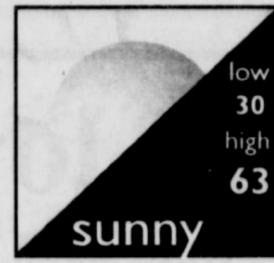


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■ Cisneros' former mistress faces jail time

LUBBOCK (AP) — Former Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros' ex-mistress confessed Thursday to counts related into a special prosecutor's investigation, agreeing to serve 3 1/2 years in prison rather than stand trial.

Linda Jones tearfully pleaded guilty to 28 charges related to a 3-year-old probe into whether Cisneros lied to the FBI about \$185,000 in payments he made to her prior to his Cabinet nomination.

Her agreement does not compel her to testify in the government's case against Cisneros, her lover in the late-

1980s while both were married to others.

"She is not beholden to anyone at this time other than her family," defense attorney David Guinn said.

Cisneros, who was not charged in Lubbock, is scheduled to stand trial Nov. 4 in Washington for allegedly concealing how much he paid Jones, who still faces two obstruction counts in that case.

"This has been a long, exhausting process and Linda didn't want to pull her friends and family through what obviously would be a long, tough trial," Guinn said Thursday.

Through Guinn, Jones declined to speak with reporters. *The Associated Press* was unable to reach Cisneros, now president of Los Angeles-based Univision network, or his Washington attorney, Brendan Sullivan Jr.

Special prosecutors declined comment Thursday.

Asked what he'd tell Cisneros after dealing with Barrett's office for the last three months, Jones attorney Sam Ogan said, "Good luck."

Jones, 48, pleaded guilty to conspiracy, bank fraud, money laundering and obstruction of justice just before the start of her trial. She could

have faced an eight-year sentence if convicted.

Her deal was filed three hours after her sister and brother-in-law, Patsy Jo and Allen Wooten, pleaded guilty to once count of conspiracy. Allen Wooten's attorney, Rod Hobson, said the couples face anywhere from probation to six months imprisonment.

"We think we're going to be in a probable sentence range," he said, noting the couple was deeply concerned that their first conviction would rob them of the right to vote.

Sentencing for all three is set for April 14.

Inmate gets second stay

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A condemned Texas inmate awaiting execution for a botched extortion attempt received an 11th-hour reprieve Thursday night as he was awaiting transfer to the Texas death chamber, his attorney said.

The U.S. Supreme Court halted the execution of Lesley Lee Gosch, 42, after lower federal courts had rejected arguments that the execution, the first of the year for Texas, should be stopped.

"I've never had anything remotely as good as this happen in seven years of doing capital cases," Raoul Schoenemann, Gosch's attorney, said.

It was the second last-minute stay of execution for Gosch, a former Eagle Scout who was awaiting sentencing for manufacturing illegal gun silencers when he killed Rebecca Jo Patton at her suburban San Antonio home.

In 1993, Gosch came within 20 minutes of lethal injection before winning a court reprieve.

This time the reprieve came about 6:45 p.m. CST, or about 45 minutes after the lethal injection could have started.

Prison officials routinely refrain from beginning the execution process until all legal attempts have been resolved.

Schoenemann said the high court agreed with his argument that it should review the way the state sets execution dates.

"He is being removed from a holding cell adjacent to execution chamber and is being taken back to his cell on death row," Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Larry Fitzgerald said.

There was no immediate word on Gosch's reaction to the reprieve.

Gosch's attorneys had raised claimed earlier Thursday regarding three constitutional issues, including that his trial attorney was ineffective, that a key witness was not truthful and that the state's practice of repeatedly setting execution dates to accelerate death penalty appeals constitutes cruel and unusual punishment.

Schoenemann said he had not seen the high court's ruling but understood the date setting issue was the one the court wanted to look at.

"It's pretty unusual," the lawyer said.

DOMINO EFFECT



Texas Tech students play dominoes in the University Center between classes.

Wes Underwood/The University Daily

Residents prepare for sales tax vote

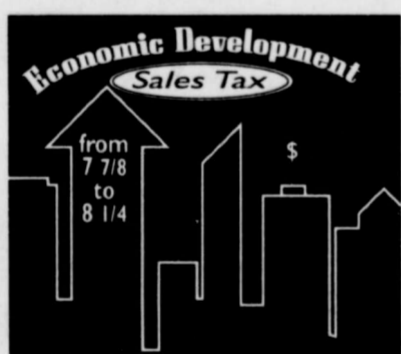
BY JAMES WALKER
The University Daily

Lubbock voters will decide the fate of a proposed sales tax increase that would be used for economic development Saturday.

The increase would make the new sales tax rate 8.25 percent, the maximum allowed by state law. The rate is now 7.875 percent. Money collected from the tax hike would be used as incentives to bring new businesses and industry to Lubbock.

Many nearby Texas cities, such as Amarillo and Odessa, already have sales taxes in place to fund economic development. But opponents say if the tax is passed, taxpayers will have almost no control over how it is spent, and it will be nearly impossible to repeal.

Mikel Ward, president of the South Plains Area Taxpayers Action Net-



work, called the business incentives "corporate welfare."

"No one has ever taxed themselves into prosperity," Ward said.

Part of the debate has centered around Texas Tech and other colleges in the Lubbock area.

Mike Cunningham, president of Citizens for Better Jobs, the group that petitioned for the tax, said Lubbock's problem is a lack of highly skilled jobs to entice local college students to stay around after graduation.

According to city statistics, 900 more people moved out of Lubbock last year than moved in. This trend has been ongoing since the early '80s.

Cunningham said this would tend to indicate that few of the 7,000 students who graduate from Lubbock colleges every year decide to settle in the Lubbock area.

Tech Chancellor John Montford has declared his support for the tax in a commercial on local television stations.

Montford said he did the commercials in his capacity as a citizen, not as chancellor. He said he thinks the Lubbock economy is headed for an "economic stalemate" without a plan for economic development.

"I've talked with a number of students who would like to stay in Lubbock but can't because they can't find jobs," he said.

David Kraus, director of Tech's

Career Planning and Placement Center, said availability of jobs in Lubbock depends largely on the kind of job the student is looking for.

Lubbock Independent School District employs many Tech graduates. But in other fields, especially high tech fields, jobs are limited, Kraus said. Anything that brings more jobs to Lubbock would help the situation. But a lack of jobs isn't the only reason graduates move away after graduation.

"Sometimes young people will leave just because they want to," Kraus said.

Students from metropolitan areas like Dallas or Houston often want to move back there after graduation. Other students just feel like trying something new after four or more years of the same scenery, he said.

"Just because they leave doesn't mean there are no jobs," Kraus said.

Professor's efforts bring signs to lakes

BY JONATHAN CARROLL
The University Daily

Lt. Col. Vance Zider's mission almost is complete.

Zider's mission is to have signs placed on local playa lakes to warn about the dangers of swimming in these places. There are about 166 of these playa lakes and ponds in Lubbock and the surrounding area.

His mission began because of a drowning related death of a Lubbock teenager last July.

Ronnie Cobbs, 13, was swimming in a drainage lake near the Lt. Gen. William Edgar Murphy Armed Forces Guard/Reserve Center at Regis Street and Interstate 27.

Zider, who is a professor of aerospace studies at Texas Tech, was going to the reserve center to conduct administrative duties when he noticed someone erratically swimming in the lake and checked out the situation.

When Zider came out of the building, policemen and emergency response team members were running toward the lake. Zider helped rescue the boy and performed CPR on Cobbs. The boy died two days later at University Medical Center's pediatric center.

The only signs posted warning about swimming in the lake were rusted so badly they were unreadable, he said.

Zider said if he had seen signs

warning about swimming, he would have done more.

"I took it personally. I'm still angry about the whole thing," Zider said.

As a result of the incident, Zider started to raise money for the effort. He ran 250 miles wearing the same red shirt and collecting donations for a fund to have signs posted around the playa lakes. His T-shirt read "PLAYA LAKE WARNING FUND"

“I'm still angry about the whole thing.”

Lt. Col. Vance Zider, Tech professor

on the front and "NO MORE DROWNINGS" on the back.

After Zider completed running the 250 miles, he publicly burned the shirt in Memorial Circle. He collected more than

\$650 for the fund.

Valton Cooper, manager of Sign-Pro, heard of Zider's efforts and joined the campaign.

"I thought it was a great effort. I saw how much they had raised and knew the cost would be much larger, so I decided to help," Cooper said. "I wanted to give something back and for it to be a safer place."

Sign Pro made 75 signs to be placed around the lakes and have asked area organization and businesses to sponsor the signs. The parks committee voted not to permit any tobacco or alcohol business to sponsor signs.

Also included in the cost of the sign due to theft, storm damage or vandalism. The sponsor's name will be placed on the sign.

Tech student rushes to join Greek life

BY CAREN CARNEFIX
The University Daily

Jace Baker is faced with a decision. Being a participant of Texas Tech's spring Rush, Baker must decide which fraternity is right for him.

Baker, a freshman chemical engineering major from Canadian, chose to wait a semester before rushing.

"I'm from a small town, and I didn't know the fraternities or anything about them," Baker said. "I held off a semester and settled in and got some insight."

Fewer people rush in the spring than in the fall.

One advantage of rushing in the spring is a laid-back atmosphere,



Baker

Michael Hale, Interfraternity Council rush chairman, said many of the spring rushees are freshmen who wanted to focus on classes their first semester.

"They are usually freshman who wanted to get a semester of school under their belt," said Hale, a senior marketing major from Austin.

"There are some sophomores and juniors, too. A few seniors rush in the fall."

Rushees became acquainted with

members from each of the fraternities Monday and Tuesday.

As of Thursday, the rushees had chosen four fraternities they were interested in.

"It's not nerve racking, but I'm having a hard time making a decision," Baker said. "I'm trying to decide which ones I'm comfortable with. They all offer something different."

Joining a fraternity is an opportunity to make new friends, develop social skills and become involved in the university, Baker said.

The increase in GPA requirements may help improve the quality of the fraternities and the overall quality of the university, he said.

"(The increase) didn't really affect me," he said. "I have a decent grade point where I clear the bar. I didn't meet anyone who couldn't go through because of grades, but I know some guys who wanted to get their grades up before rushing."

The negative activities of some of the fraternities last semester will not affect the decisions of rushees this spring, Baker said.

"I can't even remember which ones got in trouble," he said.

"It didn't affect my decision; everyone makes mistakes. I guess someone who has had a real close eye on a fraternity might judge them, but I'm sure lots of fraternities are doing more good than bad."

Texas ranks low in college grads

Study also finds people with degrees have higher lifetime earning potential

AUSTIN (AP) — Getting a college degree could be worth more than \$200,000 over a lifetime.

According to a study commissioned by the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation released Thursday, the lifetime earning differential between college graduates and high school graduates is about \$207,000.

"Your ability to access knowledge and how you apply it are proportional to how successful you're going to be," said Jon Hockenyo, managing director of Texas Perspectives, the firm that conducted the study.

The study is part of an initiative by the TGSLC to raise awareness about options Texans have in continuing their education after high school.

"We want every Texan to know that economic constraints should not be a deterrent from getting a college

education," said Milt Wright, president and chief executive officer of the TGSLC.

The TGSLC is a public non-profit corporation established in 1979 to administer the Federal Family Education Loan Program.

That program allows private lenders to make college loans to students and their parents.

Officials from TGSLC are encouraging Texans interested in continuing their education to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid

by March 1 to see if they are eligible for loans to help pay for a higher education.

had gone on to receive a bachelor's degree, good for a ranking of 29th nationally, the study said.

"Too many Texans don't continue their education after high school because they don't think they can afford it," said Alan Rash, chairman of the board of TGSLC.

Texas Comptroller John Sharp, a former member of the TGSLC board of directors, said, "In the past, Texas built empires on cattle and oil.

"What we will have an abundance of in the future are young people," Sharp said.

"We must make the most of that resource by seeing to it that every Texan has the opportunity for a higher education," he said.

For more information on loans, students can contact the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation at 1-800-845-6267.

“Unfortunately, there’s not enough grant and scholarship aid to fund everyone ...”

Milt Wright, president and CEO of TGSLC

"Unfortunately, there's not enough grant and scholarship aid to fund everyone completely," Wright said.

Student loans provide a stable, supplementary financial aid source for millions of Texans," he said.

The study said 76.4 percent of

the Texans 25 or older have received at least a high school degree, a ranking of 42nd nationally.

Of the same group, 21.9 percent

New budget could slash student loans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Less than a week after promising to increase financial aid for college students, President Clinton is being accused by higher education organizations of wanting to slash a loan program for the neediest students.

Although the administration's 1999 budget proposal has not been released, lobbyists for organizations representing colleges and universities say the Office of Management and Budget has proposed no money for Perkins Loans, created in 1958.

The uproar, however, may have led the administration this week to instead try only to cut spending in half from this year's level of \$135 million, the lobbyists say.

OMB declined to comment. Through praising the administration for boosting other student aid, the groups say the increases should not come at the expense of the Perkins Loans.

Work-Study, Pell grants and other programs cannot fill the aid gap for the 788,000 Perkins recipients this year who mostly come from families earning \$30,000 or less a year, they say.

Most needy students get an aid package that contains something from each program. The average Perkins loan is \$1,300 a year.

Undergraduates may get up to \$3,000 a year, and graduate or professional students, \$5,000.

The interest rate is fixed at 5 percent.

The groups say they are particularly angry because the Education Department promised in September it would leave the program alone.

Moreover, the groups say they backed Clinton's college tax breaks for middle-class families only if needs-based aid were not

sacrificed. "We took them at their word then and supported the president's tax plan," said David L. Warren, president of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

"I just find it unacceptable that they're now backing away from those promises," he said.

Barmak Nassirian, policy analyst for the National Association of State Colleges and Universities, said the administration was having "selective amnesia" because of budget pressures.

But Clinton has a long-standing commitment to expand work-study, which subsidizes part-time jobs for students, and last week in Texas he pledged the increase for the coming budget.

He also has several new educational projects he wants to announce in his State of the Union speech Jan. 27.

Among them is an early intervention program for poor black and Hispanic students to stay in high school and go on to college.

Institutions like work-study and Perkins because they are run on campus.

Financial aid administrators can look more closely at student needs, filling in gaps left by Pell Grants and other loans.

Because there are limits to how many hours a student can work, work-study can go only so far. Students earn an average \$1,200 a year from work-study.

For the Perkins program, some 2,700 institutions have revolving funds replenished with loan repayments and new federal dollars.

The combined assets are close to \$7 billion, but that includes money tied up in outstanding loans.

A university memorial service for the late Vice Provost Virginia Sowell will be held at 3:30 p.m. today at the human science building, room 169. Sowell was killed in a car accident over the holiday break.

60-year-old British woman gives birth to baby boy

CARDIFF, Wales (AP) — A 60-year-old woman in Wales has become Britain's oldest mother, according to news reports Thursday.

Elizabeth Buttle gave birth to a healthy boy, Joe, on Nov. 20.

Press Association, the British news agency, said it had confirmed a 1937 birth date for Buttle.

The world record for the oldest mother is held by Rosanna Della Corta from Viterbo, Italy, who was 62 when her child was born.

Buttle became pregnant without fertility drugs, according to *The Express* and *The Daily Mail* newspapers.

"He's my little miracle—he makes me feel like a young woman again," *The Daily Mail* quoted her as saying.

Peter Rawstrom — the baby's father — is 56.

Kathleen Campbell of Ilkeston, who was 55 when she gave birth in 1987, is currently listed as Britain's oldest mother in the *Guinness Book of Records*.

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Dealing with divorce

Program helps children cope with effects of parents' separation

BY DANIEL KERR
The University Daily

In today's society, divorce is a fact of life affecting the majority of families. Coping with a separation can be especially hard for children, even when they are adult children in college.

Fortunately, Lubbock's Talking and Listening to the Children, a volunteer organization dedicated to helping families in transition, offers classes to help children and adults through divorce, said Renee Wharton, program coordinator for Talking and Listening to the Children.

"A lot of the children are torn between two parents," Wharton said.

"A lot of them feel like it's their fault and are angry, because it causes a lot of changes."

Wharton said often when parents go through the complications of a divorce, the children are overlooked.

"Parents are so wrapped up in

what's happening to them, sometimes they forget about the kids," she said about divorce.

"We don't just take the kids in—we want the parents to come, too. It's not just a drop off your kids thing."

There are classes for both children and parents: "Emotion Coaching," to teach parents to be good listeners; and "You Can Choose," to enhance children's self-esteem and teach them to identify their feelings and how to make good choices.

"To better help the children, we set up sessions for the parents," Wharton said about the program. "This is a mechanism to show them what's happening and to help them to react posi-

tively to the situation."

If it's not possible for both parents to attend the classes, single parents, grandparents or any other guardians can come, said Marilyn Montgomery, Texas Tech assistant professor of counselor education.

and the opportunity to work with seasoned professionals."

Depending on the age of the child going through the divorce, Montgomery said different children face different issues and react to them differently.

"Younger children sometimes feel fearful that because one parent has moved or they have to move out, they might see that as a signal of more significant change to come," she said. "It seems to be more difficult for children around the age of puberty because that's another change."

As for young, college-age adults, Montgomery said divorce sometimes makes them more cautious about commitment and romantic relationships, Montgomery said.

Classes are 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday through Feb. 23. A one-time \$10 registration fee is expected, and a light dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. To register, call 741-0562 or 744-0497, and ask for Renee.

"We don't just take the kids in—we want the parents to come, too."

Renee Wharton, program coordinator

"They get contact hours which count for course credit," Montgomery said. "They get valuable experience with an age group, which they perhaps have not had experience with,

Tech students working on their master's degrees in counselor education, and undergraduate students studying human development, family studies and psychology, who want to be class facilitators, can get credit for a practicum.

Kaczynski concedes to mental illness defense

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Hours before his apparent suicide attempt, a tired Theodore Kaczynski reluctantly agreed to keep his lawyers, despite their insistence on using a mental illness defense, according to court transcripts released Thursday.

"Your Honor, if this had happened a year and a half ago, I would probably have elected to represent myself," the Unabomber suspect said in the judge's chambers during a closed-door hearing Jan. 7.

"Now, after a year and a half with this, I'm too tired, and I really don't want to take on such a difficult task," Kaczynski said.

Ted Kaczynski

He then asked to be taken back to the Sacramento County jail. Marshals say he tried to hang himself in his cell that night with his underwear.

The next morning, the 55-year-old defendant brought the trial to a halt with his startling demand to represent himself.

On Thursday, Kaczynski was undergoing a court-ordered mental competency examination to determine whether he can stand trial.

He faces a 10-count indictment accusing him of four Unabomber attacks, and if convicted could be sentenced to death.

Partially edited transcripts of closed-door hearings on Jan. 5 and Jan. 7 show U.S. District Judge Garland Burrell Jr. attempting to smooth over Kaczynski's disputes

with his lawyers, Quin Denvir and Judy Clarke.

"I don't think it's likely that the matter can be resolved that easily," Kaczynski said. "My lawyers have suggested that I should make it clear to you what I want. And what I'm looking for is a change of counsel."

Kaczynski apparently wrote up his own ideas on the dispute and the defense he wanted. At one point he handed the judge a sheaf of documents.

"It appears that I don't have much choice as to what I want to do."

"I had something that may be just a wild conjecture only, but ..." Kaczynski said as he gave his writings to the judge. Those documents remain sealed by the court, and references to their

contents were deleted from the transcripts released Thursday.

The transcripts also showed that Burrell and Denvir were thinking about a competency examination as early as Jan. 5, three days before it was ordered.

Denvir contended that Kaczynski's rejection of their defense might be sufficient reason for such an examination.

In the Jan. 7 closed-door hearing, Kaczynski appeared resigned to let Denvir and Clarke represent him.

"It appears that I don't have much choice as to what I want to do," Kaczynski said. "It seems that I have no other alternatives ... I may as well go ahead with the present counsel, not because I want to, but simply there are no better alternatives."

State sets execution date for second female inmate

HOUSTON (AP) — Condemned killer Erica Sheppard received an execution date Thursday for April 20, making her the second female Texas death row inmate to have a date with the executioner's needle.

Sheppard, 24, has asked that all appeals on her behalf be halted. A pair of psychiatrists determined she was competent to make that decision so State District Judge Lon Harper scheduled her execution, allowing her to join convicted pickax killer Karla Faye Tucker as women with death dates. The two are among seven women in Texas with death sentences.

Tucker is set to die Feb. 3. Her execution for a bloody pickax attack that left two people dead during a Houston burglary would be first for a woman in Texas since the Civil War and only the second in the nation since the U.S. Supreme Court in 1976 al-

lowed capital punishment to resume. Since 1982, Texas has sent 144 men to the death chamber gurney.

Sheppard, who has three children, and an accomplice, James Dickerson, were both condemned for the June 1993 stabbing and clubbing death of Marilyn Sage Meagher, a 43-year-old Houston real estate agent and mother of two.

A jury in 1995 took 30 minutes to convict Sheppard of capital murder and 90 minutes to decide she should be put to death.

Meagher was accosted at her apartment by the pair, who stole her car. The victim's throat was slashed with a butcher knife and her skull crushed

with a 10-pound statue. Sheppard's bloody palmprint was found inside Meagher's apartment.

Testimony at her trial showed Sheppard, who was 19 at the time and unemployed, and Dickerson stole the car so they could drive to Bay City, about 100 miles to the southwest, to visit a friend.

On Thursday, Sheppard, wearing an orange jail jumpsuit, repeatedly and quietly replied "Yes" to a series of questions from Harper. Among them were questions about whether she wanted to die, whether she knew she could change her mind at any point and if she was aware she had legal help available if she wanted it.

"It is ordered the clerk of this court shall issue a death warrant," Harper concluded.

"Your execution date, Ms. Sheppard, is April 20."

She consulted briefly with an attorney and then was led out of the courtroom.

"I think she's going to do it," James Keegan, one of two attorneys appointed to be available to Sheppard, said.

"I can't predict the future, but she wants to do it."

"We're surprised it's moving this fast," John Sage, whose sister was murdered, said. "I think she's getting what she deserves."

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**CHARLES MELTON/
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golden wheat fields across Kansas, newspapers face the reality of either adjusting to the times or biting the dust.

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as a crusty old bull rider, who has broken every bone in his body and still comes back for more, and they can be carried with ease.

Maybe the lack of readership can be attributed to people getting caught up in the Indy 500 called life...

“ Maybe the lack of readership can be attributed to people getting caught up in the Indy 500 called life... ”

the daily hustle and bustle of going to class, working and trying to have a life is about as easy as stepping in a fresh pile of cow mess in a feed lot, but this dumb hick knows the price

of that action. When you're in the fast lane, it's like being on a sled speeding down the slickest hill you can find. Just when you think you've got it made, you hit a rock, then the ditch and do a 5-foot face plow, leaving you with a broken nose.

The blood, swelling and condition of your sled leave you feeling like you've had the dogwater beat out of you and are lucky just to have survived.

However, when you slow down and take the time to enjoy the ride, your nose remains intact and you don't have to worry about cleaning up a mess.

Today as you pick up a copy of *The UD*, why not kick back, grab a Coke and take the time to read it? You'd be amazed at just how good it feels.

Charles Melton is a senior journalism major from Salina, Kan.

EDITORIAL

Tax hike not beneficial to Texas Tech students

Texas Tech students are going to need a lot more incentive than higher taxes to stay in Lubbock after graduation.

Citizens for Better Jobs prompted the .375 percent hike in sales taxes for economic development, which Lubbock voters will decide on Saturday. The increase would put the Hub City's sales tax at 8.25 percent, the maximum allowed by law.

But Tech students already have more than enough to pay for with tuition, room and board and the seemingly endless number of new fees added each semester without having to tac on more taxes.

Lubbock City Councilman Victor Hernandez said the proposed sales tax is a "regressive tax," which means a larger impact on low-income tax payers — the exact place most college students fall.

The higher sales tax quest was spurred by Mike Cunningham, president of Citizens for Better Jobs, when his college-age daughter asked him, "Is there a job for me in Lubbock?"

Well, with the nifty new tax, the conglomerate corporations will move into town and push the small, hometown businesses out of business. A lot of students depend on the smaller businesses in Lubbock for part-time jobs, and large corporations might shy away from hiring so many part-timers.

The city council has vowed to cut property tax rates by 3 cents per \$100 — property values go down, defeating the purpose. But future councils don't have to stick to this deal — even higher taxes.

The best deal for college students in this race is NO deal.
The University Daily Editorial Board voted 7-0.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nebraska deserves to share spotlight

To the Editor (and Heath Robinson):

You're the best *UD* sports reporter who's come along in years, which makes all the more puzzling your spouting of the party line about Michigan deserving an unshared national title.

The retort, in summary: Horse poop.

Expanded version: Nebraska's record against bowl-bound teams was better. Nebraska's record against top 25 teams was better. Nebraska destroyed a higher-ranked team in its bowl game, rather than sneaking by a lower-ranked team. Nebraska put its neck on the chopping block and stopped the ax from falling for four quarters longer than Michigan did — 13 wins to Michigan's 12.

And, of course, there's the question of why Michigan ever crept by Nebraska during the regular season in the first place. Michigan fans were screaming for Michigan to get placed

ahead of Nebraska, despite the fact that Nebraska was ranked No.1 and had not lost, because Michigan was supposedly beating better teams, and winning by a lot.

But then, after the smoke had cleared from the bowl games, after Nebraska at No. 2 had beaten the crap out of Tennessee at No. 3, and Michigan had had a much tougher time with No. 10 Washington State, the Michigan people had changed their tune: "Well, if No.1 doesn't get beaten, they should stay No.1," they said. Uh-huh. Sure weren't saying that during the regular season, were they?

Want more? The Big Ten, a conference whose competitive rigor I'm normally the first to defend, was overrated this year.

Without going into the regular-season details, sum it up by noting a bowl record of 2-5.

Yikes. Seven teams get in, five of them lose. From the best football conference in the nation. Mm-hmm. Not this year.

Penn State was mostly a house of cards, particularly, losing 49-14 against — ahem — Michigan State

in its last regular-season game, then 21-6 to Florida in their bowl game, never coming within a touchdown after the first quarter.

Of course, they might still have been reeling from that grueling nonconference schedule against Louisville, Pitt and Temple. Without those three wins, Penn State is 6-3. Against teams that went a combined two for five in bowl games. Ouch.

Just for the record, your other standard of opponent excellence, Ohio State, got beaten in its bowl game — 31-14, that is.

I have nothing against Michigan. Heck, when I was growing up in Los Angeles, and we bought scalper's tickets to get into the Rose Bowl, I even rooted for them to beat USC because, being a 9-year-old sports genius myself, I liked their souvenir pennants better.

And I rooted like crazy for Woodson to get the Heisman this year, a great player on a terrific team.

But it's a loser's mentality to go on about such stuff as "if they hadn't had that one play" or "if they hadn't gotten that one break."

Championship teams always have a few breaks along the way. Same with Michigan. Say, how about we take away Gene Sarazen's double eagle at the 1935 Masters and give the title to someone else?

Or maybe a net cord on the deciding point in a break of service at Wimbledon? Or Jerry West's halfcourt prayer against the Knicks that was answered?

Point is, you gotta be in position for a break to mean anything at all. Michigan and Nebraska were. The others weren't.

It's no slam on Michigan to insist that Nebraska deserved at least a share of the title. We'll call it just a bad day on your part.

Stephen Finley
Extended Learning

Sales tax plus for Lubbock growth

To the Editor: The misinformation, slander and nastiness by opponents of

the lower property tax and the economic development tax initiative is almost laughable.

But with such childish attacks in the media (and admittedly, overly sappy "pro" commercials), it's no wonder intelligent people like Rhett McKeller are opposed.

Food costs do not increase. It, rent and other important items (cover charges?) aren't taxed. Lower property taxes generally lower students' rent and costs for fixed-income retirees and companies.

(Businesses, students' future employers, love this tax)

The new jobs cited, all from franchises, (Parts America is just old Western Auto) are exciting, low-paying jobs and mercifully, do not account for most of our jobs.

In Market Lubbock's short life, it's already brought and kept real professional businesses in the city that provide careers, not summer jobs (thus supporting families, hence the "children" reference).

Does she know it was thanks to incentives, etc., that there remains a large cotton gin in Lubbock?

Has she checked our population "growth" since '91?

A big, unanswered question is this — if a low cost of living is the sole determinant for attracting good jobs, then how can Austin, the most expensive place in which to live in Texas and the entire Southwest, now be among the five fastest growing cities in America (more than 20 percent annual growth)?

Cheap ole' Lubbock "grows" at 0.5 percent annually (if it's still growing at all).

If lost cotton subsidies spell economic downturn, without more business, sky-high taxes to make up for lost revenue seem likely.

This means a great deal to many people. The important step is tomorrow.

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Steven King
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Beanie baby craze out of control



**LAURA HENSLEY/
A&E REPORTER**

Bean bags; they are nothing but colorful little bean bags shaped like various animals. Give them a cute name, a red tag, and fill them with beans and what do you get? You get a multi-million dollar business, and the power to ignite a craze that is sweeping the nation.

Ty Inc. introduced the Beanie Baby doll a couple of years ago, and within the past year, people have gone totally nuts over them. People are on waiting lists 10 pages long at gift shops waiting for the special retired or rare babies. There are even special web sites dedicated to

buying and selling the highly sought-after animals.

I think all of this nonsense is for people with nothing better to do. I've never been much of a collector. I may start collecting things, but in the end, I wind up with small bits and pieces of very small collections that I never have completed. I have a few angels, a few pigs, a cow or two and a jar full of bottle caps all just sitting in my room.

OK, I admit it, I own a Beanie Baby.

It's cute. I have Squealer the Pig. Actually, Squealer was a gift from my mom.

My mom has caught the "beanie craze" and began collecting a couple of months ago. Now she has close to

“ I think all of this nonsense is for people with nothing better to do. ”

30 babies, and they don't amount to much more than a hill of beans.

She decided this Christmas that Beanie Babies would be great Christmas gifts and stuffed my entire family's stockings with the flimsy creatures.

She has a special collectors book that says they will be worth \$1,000 in the year 2007. But that is a long time, and we all know how some of the hot items of today can somehow find their way into the trash sack of tomorrow.

Beanie Babies are not the only toys that have been overrated, and then eventually doomed and tossed aside after a couple of years.

I remember the days when Cabbage Patch dolls were the craze. Fa-

natic mothers would beat each other down to get the yarn-haired, plastic-headed toys. It was crazy. One of my friends had 20 dolls. Now what are they worth? Nothing.

Last year the popular Tickle-Me-Elmo doll drained the pocket of many desperate parents trying to make their child happy. People trying to make a buck scalped the Elmo dolls for hundreds of dollars and never thought twice about it.

Now the new way to earn a buck off of children's toys is the Beanie Babies. They normally retail for about \$5 or \$6, but I've seen them being sold for \$20 or \$40. That's ridiculous.

Now the Princess Diana Bear has hit the shelves, and people have been selling them for \$400.

Why can't people leave toys alone?

Let children tear the tags out of toys and use toys for what they are intended for— playing.

Laura Hensley is a sophomore journalism major from Gail.

High-priced styles help define celebrities styles

(AP) — When actress Jennifer Tilly reaches into her closet, she can pull out her Judith Leiber silver metal evening bag, which sells for \$1,775 (a bargain, so to speak, as bags designed by Leiber can cost much more).

Veteran actor-director Mel Brooks has six pairs of Bruno Magli lace-up oxfords, in a style called the Irving, which retail at \$375 a pair. Three pairs are black; three are brown, so wherever Brooks hangs his hat — he has three residences — he'll be in style.

Brooks isn't the only star with Maglis in his closet. The sandals and comfortable classic pumps that are just the right size for "Mad About You" co-star Helen Hunt cost more than \$300 each.

Looking for an exquisite ticktock for your wrist?

The Cartier store in Beverly Hills, Calif., has many elegant styles, including an 18-karat gold watch with sapphires for Madame at \$11,400 and a polished stainless steel model for Monsieur, retailing at \$2,700. Just the sort of watches that could catch the eye of "Frasier" co-star Kelsey Grammer — and did. He bought both.

Handbags. Shoes. Watches. Designer clothes. Are the luxury goods that adorn the bodies of celebrities a reflection of their style and personality? Or do expensive clothes and accessories — the "I own, therefore I am" philosophy — define the person who wears them?

"Celebrities are in that circle of people, that little private club that knows the best hotels, cars, art,

jewelry and clothes," said Joseph Barrato, CEO of Brioni USA. "I don't know if it's conspicuous consumption. They've earned it and they deserve it. It's a little gift for them for all their hard work."

Pierce Brosnan, the James Bond of the '90s, was fitted with a custom-made Brioni suit and blue tuxedo for "Tomorrow Never Dies." He also wore Brioni in his previous 007 film, "Goldeneye."

"He's in great shape," Barrato said, "and off-the-rack suits don't work for him."

Brioni's list of clients for its made-to-measure suits — average retail price \$2,500 — includes ABC-TV's Peter Jennings, singer Tony Bennett and Robert Wagner.

Shop at Harley HB Baldwin, a leather-goods store in Aspen, Colo., and you might bump into actor Michael Douglas, who liked a \$1,000 alligator-and-sterling silver belt so much, he bought three.

Harley HB Baldwin is one of the shops located in Caribou Alley, home of the Caribou Club, watering hole of the rich and famous. Fendi, Christian Dior and Louis Vuitton all opened shops there in December. (Call it the Rodeo Drive of Aspen.)

"The Caribou Club is a place where celebrities feel comfortable in a Christian Dior dress, wrapped in a Fendi fur, and they know no one is going to bat an eyelash," said Harley Baldwin.

Celebs aren't the only ones shopping at the exclusive Colorado ski resort.

Manhattan socialite Julia Koch, wife of billionaire David Koch, was spotted browsing at Christian.

Reality-twister David Lynch celebrates 52nd birthday

(AP) — David Lynch, director of the cult film "Blue Velvet" and co-creator of the brooding TV series "Twin Peaks," insists his childhood was "embarrassingly normal."

Yet for the past 20 years, he has provided some of the most freakish characters and hallucinogenic images ever committed to celluloid. Thanks to his vision, "Lynchian" has dis-

placed "Kafkaesque" as the paranoid adjective du jour.

Mel Brooks once described him as the "Jimmy Stewart from Mars."

Born in Missoula, Mont., and raised in such mundane towns as Spokane, Wash., and Boise, Idaho, Lynch attended art schools in Washington, Boston and Philadelphia. He later studied film in Los Angeles.

After making a few small experimental films, Lynch, who turns 52 on Jan. 20, scrounged up \$20,000 to make his first full-length feature, "Eraserhead." Released in 1978, this surreal and darkly comic spoof of domesticity achieved virtually instant cult-classic status.

Lynch's profile grew when he directed "The Elephant Man" in 1980,

but stalled in 1984 with the \$50 million sci-fi disaster "Dune." In 1986, Lynch struck back with "Blue Velvet," a low-budget revenge drama.

He followed that success with his violent Southern Gothic road movie, "Wild at Heart," which won the Cannes Film Festival Palm d'Or, and with the offbeat television series, "Twin Peaks."

Japanese ceramicists sponsor 'The Sculpture Alternative Gallery'

An exhibition of resident Japanese ceramicists will be displayed in the art building on the Texas Tech campus.

Masaki Matsumoto and Naoko

Adachi will be guest artists-in-residence at Tech from Sunday until Feb. 4. The work of the two artists will be displayed in The Sculpture Alternative Gallery from Feb. 6 until Feb. 21.

The exhibit is free to students and the public. Visiting hours will be from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, and from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

The Japanese Artists Residency

Exhibition brings the two renowned Japanese artists to the Tech art department to present their work. Adachi and Matsumoto will be present at a reception from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Feb. 6.

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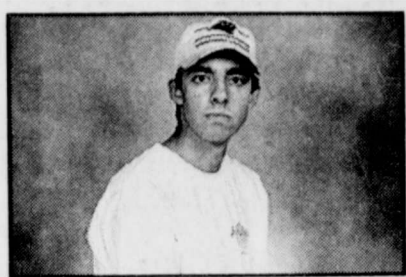
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Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture - Drama	Jodie Foster - "Contact"	Jessica Lange - "A Thousand Acres"	Jessica Lange - "A Thousand Acres"	Kate Winslet - "Titanic"	Kate Winslet - "Titanic"
Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture - Drama	Matt Damon - "Good Will Hunting"	Djimon Hounsou - "Amistad"	Matt Damon - "Good Will Hunting"	Leonardo Dicaprio - "Titanic"	Daniel Day Lewis - "The Boxer"
Best Motion Picture - Musical or Comedy	"My Best Friend's Wedding"	"My Best Friend's Wedding"	"My Best Friend's Wedding"	"My Best Friend's Wedding"	"As Good As It Gets"
Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture - Musical or Comedy	Julia Roberts - "My Best Friend's Wedding"	Pam Grier - "Jackie Brown"	Pam Grier - "Jackie Brown"	Julia Roberts - "My Best Friend's Wedding"	Helen Hunt - "As Good As It Gets"
Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture - Musical or Comedy	Kevin Kline - "In & Out"	Samuel L. Jackson - "Jackie Brown"	Samuel L. Jackson - "Jackie Brown"	Jack Nicholson - "As Good As It Gets"	Jack Nicholson - "As Good As It Gets"
Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting role in a Motion Picture	Gloria Stuart - "Titanic"	Joan Cusack - "In & Out"	Julianne Moore - "Boogie Nights"	Kim Basinger - "L.A. Confidential"	Gloria Stuart - "Titanic"
Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role in a Motion Picture	Rupert Everett - "My Best Friend's Wedding"	Jon Voight - "John Grisham's The Rainmaker"	Robin Williams - "Good Will Hunting"	Robin Williams - "Good Will Hunting"	Anthony Hopkins - "Amistad"
Best Director - Motion Picture	James Cameron - "Titanic"	James Cameron - "Titanic"	Steven Spielberg - "Amistad"	James Cameron - "Titanic"	James Cameron - "Titanic"
Best Screenplay - Motion Picture	Matt Damon/Ben Affleck - "Good Will Hunting"	Matt Damon/Ben Affleck - "Good Will Hunting"	Mark Andrus/James L. Brooks - "As Good As It Gets"	James Cameron - "Titanic"	Matt Damon/Ben Affleck - "Good Will Hunting"
Best TV Series - Drama	"ER"	"ER"	"ER"	"ER"	"ER"
Best Performance by an Actress in a TV Series - Drama	Christine Lahti - "Chicago Hope"	Julianna Margulies - "ER"	Julianna Margulies - "ER"	Julianna Margulies - "ER"	Gillian Anderson - "The X-Files"
Best Performance by an Actor in a TV Series - Drama	Anthony Edwards - "ER"	David Duchovny - "The X-Files"	Anthony Edwards - "ER"	George Clooney - "ER"	Anthony Edwards - "ER"
Best TV Series - Musical or Comedy	"Friends"	"Seinfeld"	"Seinfeld"	"Friends"	"Seinfeld"
Best Performance by an Actress in a TV Series - Musical or Comedy	Jenna Elfman - "Dharma and Greg"	Jenna Elfman - "Dharma and Greg"	Jenna Elfman - "Dharma and Greg"	Helen Hunt - "Mad About You"	Helen Hunt - "Mad About You"
Best Performance by an Actor in a TV Series - Musical or Comedy	Paul Reiser - "Mad About You"	Jerry Seinfeld - "Seinfeld"	Jerry Seinfeld - "Seinfeld"	Jerry Seinfeld - "Seinfeld"	Jerry Seinfeld - "Seinfeld"

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Lady Raiders take on Colorado

BY JASON BERNSTIEN

The University Daily

The Texas Tech Lady Raiders are on a mission to complete the trifecta.

Three straight victories over conference opponents that beat the Lady Raiders last season will give the No. 5-ranked team in the nation plenty to cheer about during the holiday weekend.

"We need to approach each game in the same way, ready to play," said sophomore guard Melinda Schmucker. "(Wednesday's) victory was a big win, but we need to stay focused each game."

Schmucker helped the Lady Raiders in their 74-48 victory over Oklahoma State by dishing out seven assists in 28 minutes.

"It was a real big win for us," said freshman guard Kristi Washington on the Lady Raider victory Wednesday night. "Revenge kind of played a role

in that."

Revenge may be on the minds of many of the Lady Raiders when they face the Lady Buffaloes at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Last season's 63-49 loss to Colorado came on the heels of a 78-56 loss to Oklahoma State three days earlier.

"The most important thing is to come out and play hard," said senior post Alicia Thompson.

"We need to stay focused on what we need to do."

Thompson led the Lady Raider

charge with 15 points and 12 rebounds in the last meeting between the two teams.

The Buffaloes limited the Lady Raiders to 34 percent shooting while forcing 17 Tech turnovers in the contest.

"We're ready to give back what they gave us last year," Schmucker said on last season's loss to Colorado.

The Lady Buffs are coming off of a disappointing 76-67 loss to Iowa State Wednesday.

They will be led by 1997 Big 12 All-Tournament guard La Shena Graham. She averaged 12.2 points and 2.6 rebounds per game last season.

"Our goal is to maintain the up-tempo game that has worked for us all year long," Schmucker said of the Lady Raider game plan.

The Lady Raiders will be looking

“We need to approach each game the same way, ready to play.”

Tech guard Melinda Schmucker



Suzanne Schnelker/The University Daily
Steal: Lady Raider Katrissa O'Neal tries to wrestle the ball away from Cowgirl Devon Magness Wednesday.

to up their record to 12-2 overall and 5-0 in the Big 12.

Colorado comes to Lubbock with a record of 7-6 overall and 1-2 in the Big 12.

TCU star Nailon gets one-game suspension

FORT WORTH (AP) — Texas Christian center Lee Nailon has been suspended from one game after pleading no contest to a misdemeanor assault charge for allegedly roughing up his girlfriend, coach Billy Tubbs said Thursday.

Nailon, the NCAA's fourth-leading scorer at 25.3 points per game, will miss Saturday night's game at San Diego State, Tubbs said.

Wednesday, County Criminal Judge Mamie Bush Johnson sentenced Nailon to one year of adjudicated probation and ordered him to attend anger-control counseling and pay \$165 in court costs. He could have been jailed for one year and fined \$4,000 for the Class A misdemeanor. A prosecutor said the punishment was typical for a first-time offender.

Tubbs said the 6-foot-9 junior from South Bend, Ind., would also face further team punishment, although he declined to be specific.

Tubbs attacked critics who contend the punishment was too lenient.

"I think a lot of critics out there probably would have liked to ... put

him on a training table and drive a stake through his heart," Tubbs said. "Those critics out there don't know what happened."

Nailon, who set the school's single-game scoring record last month with a 53-point night against Mississippi Valley State, declined to comment after practice Wednesday.

Marti Bell, 18, told police that on Jan. 6 Nailon attempted to strangle her, hit her in the face and threw her into a wall of his dormitory room, where she also had been living.

After the incident, Bell said Nailon, 21, called a TCU coach. Assistants Brian Fish and Steve McClain came to the dorm room to talk to them, urging her not to contact police, she told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. She filed her complaint four days later.

Bell said she is satisfied with Nailon's punishment and hopes to "work it out" with him.

"I still love Lee and I forgive him for everything he's done," Bell told the Star-Telegram. "He just has a problem controlling his anger and he needs help with that."

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By Philip J. Anderson
Portland, Oregon

Thursday's Puzzle solved.

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Raiders look for momentum

BY HEATH ROBINSON
The University Daily

When Texas Tech and Texas hook up Saturday in a pivotal Big 12 Conference basketball game, some of the usual flair from the bitter rivalry will be missing.

For years, the two fought it out for conference supremacy and berths into the NCAA Tournament. But when the teams tip off at noon Saturday in the Frank Erwin Center in Austin, they will be fighting to keep their heads above water.

"It's a very large game," Tech coach James Dickey said. "I think both teams are disappointed with where they are right now. For the winner, it can mean new life."

The Longhorns are off to their worst conference start in Tom Penders' nine seasons as coach, at 0-4 Big 12, 6-9 overall.

The Longhorns do get credit for playing the conference elite so far. Texas losses came against Oklahoma, Kansas, Baylor and Missouri, who are a combined 13-3 in conference play.

But most important for Texas is the continued absence of leading scorer Kris Clack, who will miss the next 2-3 weeks with a sprained medial collateral ligament in his left knee.

He averaged 16.6 points and 2.4 steal per game prior to his injury.

"We are a very young team on the floor right now," Penders said of his Longhorn squad.

"It's unfortunate. We are used to

playing at a higher level than we are right now. We've lost some of our athletic ability with Kris gone.

"But we still think we can turn this thing around. Time is running short on the NCAA's. But we can still make the most of this season."

The Red Raiders will be forced to keep an eye on true freshman Luke Axtell, a 6-foot-9-inch shooting guard/forward who causes instant match-up problems.

Guard Cory Carr, Tech's 6-foot-4-inch All-American candidate, likely will draw the matchup with Axtell.

"He has come in and made an impact lately," Carr said about facing Axtell.

"I think he will be a challenge, height-wise. He has a really good shot for someone his size."

Axtell is averaging 13.7 points per game and hit 35 three-pointers this season.

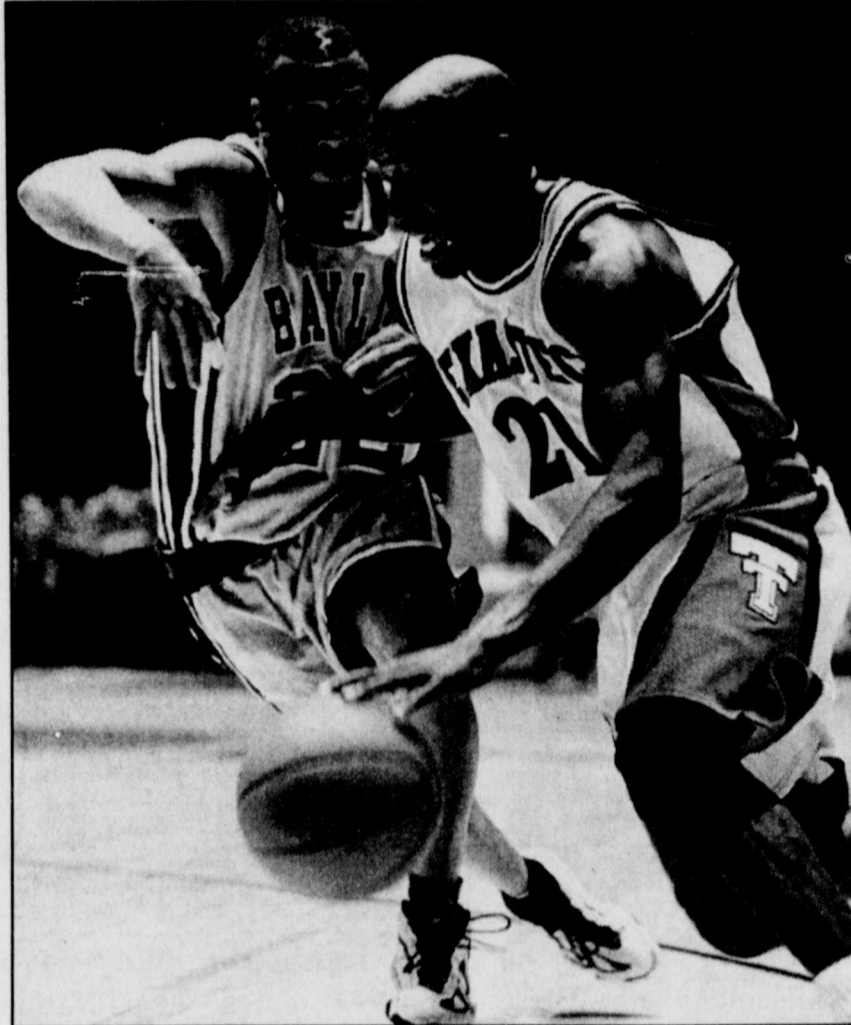
The Longhorns also use true freshman Chris Mihm in the middle, and he is pulling down 7.2 boards per game.

Dickey said the Longhorns talent is a worry.

"Whenever you get as much talent on the court as Texas does in a game, they can burn you," Dickey said.

"You know they have a lot to play for, and I am sure they will be ready to play against us."

"We've had it rough lately, too. It won't get any easier down there."



Hustle: Tech guard Cory Carr tries to get around Baylor's Patrick Hunter during the Red Raiders 90-78 loss to Baylor Tuesday night. Carr had 35 points in the game, but Tech could not get by the Bears. The Red Raiders will look for their second conference win against Texas at noon Saturday.

The Red Raiders still are hoping for an inside presence to emerge.

After losing to Baylor Tuesday, 90-78, despite 35 points from Carr, Dickey is going to a new lineup against Texas.

He will start Johnny Phillips for the second consecutive game, and sophomore forward Cliff Owens re-

gains his starting spot after pulling down 11 points and 16 rebounds, a season-high.

"We were pleased with the effort we got from Johnny and Cliff," Dickey said of the pair of Red Raiders.

"We'll start them again in Austin and hope for some good results."

Tar Heels learn perils of conference play

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — Gary Williams' hair was mussed and matted. His tie was loosened, his white shirt was soaked with sweat and he was wearing a Maryland warmup jacket.

"My coat? It shrunk," the Maryland coach quipped, moments after the Terrapins handed previously unbeaten and top-ranked North Carolina an 89-83 overtime defeat Wednesday night.

It should have been a time for celebration. The Terrapins, who lost to Duke at home by 32 points just 11 days earlier, had just registered their third straight Atlantic Coast Conference victory to move into third place.

But Williams couldn't help looking ahead, because nothing comes easy in the ACC.

"It's early. You can't get too carried away," he said.

"I'm serious. In about an hour, I'll start thinking about Wake Forest."

It wouldn't be a complete shock if Maryland (10-5, 3-2) lost Saturday night at Wake Forest. Just like it wasn't a total surprise that North Carolina fell to the Terrapins after opening the Bill Guthridge era with 17 straight wins, including four in the ACC.

The loss should end the Tar Heels' run at No. 1, provided No. 2 Duke survives Saturday's game against Clemson.

Duke is the only unbeaten team in league play, but the odds are stacked against the Blue Devils staying that way.

"This is the ACC. You're not going to go undefeated," North Carolina forward Antawn Jamison said.

"You can lose any given night, no matter how good you are. On one of those nights, something special is going to happen."

Two weeks ago, the Terrapins were in the ACC cellar. Now they're just a game out of second place and a good bet to climb back into the Top 25.

"It can change so quickly this year," Williams said.

This year, and virtually every year, Maryland center Obinna Ekezie, who scored 16 points on 7-for-10 shooting Wednesday, was a high school senior when the Terrapins upended No. 1 North Carolina 86-73 at home in the 1994-95 season.

"I watched that game, and I was just hoping that in one point of my career at Maryland I would have the same kind of feeling," he said. "This was the best opportunity we had, and we took advantage of it. It was fun."

The Terrapins trailed by six with 7:49 left in regulation before rallying to force overtime on a basket by freshman Mike Mardesich with 46 seconds left. In overtime, Maryland got six points from Laron Profit and took advantage of three missed foul shots by Jamison to pull away.

Maryland frustrated North Carolina by switching from a man-to-man defense to a 2-3 zone, limiting the Tar Heels to 47 percent shooting and forcing 16 turnovers.

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