shirt off athletic freshman Tyler Hansen at midseason and unleashing this unknown signal-caller on the Big 12 and the astounded Kansas State Jayhawks on Saturday night.

The Buffaloes (4-3, 1-2) probably saved their season with the bold move, their 14-13 win snapping a three-game skid. They're now two wins shy of another bowl game, that all-important extra month of workouts and acknowledgment to alumni and fans alike that the school is heading in the

right direction.

Nobody's going to confuse Hansen with Texas' Colt McCoy, Missouri's Chase Daniel, Texas Tech's Graham Harrell, Kansas' Todd Reesing, Oklahoma's Sam Bradford or Kansas State's Josh Freeman.

Not yet, anyway. But the Buffs are an entirely different team with Hansen under center.

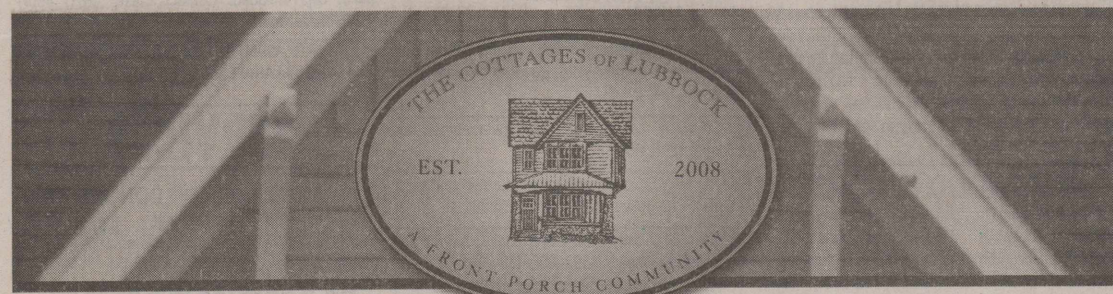
"Any quarterback who can move halfway decent is a surprise, from watching our team," said incumbent sophomore Cody Hawkins, the admittedly unathletic son of coach Dan Hawkins.

Cody Hawkins sounds like Hansen's biggest fan, saying the fantastic freshman has all the tools necessary

to be a Big 12 quarterback, and a good one, at that.

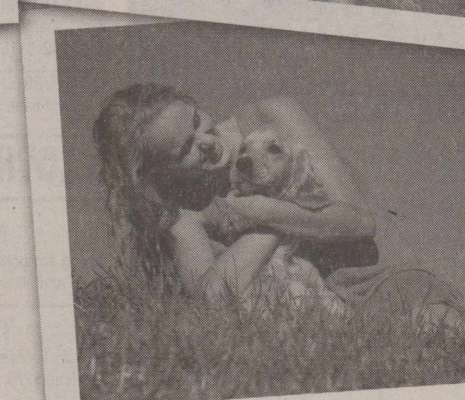
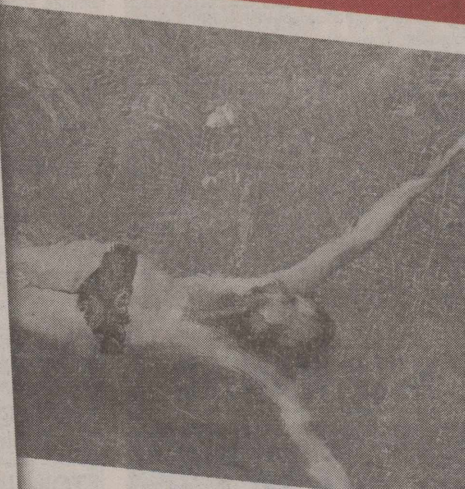
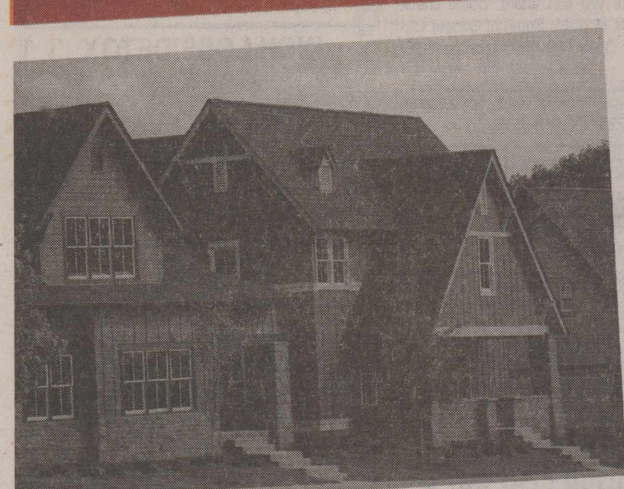
Hansen may have had a truncated playbook and a bevy of bootlegs and draws against the Wildcats "but Tyler has a strong arm and he's a smart and tough kid," Cody Hawkins said. "He's not going to be a package runner all the time. I mean, he's a guy who can drop back and throw it 50 times a game if he needs to."

"At practice, the guy's accurate, he has a very strong arm and he has good feet. So, he's the kind of guy who can be a great program quarterback. A lot of people might only have seen him run tonight, but he's got a great quarterback and he's a dual threat."



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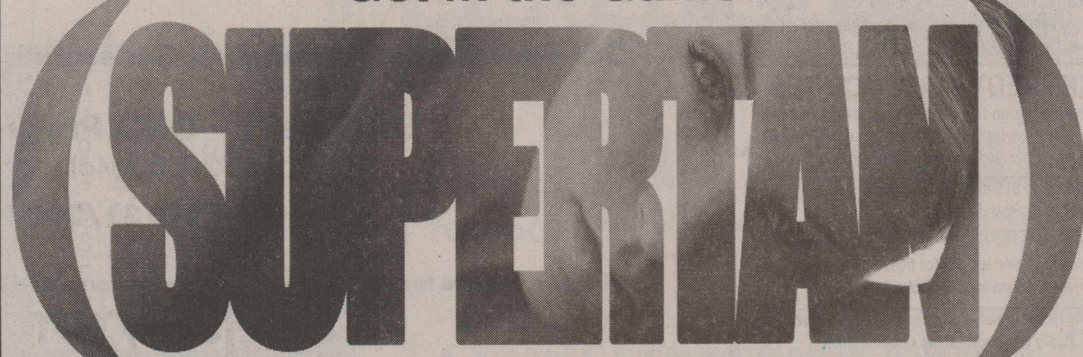


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